

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.

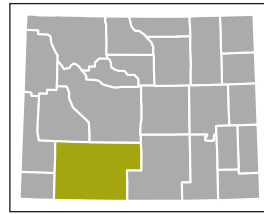
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Sweetwater

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Desert View Elementary School Gardening

Students in the after-school and summer STEAM program at Desert View Elementary School learn various aspects of gardening, horticulture, and plant sciences as part of their curriculum. They grow vegetables, herbs, and fruits in 10 movable grow towers within the school, 16 outdoor raised beds, and a greenhouse. Fresh produce is used in the school cafeteria salad bar.

Principal: Sarah Blake

Location: Rock Springs

Email: blakes@sw1.k12.wy.us

Phone: 307-352-3200

Website: dv.sweetwater1.org

Dick's Place

Provides fresh fruits and vegetables to Wyoming farmers' markets, roadside produce stands, and special events

Owner: Mandy Davis

Location: Rock Springs





Email: dinosjanitorial@rocketmail.com
facebook.com/dicks.place.12
Phone: 307-922-3010

Eden Valley Honey

Locally produced honey and wax

Owners: James and Susan Hodder
Location: Farson
Email: hodderjames47@gmail.com
Phone: 307-350-5211

Farson-Eden School Horticulture

Farson-Eden School Principal Barbara Rezzonico in 2020 began growing vegetables and herbs in a hoop house adjacent to the school and three grow towers in the lobby of the school, and cafeteria manager Jo Weaver harvests and cleans the produce, which is served to students as part of their school lunch.

Ms. Weaver will oversee growing operations during the 2021–22 school year. She will be assisted in the summer by 4-H students, who will help care for plants as part of their 4-H projects. Plans are being made for FFA members to begin using the facilities in fall 2021.

Principal: Barbara Rezzonico
Location: Farson
Email: rezzonicob@sw1.k12.wy.us
Phone: 307-273-9301
Website: fes.sweetwater1.org

Forbes Family Farms

Fresh vegetables and fruit, honey, poultry, eggs, and livestock products including pasture-raised pork; delivers CSA shares to Green River, Rock Springs, and Bridger Valley areas of Wyoming, and Manila area in Utah

Owners: Emily and Steve Forbes
Location: farm is on the Wyoming–Utah border near Manila
Email: info@theforbesfamilyfarm.com
facebook.com/TheForbesFamilyFarm/
Phone: 303-589-0700
Website: http://theforbesfamilyfarm.com/

Green River Farmers' Market

Fresh fruits and vegetables, honey, baked goods, eggs, livestock products, herbal preparations, and arts and crafts

Market manager: Jennie Melvin
Location: Green River
Email: jmelvin@cityofgreenriver.org
Facebook: Green River Wyoming farmers market
Phone: 307-872-6141

The Honey Lady

Sells locally produced honey under the Eden Valley Honey brand

Owner: Shonie Mitchelson
Location: Rock Springs
Email: shonieshea1@yahoo.com; or thehoneylady@yahoo.com
Phone: 307-354-8169

In A Jam

Fruit jams, jalapeño/fruit jam, homemade caramels, and seasonal candies

Owner: Laura Zorn
Location: Rock Springs
Email: laurazorn4824@gmail.com
Phone: 307-371-0045

Main Street Market

The farmers' market offers fresh vegetables, fruits, herbs, livestock products, eggs, milk, homemade crafts, bath and body products, and other wares



Market manager: Chad Banks
Location: Rock Springs
Email: info@downtownrs.com
facebook.com/RSDowntown/
Phone: 307-352-1434
Website: www.downtownrs.com/main-street-market/

Mr. Joe's Hot Sauce
Hot sauces, marinades, and spicy jams

Mantra: 'Discover Real Flavor'
Owner: Jean Joseph
Location: Green River
Email: mrjoehotsauce@gmail.com
facebook.com/mrjoehotsauce/
Instagram: @mr.joehotsauce
Phone: 307-352-9470
Website: www.mrjoehotsauce.com/

Riverside Nursery and Greenhouse
Vegetable and herb starts; fruit and other trees; shrubs; annual and perennial flowers; seeds; house plants; garden-related supplies; sod; and annual Harvest Festival in late September/early October, featuring pumpkins and gourds

Owners: Laura and Stan Owens
Location: Green River
Email: riversidenursery1990@gmail.com
facebook.com/riversidenurserygr/
Phone: 307-875-5434
Website: www.riversidenurserygr.com/

Sweetwater County Conservation District

Seedling tree program, which offers a variety of bare-root shrubs, including several berry varieties; bare-root trees; potted trees; and fruit trees, including several apple, apricot, pear, and cherry varieties suited for the local environment; offers grants for community enhancement projects that address vegetation resources, wildlife habitat, beautification, and soil and water conservation; and involved in a variety of educational programs including Ag in the Classroom and the annual Resource Rendezvous

District clerk: Karen Pecheny, along with an elected volunteer board of supervisors
Location: Rock Springs
Email: admin@swccd.us
facebook.com/swccd/
Phone: 307-362-5257
Website: www.swccd.us/

That Salsa Guy

Mild to hot salsas, bloody Mary mix, pickled asparagus, and jalapeño pickled garlic

Owner: Jim Cunningham
Location: Rock Springs
Email: reddesertwholesale@gmail.com
facebook.com/thatsalsaguy/
Phone: 307-371-0667
Website: www.thatsalsaguy.com

Traditional Family Farms

Fresh vegetables and fruits; honey; homemade jams, desserts, and breads; eggs, cheese, and raw milk; poultry; and livestock products including beef, lamb, goat, and pork

Owners: Krystal and Justin Gurr
Location: Eden
Email: traditionalfamilyfarms@gmail.com
Facebook: Traditional Family Farms
Phone: 307-371-1071
Website: https://traditionalfamilyfarms.com/



2 Hooks Bloody Mix

Homemade spicy, medium, or mild mix for bloody Mary's, red beers, tomato juice cocktail, and other beverages

Owners: Kari and JJ Facinelli

Location: Rock Springs

Email: 2hooksbloodies@gmail.com

facebook.com/2HooksBloodies/

Phone: 307-371-9358

University of Wyoming Extension, Sweetwater County office

Workshops on apple and other fruit tree planting and maintenance; 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; helps with Master Gardener classes and 4-H club programs; and oversees 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: Amanda Romero (horticulture), Hudson Hill (agriculture & horticulture), Marty Henry (4-H & youth), Wendy Nielson (CNP, food, & nutrition), Mary Martin (community development), and Melissa Griffin (office associate)

Location: Sweetwater County

Email: abramwe2@uwyo.edu or mjohn157@uwyo.edu

Facebook: The West University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension

facebook.com/groups/scmg45/

Phone: 307-352-6775

Website: www.wyoextension.org/sweetwatercounty/

Wild West Jams

Homemade jams and preserves in sweet, bold, and spicy/ sweet flavors

Owner: Julie Waters

Location: Rock Springs

Email: julswaters60@gmail.com

facebook.com/wildwestjam/

Phone: 307-389-8784