

2021 WYOMING

# Specialty Crops

DIRECTORY



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# Welcome

## A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

On behalf of University of Wyoming Extension, I am pleased to present the *2021 Wyoming Specialty Crop Directory*. UW Extension is a community development organization dedicated to helping Wyoming's people and its communities improve the quality of life, and encouraging residents and visitors to buy locally produced foods is an important part of creating a more robust food system and economy.

Our enthusiasm for developing and promoting the food system is shared by our project funders. Grant funding for this effort came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service through funds provided to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

With these funds we created this directory to help connect people in Wyoming with edible specialty crops, including fresh vegetables and fruits, culinary herbs and spices, honey, and homemade goods containing specialty crops such as jams, jellies, barbecue and hot sauces, salsas, pickled and fermented vegetables, fruit pies, and wine. We also hope that farmers and others who produce food will use this directory to connect with their peers as they develop their skills and personal connections.

In short, we hope that this directory:

- Helps residents and visitors find and support Wyoming's local food producers.
- Connects food entrepreneurs with like-minded peers.
- Helps educate producers and others about available resources on a local, state, and national level.

### Thank you!

The information in this directory was collected by Robert Waggener, who worked tirelessly to support Wyoming's agriculture, specialty crop producers, farmers' markets, CSAs, businesses that sell locally produced foods, and many others, including UW Extension offices, local conservation districts, community and school gardens, educational programs, and agencies that are involved in some way with specialty crops.

Please enjoy this opportunity to support the local food movement.

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### Disclaimer

Because of the directory's funding source, this project is focused on listing producers of edible specialty crops (as defined by the USDA), including Wyoming value-added food products using specialty crops. Reference to a specific product, process, service, manufacturer, or company does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation.

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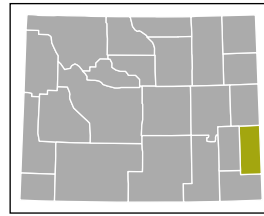
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# Goshen

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## **Bear Creek Rubs**

*Sells a variety of gourmet spice blends through online orders (the blends can be used in a variety of ways, including meat rubs)*

**Owners:** sisters Judith Bartmann and Patricia Day

**Location:** LaGrange

**Email:** [info@bearcreekrubs.com](mailto:info@bearcreekrubs.com)

**facebook.com/BearCreekRubs/**

**Phone:** 307-421-6604

**Website:** [www.bearcreekrubs.com/](http://www.bearcreekrubs.com/)

## **Cloudysu's Garden**

*Owners Claudia Sue and Bob Martin have been selling organically grown fresh vegetables, fruits, and herbs; homemade jams, jellies, and bread & butter pickles; and farm-fresh eggs since 2013, but had to pause operations in 2021 due to unforeseen health issues.*

*The couple are excited to resume their farming operation in 2022, offering fresh produce at their on-farm store to regular and new customers. They grow produce in a 30' × 48' high tunnel and outdoor raised beds, all watered with drip irrigation.*



**Owners:** Claudia Sue and Bob Martin  
**Location:** two miles west of Torrington  
**Email:** cloudysu@hotmail.com  
**Phone:** 307-532-2139  
**Website:** cloudysus-garden.business.site/

### **Eastern Wyoming College Seed Library**

*Provides the community with vegetable, fruit, herb, and flower seeds, free of charge, including heirloom varieties; promotes sustainability; and cultivates a culture of sharing.*

**Library director:** Casey Debus; library technician: Jessica Anders  
**Location:** Eastern Wyoming College Library, Torrington  
**Email:** casey.debus@ewc.wy.edu or jessica.anders@ewc.wy.edu  
**facebook.com/highplainsseedlibrary/**  
**Phone:** 307-532-8375 (Casey) or 307-532-8311 (Jessica)  
**Website:** ewc.wy.edu/library/

### **Ellis' Harvest Home**

*Hosts a corn maze and pumpkin patch, including pick-your-own pumpkins, from the last weekend in September through October 31; sells pumpkins to retail outlets; raises feed corn, pinto beans, and cattle; and operates a cattle feedlot*

**Owners:** Dan Ellis and son Zack Ellis  
**Location:** Lingle

**Email:** dancellis78@gmail.com  
**facebook.com/EllisHarvestHome/**  
**Phone:** 307-532-1686  
**Website:** ellisharvesthome.com/

### **Fort Laramie Community Garden**

*Students at Planting Roots Preschool (see separate listing) plant vegetable and flower seeds each spring at their school, and help care for seedlings until they are big enough to transplant into raised beds at the geodome adjacent to Fort Laramie Town Hall. The 22-foot-diameter dome serves as the Fort Laramie Community Garden, allowing preschoolers, older students, and residents to grow and harvest fresh produce throughout the growing season.*

*Some of the flower starts (including pollinators) grown by the preschoolers are transplanted into the Fort Laramie Memorial Park. In 2021, volunteers planted cherry trees near the community garden.*

**Coordinators:** Fort Laramie Mayor Joyce Evans and Town Council member Laura Curtsinger  
**Location:** Fort Laramie  
**Email:** wyoslp@yahoo.com or llcurtsinger@gmail.com  
**facebook.com/pg/FortLaramieConnection**  
**Phone:** 307-837-2711 (Joyce) or 307-477-0410 (Laura)

### **4W Greenhouse and Gardens**

*Sells fresh vegetables through direct sales*

**Owner:** Jack Worrell  
**Location:** west of Torrington  
**Email:** rozyworrell@yahoo.com  
**Phone:** 307-532-5685

### **Goshen County Conservation Districts**

*The Goshen County Conservation Districts encompasses both the North Platte Valley and the South Goshen conservation districts. The two districts sell a variety of conservation-grade trees and shrubs (including fruit and berry varieties) through its cost-share seedling tree program. The districts offer free assistance with designing shelterbelts for erosion and wind protection, and offers shelterbelt/windbreak tree-planting installations, selecting species for planting based on the local environment, soil types, and purposes of the planting.*

*Additional programs to help landowners take steps to improve soil and water quality and natural resource conservation include free domestic well water and Haney soil testing annually, Woods CSS60 seeder for rent, annual household hazardous waste collection day, and solar conversion cost-share program.*



*The districts host an annual ag expo to give students hands-on agriculture experience, and they provide elementary and adult educational programs covering the importance of water quality, and how to monitor and improve drinking water.*

**District manager:** Denise Lucero; district tree technician: John Pannunzio; along with an elected volunteer board of supervisors

**Location:** Torrington

**Email:** denise.lucero@wy.nacdnet.net or john.pannunzio@wy.nacdnet.net

**facebook.com/conservegoshen.2/**

**Phone:** 307-532-4880, ext. 101 (Denise); ext. 135 (John)

**Website:** <https://www.conservegoshen.com/>

### **Goshen County Master Gardeners**

*The goal of the University of Wyoming Extension Master Gardeners program is to educate participants about basic horticulture, entomology, soil health, botany, plant pathology, weed identification, proper use of pesticides and herbicides, and other aspects of gardening and yard care.*

**President:** Roberta Luke; vice president: Sheila Muhlenkamp; contact: Linda Farrier

**Location:** Torrington

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**facebook.com/goshencountyMG/**

**Phone:** 307-532-2436

**Website:** <https://wyoextension.org/goshencounty/goshen-county-master-gardeners/>

### **Grassroots Garden Club**

*Holds a plant sale each spring; presents bare-root trees to fourth graders in the county in celebration of Arbor Day; purchases flowers, including pollinators, to help beautify the city hall and county library; holds several*



*meetings during the year that include gardening-related presentations*

**President:** Kayce Weber; vice president: Don Williams; secretary/treasurer: Gale Hill

**Location:** Goshen County

**Email:** kcscorner@centurylink.net

**Phone:** 307-532-5073

### **Great Gardens**

*Offers a wide selection of vegetable, fruit, and herb starts; trees and shrubs, including fruit and berry varieties; annual and perennial flowers; roses; hanging pots, pottery, and planters; décor for indoor and outdoor patios and gardens; and gardening supplies*

**Owner and manager:** Jeff Jones

**Location:** Torrington

**Email:** info@greatgardenswy.com

**Facebook:** Great Gardens Wyoming

**Phone:** 307-532-5574

**Website:** [greatgardenswy.com/](http://greatgardenswy.com/)

### **Hot Tamn's**

*Sells a variety of hot sauces, seasonings, mustard, honey, snacks, candy, and gift packs through the online store (website address below) and at the following businesses: Wyoming State Museum Store in Cheyenne, Chugwater Chili gift shop in Chugwater, Fun Stuff Too Gourmet & Gifts in Evansville, 307 Sports Bar & Grill in Torrington, and the Discover Thermopolis store in Thermopolis.*

*All of the products are made with hot peppers grown in the Torrington area.*

**Owner:** Tam McAnelly

**Location:** Torrington

**Email:** tamn@hottamn.com

**Facebook:** Hot Tamn's

**Phone:** 307-286-9663

**Website:** [www.hottamn.com/](http://www.hottamn.com/)

### **Laura's Homemade Canned Goodies**

*Sells homemade jellies (apple, chokecherry, cinnamon-apple, peach, strawberry, and strawberry-rhubarb), fruit syrups (chokecherry, cinnamon-apple, and strawberry), apple butter, and bread and butter pickles at the Guernsey Farmers' Market, at local bazaars in Goshen and Platte counties, and through direct sales.*

**Owner:** Laura Lorenzen

**Location:** Torrington

**Email:** laurakay82@yahoo.com

**Facebook:** Laura Seyfang Lorenzen

**Phone:** 307-401-0517



## Lingle Fort Laramie Conservation District

District programs address concerns associated with soil and water quality and conservation; crop, hay, pasture, and rangeland management; woodlots; and natural resource needs of farmers, ranchers, local residents, and communities within the district.

LFLCD offers cost-share programs relating to the planting of shelterbelts, which can include a variety of trees and shrubs, among them berries and fruits; soil health; water quality; and solar platforms. It has available two no-till drills and a broadcast seeder for rent, and in 2021 was making plans to begin offering water testing.

**District manager:** Karen Johnson; along with an elected volunteer board of supervisors

**Location:** Torrington

**Email:** karenjohnson@

linglefortlaramieconservationdistrict.com

**Facebook:** Lingle Fort Laramie Conservation District

**Phone:** 307-534-5768

**Website:** <https://linglefortlaramieconservationdistrict.com/>

## Meadow Maid Foods

*Offers all-natural vegetables, herbal rubs, honey, and grass-fed beef*

**Owners:** Cindy and Mike Ridenour

**Location:** Yoder

**Email:** cindyr@meadowmaidfoods.com

**Phone:** 307-534-2289

**Website:** [www.meadowmaidfoods.com](http://www.meadowmaidfoods.com)

## Painter Produce

*Established in 2011, Painter Produce offers in-season fresh, organic produce at its farm stand June through October, and makes deliveries to customers in Torrington, Wyoming, and Gering, Mitchell, Morrill, and Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Canning quantities of fresh produce are available, and homegrown, homemade pasta sauce, picante, and onion flakes are also offered. Gift boxes of value-added goods can be shipped.*

*The owners use a mix of modern and old-fashioned growing techniques to produce a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs. The produce is free of any pesticides, herbicides, or commercial fertilizers. One of their secret weapons to make the operation more sustainable is by using farm-made compost to boost organic matter, improve nutrient balance, and retain soil moisture. Extra compost is available for purchase.*

**Owners:** Tracy and Dan Painter

**Location:** 330 S.A. Road, on the Nebraska–Wyoming border, near Henry, Nebraska

**Open:** 3–6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturdays; and by appointment

**Email:** painter.produce@gmail.com

**Facebook:** Painter Produce

**Phone:** 308-247-1003

**Website:** [painterproduce.wixsite.com/painterproduce](http://painterproduce.wixsite.com/painterproduce)

## Planting Roots Preschool

*Planting Roots Preschool offers a wide variety of classroom and hands-on activities, both indoors and out, and part of the curriculum involves horticulture and farm-to-harvest classes, in which students learn about where their food comes from. In the spring, they plant seeds in trays under grow lights at the school, and then transplant starts into a geodome greenhouse that serves as the Fort Laramie Community Garden (see listing above).*

*The preschoolers help care for vegetables throughout the growing season, and then harvest what they grow. These classes lead into the holiday cooking class, in which students learn firsthand the origin of such things as baked squash and pumpkin pies (among their favorite activities is pulling seeds out of a halved pumpkin or squash).*





*The curriculum helps prepare preschoolers for kindergarten in a variety of ways, from academic readiness to life-skills building, and the activities allow them to build on their own natural curiosity.*

**Director:** Laura Curtsinger  
**Location:** Fort Laramie  
**Email:** info@plantingrootspreschool.com  
**Facebook:** Planting Roots Preschool  
**Phone:** 307-759-0000  
**Website:** plantingrootspreschool.com/

### **Pleasant Valley Greenhouse**

*Offers a wide variety of vegetable, fruit, and herb starts, including heirloom varieties; trees and shrubs, including fruit and berry varieties; annual and perennial flowers; roses; and gardening supplies*

**Owners:** Gretchen and Mike Wollert  
**Location:** Torrington  
**Email:** gwollert84@gmail.com  
**facebook.com:** PVGwyoming/  
**Phone:** 307-532-GROW

### **Sassy Cat Products**

*Sells unfiltered raw honey, organic infused honeys, organic honey marinades, naturally flavored honey straws, bee pollen, and Bee Awesome (a mixture of royal jelly, pollen, and raw honey) at the Guernsey Farmers' Market, the Torrington Farmer's Market, and area craft shows*

**Owners:** Pamela and Mark Merlino  
**Location:** Guernsey  
**Email:** sassycatproducts@gmail.com  
**facebook.com:** sassycatproducts/  
**Instagram:** Sassy Cat Products  
**Phone:** 307-338-0922  
**Twitter:** Sassy Cat Products

### **Southeast High School Agriculture**

*Students enrolled in agriculture classes and FFA learn about horticulture, plant sciences, gardening, greenhouse management, soil testing, and other topics as part of their curriculum. In 2021, students grew sweet corn, watermelon, sweet potato, and other vegetables and fruits, and cared for five hives of bees. They were also trying to overcome challenges in the greenhouse, notably irrigation water high in salts.*

*Teacher Jay Clapper also started an 'Agriculture on Wheels' program, which involves outfitting flatbed trailers to accommodate a wide variety of uses, such as processing poultry; planting corn; or raising worms, edible mushrooms, chickens, or bees. "The sky's the limit, which allows students to really do some exploring," he says.*

**Ag teacher and FFA advisor:** Jay Clapper  
**Location:** Yoder  
**Email:** jclapper@goshen1.org  
**Phone:** 307-532-7176  
**Website:** goshen.cyberschool.com/SES/

### **Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension Center**

*The James C. Hageman Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension Center (SAREC) focuses on research to assist ranchers, farmers, land managers, and others in southeast Wyoming and surrounding areas concerning irrigated and dryland cropping systems, cover crops and reduced-tillage practices, integrated crop and livestock systems, and forage-based crop rotations.*

*In addition, SAREC personnel and University of Wyoming faculty and graduate students annually conduct a variety of other research, including studies (1) in the field relating to specialty crops such as chickpea, dry bean, lentil, pea, and potato; and (2) in a high tunnel, among them the use of pyrolyzed coal and biochar as soil amendments.*

*Several new projects tie directly into specialty crops, including high-tunnel, small-acreage, and hops production, and SAREC personnel also planted a demonstration fruit tree orchard.*

*Summaries of the research are contained in the annual Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station Field Days Bulletin.*

**SAREC director:** Steve Paisley; administrative associate: Kelly Greenwald  
**Location:** Lingle  
**Email:** sarec@uwyo.edu or spaisley@uwyo.edu  
**facebook.com:** UWSAREC



**Phone:** 307-837-2000

**Websites:** <http://www.uwyo.edu/uwexpstn/centers/sarec/> (main page); and [www.uwyo.edu/uwexpstn/publications/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/uwexpstn/publications/index.html) (Field Days Bulletin)

### **Table Mountain Vineyards and Winery**

*In 2001, siblings Patrick and Amie Zimmerer, then students at the University of Wyoming, established a vineyard on the Zimmerer family farm near Huntley as part of a “research project gone wild,” and they also began planning for a winery. They named their startup business ‘Table Mountain Vineyards and Winery’ after the flat-topped mountain that can be seen in the distance from the farm.*

*Patrick Zimmerer and employees now care for some 10,000 grape vines grown on 10 acres, including a dozen different varieties, among them Elvira, Frontenac, Frontenac Gris, Marechal Foch, Marquette, and Valiant. They produce a variety of wines, including Cowboy Reserve (dry red), Sunset Rosé (off-dry rosé), Cowgirl Blush (semi-sweet blush), Stampede White (dry white), and Wyoming Gold (sweet white).*

*Wines are sold through online orders, and also at liquor stores across Wyoming (see website for store names and locations). Table Mountain Vineyards has a tasting room, which is open by appointment, offers painting classes and wood worker workshops, and can host special events.*

**Owner:** Patrick Zimmerer

**Location:** Huntley

**Email:** [info@wyowine.com](mailto:info@wyowine.com)

**facebook.com/WyoWine/**

**instagram.com/wyowine**

**Phone:** 307-459-0233

[pinterest.com/wyowine](https://pinterest.com/wyowine)

[twitter.com/wyowine](https://twitter.com/wyowine)

**Website:** [www.WyoWine.com](http://www.WyoWine.com)

### **Torrington Community Garden**

*Residents can rent plots of various sizes to grow vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers, including pollinators. Annual fees range from \$35 to \$100 based on plot size.*

**Coordinator:** Braden Barrows-Nees

**Location:** Torrington

**Email:** [torringtongarden@gmail.com](mailto:torringtongarden@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** Torrington Community Garden

**Phone:** 307-222-4046

### **Torrington Farmer’s Market**

*Offers in-season locally grown fresh vegetables, herbs, and fruits; spices and dried herbs; canned goods, including jams, jellies, pickles, barbecue sauces, and salsas; locally produced honey, organic infused honeys, honey marinades, and bee pollen; meat products; free-range chicken eggs; homemade baked goods and candy; locally roasted coffee; and many other items*

**Contact:** Megan Brittingham

**Location:** Torrington

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**facebook.com/torringtonWYfarmersmarket/**

**Phone:** 307-532-2436

### **University of Wyoming Extension, Goshen County office**

*Provides workshops, classes, and education based on community interest, such as horticulture and nutrition; helps to coordinate the Torrington Farmer’s Market; offers pesticide applicator license testing; coordinates the Goshen County Master Gardeners; organizes and facilitates 4-H club programs; and coordinates the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program (CNP), teaching individuals and families with limited resources to get the most for their food dollars and health.*

**Program contacts:** Megan Brittingham (4-H and youth development), Beth Wood (CNP), and Linda Farrier (administrative assistant); area educators serving Goshen County are Brian Sebade (agriculture and horticulture), Abby Perry (rangelands), and Julie Daniels (community development)

**Location:** Torrington

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