

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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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.

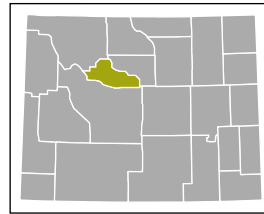
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Hot Springs

C O U N T Y



Becker Family Stock Farm

Offers fresh vegetables at the Thermopolis Farmers' Market and through local pickup or delivery; free-range poultry and eggs; organic, grass-fed beef, hog, and lamb that is butchered, packaged, and ready for the freezer (beef and hogs are available by the quarter, half, or whole, while lamb is available by the half or whole); and raw milk and yogurt. Commercial dairy cows, heifers, and weaner pigs are also available.

Owners: Sonja Becker and family

Location: Thermopolis

Email: beckerfamilystockfarm@gmail.com

Facebook: Becker Family Stock Farm

Phone: 307-867-2233 or 307-921-8456

Website: www.beckerfamilystockfarm.com/

Cotton Farms

Beef, raw milk, free-range eggs, vegetables, apples, melons, and peaches through direct sales; also sells eggs and apples at Nature's Corner (see listing below)

Owners: Ruth Cotton-Myers and Kevin Myers

Location: Thermopolis

Email: ruthycotton@gmail.com

Facebook: Ruth Cotton Thermopolis Wyoming

Phone: 307-630-2015



Discover Thermopolis Hot Sauces

The Discover Thermopolis store in downtown Thermopolis offers a variety of craft supplies, office supplies, and party goods, and more than 1,800 different hot sauces from around the world, including some made in Wyoming, such as a selection from Hot Tamn's (see Goshen County section) and Mr. Joe's Hot Sauce (see Sweetwater County section).

"Our goal was to create one of the largest selections of hot sauces in the world, to compliment the world's largest hot springs," says Howie Samelson.

Discover Thermopolis also offers several Wyoming-made salsas and barbecue sauces from 4J- BQ Sauces, Glenrock; That Salsa Guy, Rock Springs; and Wyoming Whiskey, Kirby; along with spice and rub mixes from Chugwater Chili in Chugwater.

Mr. Samelson said they are seeking other Wyoming-made hot sauces, salsas, and spice mixes to expand their 'Made in Wyoming' line-up.

Owners: Suzanne and Howie Samelson

Location: Thermopolis

Email: info@discoverthermopolis.com

Facebook: Discover Thermopolis

Phone: 307-864-3921

Website: discoverthermopolis.com/

Greybull Valley Produce

Produces green leaf, red leaf, butter, and Romaine lettuces; and potted herbs, including basil, cilantro, dill, mint, rosemary, sage, and thyme in year-round hydroponic grow facilities; produce sold at Mack's Market and Nature's Corner in Thermopolis and to several restaurants in the community

Owner: Dwight Koehn, assisted by family members and employees

Location: Greybull

Email: greybullvalleyproduce@gmail.com

Phone: 307-250-4615

Website: http://wyomingfresh.com/

Healthy-n-Rich Produce

Offers fresh produce at the Thermopolis Farmers' Market, at its roadside stand in Thermopolis, and at the Washakie County Farmers Market in Worland

Owners: siblings Xoe and Hyrum Rich

Location: Thermopolis

Email: healthy-n-richproduce@hotmail.com or hyrumrich@hotmail.com

Facebook: Healthy-n-Rich Produce

Phone: 307-864-3655

Hessenthaler Farms

Sells sweet corn through Mack's Market (see listing below), pumpkins from the farm (including a pick-your-own pumpkin patch), and alfalfa hay; also builds and sells handcrafted wood products utilizing locally grown lumber. Hessenthaler Farms offers farm tours to local students and their teachers, who learn about gardening and agriculture, and have the opportunity to pick pumpkins and apples.

Owner: Kent Hessenthaler

Location: Thermopolis

Email: khessent@gmail.com

Facebook: Hessenthaler Farms

Phone: 307-864-5374



Hot Springs Conservation District

Offers assistance to county residents to improve their lands, including water quality and conservation; works with landowners, agencies, and others to improve watershed condition and function in the county

District manager: Dara Culp, along with an elected volunteer board of supervisors

Location: Thermopolis

Email: hotspringscd@gmail.com

Facebook: Hot Springs Conservation District

Phone: 307-864-3488, ext. 4

Website: www.hotspringsconservation.com/

Mack's Market

Full-service grocery store that offers Wyoming-produced foods when possible, including sweet corn from Hessenthaler Farms (see listing above), fresh produce from Greybull Valley Produce (see Big Horn County section), and items from other area producers

Owners: Eric and Mindy Mackay

Location: Thermopolis

Email: macksmarketwyo@gmail.com

Facebook: Mack's Market Thermopolis

Phone: 307-864-3112

Website: <https://macksmarketwyo.com/>

Monica's Tomatoes

Offers a wide variety of tomatoes in late summer and early fall at the Thermopolis Farmers' Market and through direct sales, and chicken and duck eggs year-round through direct sales

Owners: Monica Jones and Pete Henry

Location: Thermopolis

Email: petes_angel2001@yahoo.com

Facebook: Monica Marie Jones

Phone: 307-921-0466

Nature's Corner

Health food store and café that offers Wyoming-produced food when possible, including pork and fresh produce from Becker Family Stock Farm, Thermopolis; fresh produce from Greybull Valley Produce (see Big Horn County section); microgreens and sprouts from Rural Micro-Greens (see Fremont County section); winter squash from Lloyd Craft Farms (see Washakie County section); honey from Wonderful Wyoming Honey (see Fremont County section); eggs and apples from Cotton Farms, Thermopolis; and all-natural, grass-fed, grass-finished beef from SEJ Farms, Thermopolis

Owner: Sarah Ferrell

Location: Thermopolis

Email: naturescorner@rtconnect.net

Facebook: Natures Corner Thermopolis

Phone: 307-864-3218

Red Dirt Master Gardeners

The Red Dirt Master Gardeners (RDMG) oversees the Thermopolis Community Garden and Thermopolis Farmers' Market (see listings below); starts vegetable, herb, fruit, and flower plants in the hoop house at Thermopolis Middle School (see listing below), and then sells those starts to local residents each May at the RDMG Plant Sale; and hosts the farm-to-fork dinner each August, where locally produced foods, including fresh vegetables, are served.

RDMG, in collaboration with the Hot Springs County office of University of Wyoming Extension, conducts yard visits to help homeowners with a variety of plant-related questions, ranging from disease and pest identification to selecting plant varieties that work well in the local environment. It also honors local gardeners with RDMG Garden of the Month awards, and each spring helps plant flowers (including pollinator species) at Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, and Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Wellness.

RDMG president: Becky Hutson; UW Extension contact: Vicki Nichols

Location: Thermopolis

Email: vnichols@uwyo.edu or beckyhdecor@yahoo.com

Facebook: Red Dirt Master Gardeners Thermopolis

Phone: 307-864-3421 or 307-864-3028



Thermopolis Community Garden

The Red Dirt Master Gardeners (RDMG) manages the Thermopolis Community Garden (TCG), where 50 outdoor plots are available to local groups and residents to grow vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers. Users are asked to pay a donation (the suggested amount is \$20), with proceeds going toward the upkeep and development of the TCG. In 2021, volunteers are planning to build raised flower beds and a gazebo at the TCG, and they also are starting a tree nursery at Hot Springs State Park.

RDMG president: Becky Hutson

Location: Thermopolis

Email: bekyhdecor@yahoo.com

Facebook: Red Dirt Master Gardeners Thermopolis

Phone: 307-864-3028

Thermopolis Farmers' Market

Offers fresh vegetables, fruits, and herbs; canned goods including jams, jellies, and pickles; locally produced honey; farm-fresh eggs; raw milk; meat products; baked goods; and other items including crafts. The farmers' market is overseen by the Red Dirt Master Gardeners (see listing above).

Market manager: Sonja Becker, assisted by other volunteers

Location: Thermopolis

Email: thermopolisfarmersmarket@gmail.com or beckerfamilystockfarm@gmail.com

facebook.com/ThermopolisFarmersMarket/

Phone: 307-921-8456 or 307-867-2233

Thermopolis Middle School Farm to School

Thermopolis Middle School (TMS) in 2017 received grants from private entities, the University of Wyoming, and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's Wyoming Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to build a 16- by 32-foot hoop house and related gardening infrastructure to start the TMS Farm to School program.

Sixth-grade students in Becky Martinez's project-based learning (PBL) class gain a complete understanding of the farm-to-table concept, including researching what seeds to plant and then planting those seeds; watering and fertilizing; harvesting and washing produce; preparing meals in a portable kitchen; and then enjoying the very produce they raised from seed. "It's truly full-circle teaching and learning," Ms. Martinez says.

Students provide fresh produce for the school cafeteria in spring and fall, and they also take field trips to places like the Circle J Orchard near Ten Sleep, where they learn about the historic orchard and pick apples (see

Washakie County listing), and Hessenthaler Farm near Thermopolis, where they learn about farming and pick and shuck corn for the annual homecoming dinner served to the community by members of the Thermopolis FFA chapter. TMS shares space in the hoop house with the Red Dirt Master Gardeners (see listing above).

Vocational teacher: Becky Martinez

Location: Thermopolis Middle School

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University of Wyoming Extension, Hot Springs County office

Assists the Red Dirt Master Gardeners in providing workshops and classes based on community interest (such as horticulture) and conducting yard visits to help homeowners with a variety of plant-related questions, ranging from disease and pest identification to selecting plant varieties that work well in the local environment; tests pressure cookers; offers pesticide testing; oversees 4-H club programs; and assists with 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: Barton Stam (rangelands), Joey Johnson (4-H & youth development), and Vicki Nichols (administrative assistant); area educators serving Hot Springs County are Jeremiah Vardiman and Caitlin Youngquist (agriculture & horticulture), and Angela Michel and Marilou Vaughn (CNP)

Location: Thermopolis

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Phone: 307-864-3421

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