

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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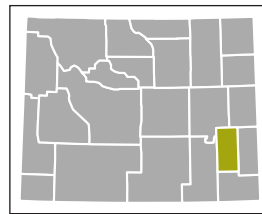
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Platte

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Canyon Vineyard & Events

Owner Sally Sanchez planted 600 cold-hardy Frontenac, La Crescent, and Valiant grapevines on her property in Sybille Canyon in the mid-2000s, and sells grapes to area residents for jam, jelly, and winemaking. The pick-your own occurs late each September.

Ms. Sanchez also has available indoor and outdoor facilities for events, including a certified kitchen; and provides event planning, consultation, and management services. In 2021, she was making plans to start a farmers' and flea market at her property if she could attract enough support.



Owner: Sally Sanchez

Location: Sybille Canyon, Wheatland

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Facebook: Canyon Vineyard and Events

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Celia's Busy Garden and Kitchen

Sells fresh vegetables, fruits, and black walnuts; fresh and dried herbs; homemade horseradish; baked goods, including mini pies, bread, and cinnamon rolls; popcorn; soaps; and handcrafted items, including rugs, breadboards, and wooden spoons at the Wheatland Farmers' Market

Owner: Celia Hermann

Location: Wheatland

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Chugwater Chili

Offers its original Chugwater Chili spice blend, as well as a variety of other Chugwater Chili products, including chili dip and dressing mixes, red pepper jelly, steak rubs, green and hot chili seasonings, beef sticks, and crackers through its online store, the Chugwater Chili gift shop, and retail outlets across Wyoming and beyond, including Thrifty Foods in Wheatland, as well as Albertsons, Ridley's Family Market, Safeway, some King Soopers, and specialty stores.

Additional products include kitchenware, clothes, books, and gift sets, in addition to specialty foods from other Wyoming businesses, including homemade jams and jellies from Baer's Pantry (see Laramie County section); locally produced honey from Bryant Honey (see Washakie County); hot sauces and candies from Hot Tamn's (see Goshen County); barbecue sauces from Pine Ridge Barbecue & Dipping Sauces (see Natrona County); candies made with locally produced honey from Queen Bee Gardens (see Big Horn County); and locally roasted coffee from Cheyenne Coffee Co. in Wheatland.

Owners: Karen Guidice and Justin Gentle; office and marketing manager: Katie Kernan; packaging manager: Vicki Pesek

Location: Chugwater

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instagram.com/chugwater_chili/

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pinterest.com/chugwaterchili/chugwater-chili/

twitter.com/Chugwaterchili

Website: chugwaterchili.com/

Chugwater Schools 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. They grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers (including pollinators) in a greenhouse.



Ag teacher and FFA advisor: Tyler Lay

Location: Chugwater

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Foothills Cellar

Offers a wide variety of homemade jams and jellies; and homemade pies, including blueberry, peach, pecan, pumpkin, sour cream apple, sour cream raisin, triple berry, and others.

Owner Henry Poling uses locally sourced fruits and berries for his products, which are available each Friday from early May through late December in front of the Laramie Peak Museum in Wheatland. Special orders are welcome.

Mr. Poling also offers ranch-raised beef in quarter, half, and whole shares; and hogs in half shares, whole shares, and packaged cuts. Meat products are available through direct sales.

Owner: Henry Poling

Location: Wheatland

Email: wyorancher_99@hotmail.com

Phone: 307-322-5207

Guernsey Farmers' Market

Offers in-season fresh vegetables, herbs, and fruits; locally produced honey, organic infused honeys, honey marinades, and bee pollen; homemade canned goods, including jams and jellies; farm-fresh milk and eggs;



homemade baked goods, including pies, breads, and gluten-free goods; homemade candies; fresh cut flowers; soaps and bath products; handcrafted items, including jewelry; and other products

Coordinator: Misty Thomas
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Facebook: Guernsey Wyoming Farmers Market
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Guernsey-Sunrise After-School Gardening Club

Students in the after-school program at Guernsey-Sunrise Elementary School can participate in a variety of activities, including a gardening club. Students learn basic aspects of horticulture, plant sciences, gardening, and greenhouse management as they grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers (including pollinators) year-round in a geodome greenhouse and during warmer months in outdoor raised beds. They help prepare soils, select and plant seeds, transplant starts, provide nutrients and water, care for plants during the growing season, and then harvest, clean, and enjoy fresh produce.

Coordinator: Melany Brant, a certified Master Gardener who is a substitute teacher for Guernsey-Sunrise Schools
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Phone: 307-836-2745
Website: guernseysunrise.org/

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
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Facebook: Laura Seyfang Lorenzen
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Mary's Garden Spot

Mary and Allen Cochran grow vegetables, fruits, and herbs in four high tunnels, and sell their fresh produce at the Wheatland Farmers' Market and through direct sales

Owners: Mary and Allen Cochran
Location: Wheatland
Email: mkernan2003@yahoo.com
Phone: 307-331-0768

Misty's Fresh Produce and Homemade Candies

Sells fresh produce and homemade candies at the Guernsey Farmers' Market

Owner: Misty Thomas
Location: Guernsey
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Platte County Extension Hoop House and Garden

Members of the Platte County Master Gardeners and staff with the Platte County office of University of Wyoming Extension grow vegetables and fruits in a hoop house. Some of the produce is donated to the food pantry at United Church of Christ in Wheatland, and some is sold to help support the Platte County Master Gardeners program. Also at the Extension office is four outdoor raised beds built in 2021, and produce grown in these beds will be donated to the Grow a Little Extra program (see Statewide Listings section). Members of the Platte County Master Gardeners helped construct the raised beds and plant seeds.

Contacts: Leroy Jons, Mary Evans, or Jamie Hunter
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Platte 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.

The Platte County Master Gardeners helps to oversee a hoop house at the Platte County Fairgrounds; conducts yard visits to address a variety of questions relating to gardening, landscaping, weeds, and plant diseases; cares for landscaping around the Extension office; and sponsors workshops on specialty crops, gardening, landscaping, and weed and pest control.

Coordinator: Leroy Jons, assisted by volunteers

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Platte County Resource District

District programs address concerns associated with soil and water quality and conservation. Among the PCRD cost-share programs are ones to improve rangelands and wildlife habitat, and encourage the planting of trees and shrubs. The latter program offers a variety of seedling trees and shrubs, including fruits and berries suitable for the local environment. District personnel assist with planning, site preparation, planting, and other aspects to ensure a successful project.

PCRD has a variety of other programs, including water testing and youth education, including Ag in the Classroom, and it also has two no-till drills for rent.

District manager: Brady Irvine; along with an elected volunteer board of supervisors

Location: Wheatland

Email: pcrdwy@yahoo.com

Facebook: Platte County Resource District

Phone: 307-322-8145

Website: plattecountywyoming.com/resource-conservation-district

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

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facebook.com/sassycatproducts/

Instagram: Sassy Cat Products

Phone: 307-338-0922

Twitter: Sassy Cat Products

Thrifty Foods

Sells locally produced foods, including vegetables and fruits when available, chili mixes, jams and jellies, homemade prairie pies (granola bars), and locally roasted coffee beans

Owner: Jodi Peterson

Location: Wheatland

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facebook.com/Thriftyfoodsstore/

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Website: <https://www.thriftyfoods.us/>

Town and Country Garden Club

Members host monthly meetings that include educational topics on gardening and landscaping, including the importance of pollinators and their habitat (along with what species of flowers to plant); care for the rose garden adjacent to the city swimming pool; participate in community projects; and take field trips to learn more about gardening and plants, such as day ventures to the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens (see Laramie County section).

Club secretary Linda Holst says that several members of their club are active vegetable gardeners and also have successfully planted a variety of fruit trees. New members are welcome.

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University of Wyoming Extension, Platte County office

Provides workshops, classes, and education based on community interest, such as horticulture and nutrition; offers food-preservation equipment for free checkout, including canning supplies and food dehydrators; provides pressure canning testing; assists the Platte County Master Gardeners; offers pesticide applicator license testing and training; 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: Leroy Jons (horticulture), Mary Evans (CNP), Stacy Bucholz (4-H/youth development), and Jamie Hunter (administrative assistant); area educators serving Platte County are Brian Sebade (agriculture and horticulture), Abby Perry (rangelands), and Julie Daniels (community development)



Location: Platte County Fairgrounds, Wheatland

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Wheatland Farmers' Market

Offers in-season locally grown fresh vegetables, herbs, and fruits; canned goods, including jams and jellies; locally produced honey; meat products; homemade baked goods and candy; and many other items

Coordinators: Dan Brecht and Roy Birt

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Wheatland Middle School Horticulture

Students in STEM, science, math, life skills, and other classes learn about horticulture, plant sciences, gardening, greenhouse management, and other topics as part of their curriculum. Until spring 2021, they grew a variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs in a hoop house that contained raised beds and a hydroponics operation. The hoop house was badly damaged during a spring snow storm, so the school is making plans to rebuild the structure and have it operational by 2022.

The farm-to-plate activities, which include the Healthy Snacks from the Garden program, allows students to learn many aspects of food production from start to finish, and they get to enjoy the fruits of their labor with fresh produce and items made with the produce, like salsa. In 2020, produce was donated to several local food drives.

Coordinator: science and STEM teacher Lee Hawkins

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