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- Customers purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores.
- Every \$2 spent is doubled, up to \$20 per day to buy more fresh fruits and vegetables!







PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

For most up to date information visit www.doubleupnebraska.org.

Aksarben Village Farmers Market

67th & Center Streets, Omaha, NE Sun: 9am-1pm, May 3-Oct 11 www.omahafarmersmarket.com/aksarben-village

Community Crops Office and Veggie Van

Storefront at 1301 S. 11th Street, Lincoln, NE Pop-Up Markets all over Lincoln, NE Jun-Oct. For locations and times visit: www.facebook.com/CropsVeggieVan

Fallbrook Farmers Market

Fallbrook Town Center, 570 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, NE Thursdays 4-7pm, Jun 18-Aug 13 (no market Aug 6) Fall markets on Sept 10 and Oct 8 www.fallbrookfarmersmarket.com

F Street Neighborhood Farmers Market

1302 'F' St., Lincoln, NE Tuesdays 4:30pm-7pm, Jun 16 - Aug 25 www.fstreetchurch.org/farmersmarket

Las Nena's Zamora Market

4907 South 24th St, Omaha, NE 402-733-0737 Open Daily: 8am-8pm

Leon's Gourmet Grocer

2200 Winthrop Rd, Lincoln, NE Mon-Sat: 8am-9pm, Sun: 9am-6:30pm www.leonsgourmetgrocer.com

Old Market Farmers Market

11th & Jackson Streets, Omaha, NE Sat: 8am-12:30pm, May 2-Oct 10 www.omahafarmersmarket.com/old-market

Open Harvest Co-op Grocery

1618 South Street, Lincoln, NE Open Daily: 8am-9pm www.openharvest.coop

Sunday Farmers Market at College View

4801 Prescott Ave, Lincoln, NE Sun: 10am-2pm, Apr 26th- Oct 25th www.sundayfarmersmarket.org



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At Buy Fresh Buy Local® Nebraska, WE ARE PROUD TO CALL THESE FOLKS OUR SPONSORS.







Their commitment to the BFBLN program enables us to continue to develop outreach, marketing, and education programs that supports a brighter tomorrow for Nebraska's small to mid-scale farmers, ranchers, and the lands on which our food is grown. Buy Fresh Buy Local is a chapter-based consumer education program, and registered trademark of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture. The Buy Fresh Buy Local network is comprised of chapters run by community-based groups that are working to strengthen regional markets for locally grown foods. Visit buyfreshbuylocal.org to learn more.



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GET IN THE GUIDE!

Do you grow food to sell to local markets? Do you buy local foods for your business? Do you manage a farmers' market?

Join our community! As a Buy Fresh Buy Local* Nebraska member, you join a growing network dedicated to transforming communities through food. For more information on membership, please visit

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We need a resilient local food system more than ever!

Find ways to support farmers in the time of COVID-19 at



Your Guide to NEBRASKA'S FARM FRESH FOODS!

A NOTE FROM THE LOCAL COORDINATOR

What is your connection to agriculture?

Did your grandparents or great grandparents have a farm? Separate cream from milk before supper? Butcher their own chickens?

I enjoy calling my Swedish grandmother from time to time to hear stories like these and her life growing up on a farm in Knox County in the 30's and 40's. Her family had hogs, chickens, and a small herd of Holstein dairy cows. They grew a family garden and "always had a patch of sweet corn" along fields of corn, oats, and alfalfa for the animals. The farm was diversified in this way to be self-sufficient, but also to make life less risky—if it hailed and the crops didn't make it, then at least they still had milk and chickens.

Today, my family no longer has farmland. Many familial connections to Nebraska agriculture are fading, but the importance of growing and purchasing food close to home has never been more important. It is time to ask ourselves, what is my relationship with agriculture and the foods of Nebraska? What role do I play? Who do I know that grows food like my grandparents used to? It is time to rebuild our relationships with Nebraska farmers growing food for their communities. When we "Buy Fresh Buy Local," we insure family farmers stay on the land and continue to be part of our vibrant community and landscapes for generations to come.

Our Nebraska Food Guide is here for you to explore the diversity and delights of Nebraska-grown foods!

We hope you use this guide to:

- Try something new! Whether it be a vegetable, cut of meat, or gardening skill.
- Taste the difference of a recipe that features Nebraska-grown ingredients.
- Find and support Nebraska's hidden local food treasures—what gem will you find at your local farmers' market?

Happy Eating,

Skylar Falter

Keeping the food

transparent, and

Buy Fresh Buy Local Nebraska Coordinator

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BUY FRESH BUY LOCAL® NEBRASKA IS DEDICATED TO ...

Lincoln, NE 68583-0922

Educating on the social, environmental, and economic benefits



Improving wellness promoting healthy, in-season eating



by expanding the market

Hot Picks! CHECK THESE OUT:

Books

- Grain by Grain by Bob Quinn
- Letters to a Young Farmer by Gene Logsdon
- Grocery Story: The Promise of Food Co-Ops in the Age of Grocery Giants by Jon Steinman
- Farming While Black by Leah Penniman
- Thank vou. Omu! by Oge Mora (children's book)

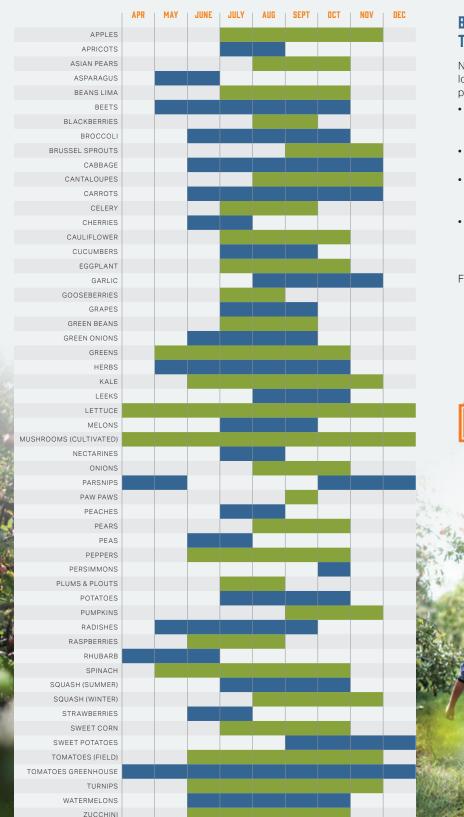
Videos

- Dreaming of a Vetter World (film)
- 'Alter-NATIVE: Kitchen' from Independent Lens (series)
- The Biggest Little Farm (film)

Podcasts

- The Sporkful: It's not for foodies, it's for eaters
- Bite: A podcast for people who think hard about their food
- Science for the Rest of Us by Alex McKiernan, Robinette Farms (Martell, NE)

Nebraska HARVEST SCHEDULE



BUYING LOCAL DOESN'T HAVE TO STOP WHEN SUMMER'S OVER!

Nebraska family farmers offer many locally grown and value-added products all year long, including:

- · Beef, buffalo, chicken, fish & other aquatic meat, goat, lamb, ostrich, pork, rabbit, turkey, etc.
- · Eggs, butter, cheese, kefir, ice cream, milk, yogurt
- Breads, baked goods, cider, dried vegetables, honey, jams, nuts, preserves, etc.
- · Don't forget about these locally grown products: flowers, soaps, transplants, trees, wreaths, and woody florals

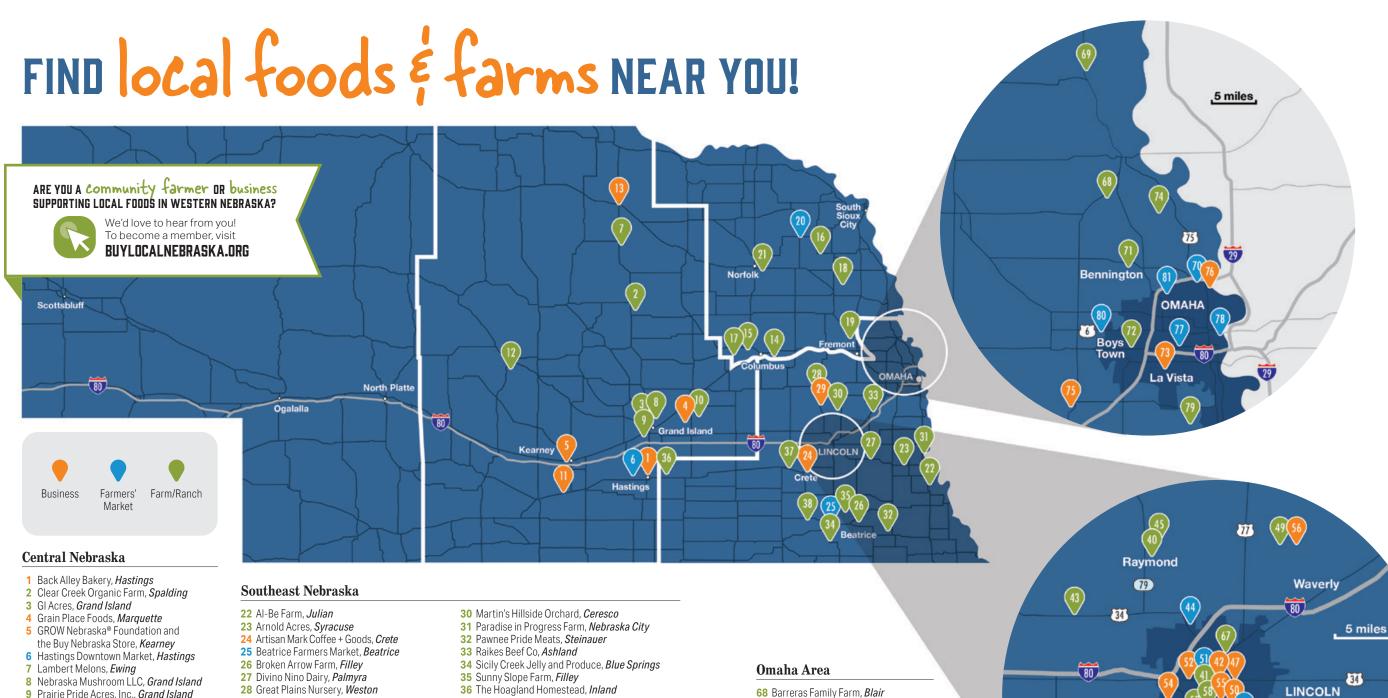
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Look for the BFBLN Member Logo at a farm, farmers' market, restaurant, or retailer near you!





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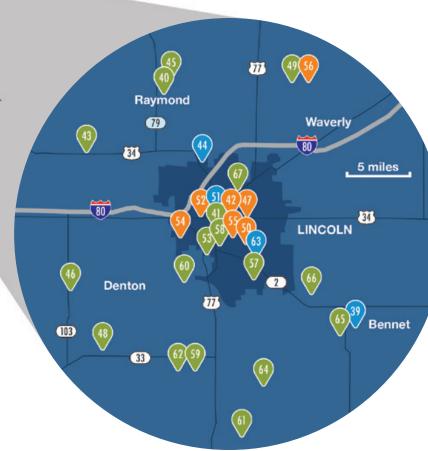
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AQUAPONICS URBAN FARM

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Swiss Chard Kale Green Butter Lettuce Red Butter Lettuce

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GROWING **PRACTICES**

What do we mean?

No Synthetic Inputs: Produce is grown with only naturally-derived chemicals, pesticides, and herbicides.

Certified Organic: Farms, ranches, and processors have been inspected and certified by a third party agency to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program. Overall, organic operations must demonstrate they are protecting natural resources, conserving biodiversity, and using only approved substances.

Certified Naturally Grown: Certified Naturally Grown (CNG) offers peer-review certification to farmers, ranchers, and beekeepers producing food for their local communities by working in harmony with nature, without relying on synthetic chemicals or GMOs.

Non-6M0 Feed: All feed given to animals is from Non-GMO products

100% Grass-Fed: Most beef and lamb are grass-fed for the majority of their lives and then fed grain for the last 60-120 days to increase fat and protein and add weight. For meat to be labeled "100% grass-fed" in our food guide, animals must be fed an exclusive diet of grass and forage plants only, with no grain or by-products.

Pasture-Raised: This claim on meat, poultry, dairy or eggs means that animals were raised outdoors with constant access to fresh-growing, palatable vegetation and shelter for evening and inclement weather. It does not mean the animal ate only grass or forage.

Rotational Grazing: An environmentally beneficial farming practice in which livestock are regularly rotated to fresh pastures at the right time to prevent overgrazing and optimize grass growth.

Outdoor Access: Animals are raised indoors in barns or sheds, but have access to outdoor space.



Learn about all the growing practices mentioned in our food guide online at BUYLOCALNEBRASK A.ORG/BFBL-GLOSSARY

LOOKING FOR A specific ingredient?

Find a farmer with this search index! Each number

corresponds to a member listing in this food quide.



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Too old-school?

Quickly search our

online food guide at

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MUSHROOMS

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and community engagement space.

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January – March by arrangement

Tues. - Fri. 7:30a-2p Sat. 8a-2p

Weekly Hours

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Central Nebraska



Jam or Jelly?

Jams contain crushed fruit and jellies are made with fruit juice.

BUSINESSES

Back Alley Bakery

Restaurant, Caterer, Bakery 609 W 2nd St. Hastings, NE 402-460-5056

charlotte@backalleybakery.com backalleybakery.com

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 9 am-5:30 pm Sat: 8 am-4 pm, Sun: Closed We provide wholesome food using natural and organic ingredients from local producers and suppliers in order for us to be socially, economically, and environmentally responsible.

Grain Place Foods

Retail Store, Distributor, Grain Processing

1904 N Highway 14 Marquette, NE 402-854-3195 info@grainplacefoods.com grainplacefoods.com

Established in 1987, we provide ecologically sustainable grain products that benefit the long-term health of our clients and our planet, because how your food is produced does matter!

GROW Nebraska® Foundation and the Buy Nebraska Store Retail Store, Non-profit

421 Talmadge St., Ste. 1 Kearney, NE 308-338-3520 info@grownebraska.org grownebraska.org

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 9 am-6:30 pm, Sat: 9 am-6 pm, Sun: Closed GROW Nebraska® supports Nebraska businesses by connecting them to the global marketplace and allowing them to market their Nebraska products to a broader clientele, #ShopNebraska

Roberts Seed Inc.

Grain Processing & Sales, Pork 982 22nd Rd. Axtell, NE 308-743-2565 robertsseed@gtmc.net robertsseed.com

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 8 am - 5 pm, Sat: 9 am-Noon, Sun: Closed (or as needed by appointment) Roberts Seeds processes and sells grain for seed, feed, and human consumption. We focus on non-GMO & organic grain and have been Certified Organic since 1991. Call or stop by!

Wildflour Grocer

Grocery Store, Local Food Processor, Year-Round Indoor Farmer's Market

112 S 4th St. O'Neill, NE 402-336-8988

info@wildflourgrocer.com wildflourgrocer.com

HOURS: Mon-Wed & Fri: Noon-6 pm, Thurs: Noon-7 pm, Sat: 10 am-2 pm, Sun: Closed Local, Nebraska products are the foundation of Wildflour Grocer. We carry a variety of items from around Nebraska as well as preserve and produce local foods in our own certified kitchen.

FARMERS' MARKET

Hastings Downtown Market

2nd St. and St. Joseph (East of Odyssey and North of First Street Brewery) Hastings, NE 402-469-2281

kchristensen4148@gmail.com

DATE & TIME: Thursdays 5–7:30 pm (June 11-Aug 27)

The Hastings Downtown Market is on Thursday evenings and is a quaint setting, with plenty of shade, multiple vendors, and live music from 6:30-7:30 pm!

FARMS & RANCHES

Clear Creek Organic Farm















Robert Bernt & Katie McDonald Spalding, NE 308-750-1086

Clearcreekorganicfarm@hotmail.com Clearcreekorganicfarm.com

- No Synthetic Inputs, Grown organically free of chemicals and pesticides
- Non-GMO Feed, Soy Free Feed, Corn Free Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing, 100% Grass Fed
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales— Call or Email, Wholesale

Clear Creek is a family owned operation. We produce clean, healthy, nutrient dense vegetables, beef, dairy, pork, and poultry products. We hold farm tours and recreational events.

GI Acres







Chad & Kathy Nabity Grand Island, NE 308-384-3341

chadn1@grandislandacres.com grandislandacres.com

- No Synthetic Inputs
- Outdoor Access
- CSA, Direct Sales—Call or Email At GI Acres, our modified-market style CSA allows our members to enjoy both traditional and unusual varieties of fresh. local produce all summer. We do the work; you enjoy fresh!

Lambert Melons



Tim & Ben Lambert Ewing, NE 402-340-3646 klambert@esu8.org

facebook.com/LambertMelons • On Farm Store, Direct Sales—

Call or Email, Wholesale We are known for spring asparagus and strawberries, summer melons and autumn pumpkins. We have a passion for local food because it has been part of our family for over 100 years.

Nebraska Mushroom LLC







308-384-1430 ash@nebraskamushroom.com nebraskamushroom.com

• Direct Sales—Call or Email. Farmers' Markets, Wholesale Nebraska Mushroom is an indoor mushroom farm focused on cultivating gourmet and medicinal mushroom varieties. Want to grow your own mushrooms? We can help you with our products.

Keep your Friends Close, and Your Farmers Closer! Buy Fresh Buy Local!

Prairie Pride Acres, Inc.



Grand Island, NE 402-217-2797

prairieprideacres@gmail.com facebook.com/prairieprideacres

- Herbicide & Pesticide Free
- Soy Free Feed, Corn Free Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing, 100% Grass Fed
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales— Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, U-Pick, Wholesale

Prairie Pride Acres is a small 15 acre farm located south of Grand Island. We provide grass fed beef, pork, and lamb. The farm prides itself on humane treatment of the animals.

Range West Beef



Luke & Lori Jacobsen Marquette, NE 402-854-3104 jacobsenlu@yahoo.com

rangewestbeef.com • Non-GMO Feed, Soy Free Feed, Corn Free Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone

- Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing. 100% Grass Fed • On Farm Store, Direct Sales—Call or
- Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale. Online Ordering

We believe in producing well-finished grass fed beef from animals selected for forage-only diets. Many customers are seeking natural health solutions and we want to aid them.

Straight Arrow Bison LLC





Martin & Karen Bredthauer Broken Bow. NE 308-872-3066 mail@straightarrowbison.com straightarrowbison.com

- Animal Welfare Approved, Non-GMO Feed, Soy Free Feed, Corn Free Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Rotational Grazing, 100% Grass Fed
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale, Online Ordering

The Straight Arrow Bison Ranch is committed to restorative agriculture. restoring life and nutrients to the soil to produce nutrient dense foods to benefit farmers and consumers.

Cucumber & Tomato Salad

This recipe comes from the kitchen of a Yazidi refugee from Northern Iraq starting their farm business at our Prairie Pines Training Farm. A great treat to use up the summer bounty of cucumbers, peppers, and tomatoes!

Ingredients

4 small cucumbers, unpeeled

3 ripe, firm tomatoes

1/2 medium red onion or fresh green onion

2 thinly sliced sweet yellow or green peppers

3 Tbsp roughly chopped parsley

1/4 Tbsp kosher salt

3 Tbsp of fresh squeezed lemon juice (about one medium lemon)

- 1-2 Tbsp of vinegar
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

Instructions

- 1. Dice the cucumbers, tomatoes, and onion into small cubes. Add to a medium bowl.
- 2. Remove the seeds from the pepper, and slice very thin. Add to the bowl. Add the chopped parsley.
- 3. In a small bowl use a whisk to combine the lemon juice, salt, vinegar, and olive oil. Add to the salad ingredients. Toss gently to coat. Serve immediately.

NOTE: You may prepare and combine the vegetables a few hours ahead and refrigerate without adding the dressing. Toss the vegetables with the dressing right before serving. Adjust salt to your taste.







Why Buy Local Food? THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Each dollar spent at independent local businesses returns more money to your community than a chain store or non-local product.

If every Nebraska household spends

> per week on local food

added to state economy

CSA

Shares



EARLY

I,500+ MILES

DISTRIBUTION

S

TRAVEL

less than **I50 MILES**

DOLLARS GO TO BROKER, **PACKING HOUSE**

> **FARMER GETS**



ECONOMIC



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LOCAL FARMER



who we said the first out of

ENVIRONMENTAL

BUY LOCAL FOOD

BUILD LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS

GROW LOCAL JOBS

PROTECTS LOCAL LAND

MORE LOCAL SPENDING

25% more

miles than 2

decades ago!

GROW LOCAL FOOD

is lost each year due to residential and commercial development.



Conventional food distribution uses at least **4X MORE FUEL** than local and regional systems.



To transport food long distances it's often picked while unripe then gassed to "ripen" it after transport, or it is highly processed with preservatives.

KNOW WHERE YOUR FOOD COMES FROM

KNOW THE FARMERS

A typical American meal travels an average of

1,500 miles

to get to you

ASK ABOUT THEIR GROWING PRACTICES



VISIT THE FARM

SOCIAL IMPACT

On average people who shop at farmers markets have 15-20 social interactions per visit!





FARMER INDIRECT SALES

FARMERS NEED MULTIPLE

MARKETS TO BE SUSTAINABLE.

FARMER DIRECT SALES

Farmers

Markets





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Northeast Nebraska

FARMERS' MARKETS

Wayne Farmers Market 510 N Pearl St. Wayne County Courthouse Wayne, NE 402-375-2240

imock@Wavneworks.org

DATE & TIME: Wednesdays 4-6 pm, Saturdays 9 am-Noon (June-Oct) The Wavne Farmers Market is held on the lawn of the Wayne County Courthouse and visitors are regularly treated to live music, cooking demonstrations, and kid's activities.

FARMS & RANCHES

Country Lane Gardens









Annette Hellbusch & Macey Fuhr Columbus, NE 402-270-9072 cdhellbusch@gmail.com countrylanegardens.org

- GAP Certified
- Non-GMO Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales-Call or Email, Wholesale

We are a family farm near Columbus, with a retail greenhouse/nursery and pastured Non-GMO laying hen operation. Start a family tradition, and come pick that perfect Christmas tree!

Unaniels Produce





Kelly Daniels/Jackson & Tannie Daniels Columbus, NE 402-897-4253

tanniedaniels@yahoo.com facebook.com/danielsproduce

- GAP Certified, Primus Food Safety Certified
- · CSA, On Farm Store, Direct Sales— Call or Email, Farmers' Markets. Wholesale, Online Ordering

Daniels Produce is owned and operated by Andy and Tannie Daniels, son Jason Daniels, and daughter Kelly Daniels/ Jackson. We strive to give our customers the best produce possible.

ELTEE Mangalitsa's LLC



Leon & Tami Svoboda Pender, NE 402-922-0330 leonsvoboda@live.com

- elteemangalitsas.com
- Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Outdoor Access • Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers'
- Markets, Wholesale, Online Ordering Farming is not only our business, it's our way of life. We live and work on our family farm near Pender, Nebraska, and are proud to have the opportunity to raise Mangalitsa pigs.

Erstwhile Farm, LLC









Lanette & Larry Stec Columbus, NE 402-897-4065 erstwhilefarm@gmail.com

- erstwhilefarm.com
- Certified Organic
- Animal Welfare Approved, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales—Call or Email, U-Pick, Online Ordering Erstwhile Farm believes: God is our loving creator, organic farming is our vocation, the work of our hands ethically/ sustainably provides family meals from simply good ingredients.

Nebraska Heritage Turkeys



Matthew Wattermann & Leah Hipps West Point, NE 402-380-5466 NEturkey@gmail.com nebraskaheritageturkey.com

- Non-GMO Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Free Range
- Direct Sales—Call or Email, Wholesale, Online Ordering

We are a family owned farm that has been providing pasture raised, heritage turkeys to dinner tables across Nebraska since 1999.

TLC Country Floral







402-654-2058 tlccountryfloral@yahoo.com tlccountryfloral.blogspot.com

- Pesticide Free
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales— Call or Email

Visit us during our scheduled open houses or by appointment. Freeze dried florals, rare and unusual plants, succulents, and fermenting classes. Garden tours available.

Wolff Farms Produce









Norfolk, NE 402-992-3055 wolff-farms@hotmail.com wolfffarmsproduce.com

- Certified Organic
- Non-GMO Feed, Antibiotic Free, Pasture Raised, 100% Grass Fed
- · CSA, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale, Online Ordering

Check out our website to learn more about Wolff Farms and our 14 week organic CSA "Fresh Finds." Shop our online wholesale store. Keep up with us by liking our Facebook page.

It's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a homegrown tomato.

~Lewis Grizzard



The Nebraska Cooperative Development Center (NCDC) is dedicated to assisting people prosper by helping them work together through multi-owner and cooperative businesses.



Use Cooperatives To DRIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT!

Cooperatives have a long history in Nebraska agriculture, but are we overlooking the cooperative model for other businesses?

That is a Cooperative? Why Cooperative? A cooperative is a private business that is owned and controlled by the people who use its products, supplies, or services. Historically, cooperatives began to form during the Industrial Revolution as a useful way to promote the interests of less powerful members of society. Farmers, producers, workers, and consumers found that they could accomplish more collectively than they could individually.

Well-Known National Cooperatives:

- ACE Hardware: retailer-owned cooperative
- Land O'Lakes: member-owned agricultural cooperative
- Organic Valley: farmer-owned organic cooperative
- REI: consumer cooperative

Examples of Nebraska Cooperatives:

- Aurora Cooperative Elevator: member-owned agricultural marketing cooperative
- Nebraska Food Cooperative: member-owned producer/ distributor cooperative
- Open Harvest: member-owned grocery store (retail) cooperative
- · University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union: a member-owned financial cooperative
- Wild Flour Grocer: multi-owner retail and community space

Are you concerned that a business in your community like your grocery store, restaurant, or daycare will not transition into the future?

Your community could save these businesses and minimize the risk by working together. NCDC has worked in a number of communities establishing grocery store cooperatives in Nebraska. For example, the Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market opened in 2013 after the local grocery store closed in 2012. Are you interested in forming a cooperative?

For more information, visit the NCDC website at ncdc.unl.edu.



COOPERATIVE SUCCESS!

Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market

The community invested \$307,000 to establish this community owned grocery store.



Southeast Nebraska

BUSINESSES

Artisan Mark Coffee + Goods

Retail Store, Coffee House

1144 Main Ave Crete, NE 402-418-7228

info@artisanmarkcoffee.com artisanmarkcoffee.com

HOURS: Mon-Sat: 7 am-9 pm, Sun: 9 am-6 pm Artisan Mark Coffee + Goods is a small-town coffee shop that sells local, handmade goods and Nebraska sourced coffee, teas, and other types of goodies. We love to support local!

Heartland Nuts 'N More

Food Cooperative, Local Food Processor

206 W 2nd St Valparaiso, NE 402-784-6887

lottanuts@windstream.net heartlandnutsnmore.com

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 8 am-3 pm HEARTLAND NUTS 'N MORE is a co-op owned by a diverse partnership of nut growers. We produce, process, and market only high-quality-cultivar, Midwest-grown black walnuts and pecans.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Beatrice Farmers Market

801 Court St. (Country Cookin' Cafe parking lot, 8th & Court St. Downtown) Beatrice, NE 402-223-3244

info@mainstreetbeatrice.org facebook.com/BeatriceFarmersMarket

DATE & TIME: Thursdays 4-6:30 pm (May 21-Oct 8)

 Double Up Food Bucks/ SNAP matching dollars

Every market brings in new treats, produce, crafts, eggs, honey, meats, baked goods, and more! Averaging 14 vendors a week. Join us in Downtown Beatrice, and make an evening of it!

FARMS & RANCHES

22 Al-Be Farm



Beth Kernes Krause & Ralph Krause Julian, NE 402-274-8836

al-befarm@windstream.net facebook.com/albefarmNE

Non-GMO Feed

• Direct Sales—Call or Email, Wholesale Our chickens live in mobile coops to protect them from our predators. We feed all of our birds transitional and organic grain-based feed, and butcher the meat birds onsite.

Arnold Acres





Larry & Mary Kay Arnold Syracuse, NÉ 402-217-2930

la048803@yahoo.com arnoldacresne.com

Sustainably Grown

Direct Sales—Call or Email.

Farmers' Markets, Online Ordering Here at Arnold Acres, we are passionate about growing food in a sustainable manner in healthy soil. We grow a variety of fruits and vegetables and make our own jams and jellies.

Broken Arrow Farm







Rilev Reinke Filley, NE 402-768-1145

Brokenarrowfm@outlook.com brokenarrowfm.com

- No Synthetic Inputs
- Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free. Pasture Raised
- Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale, Online Ordering Broken Arrow Farm seeks to cultivate environmental and human health through regenerative farming by producing eggs, honey, and produce for consumers in our

UDivino Nino Dairy



Melissa Rawe Palmyra, NE 402-310-6056

divinoninodairy@outlook.com divinoninodairy.com

- Non-GMO Feed, Soy Free Feed, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales— Call or Email

Divino Nino Dairy is home to our Guernsey cows who graze the rolling pastures and provide us with delicious fresh milk and cream. Come visit, and be nourished by Nebraska dairy!

Great Plains Nursery



Heather Byers Weston, NE 402-540-4801 heather@greatplainsnursery.com greatplainsnursery.com

• On Farm Store, Direct Sales—Call or Email, Wholesale, Online Ordering Great Plains Nursery produces native trees and shrubs for habitat and landscape use. Native trees and shrubs are essential for a healthy environment!

Martin's Hillside Orchard





402-665-2140 nitbm8@gmail.com hillside-orchard.com

• On Farm Store, U-Pick Wholesale U-pick apples, peaches, pumpkins; hay rack rides; corn maze; activities for kids; store with cider slushies and lunches (weekends); butterfly garden and discovery trail; school tours.

Paradise in Progress Farm









Nebraska City, NE 402-874-9540

- paradiseinprogress@gmail.com • Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales— Call or Email, Farmers' Markets

We sell fruit, vegetables, and eggs at our on-farm store and farmers' markets in Bellevue and Nebraska City.

Pawnee Pride Meats







402-869-2396 pawneepridemeats@gmail.com PawneePride.com

- Non-GMO Feed, Corn Free Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing, 100% Grass Fed
- Direct Sales—Call or Email We practice holistic/organic grazing on healthy soils, diverse plants, with heritage livestock. We direct market our products through deliveries to Lincoln,

Raikes Beef Co

Omaha, and Beatrice.



Lindsey & Justin Raikes Ashland, NE 402-944-2474 info@raikesbeef.co RaikesBeef.co

- Animal Welfare Approved, Hormone Free, Grass Fed, Grain Finished
- On Farm Store, Direct Sales—Call or Email, Wholesale, Online Ordering Our focus is connecting customers to high quality, 100% Nebraska raised American Wagyu and Angus beef directly from our 5th generation family farm.

Sicily Creek Jelly and Produce





Farmers' Markets









Filley, NE 402-662-1777 sunnvslopeberries@gmail.com facebook.com/Sunny-Slope-

Farm-1593732700845273 No Synthetic Inputs

Pasture Raised

• Direct Sales—Call or Email, U-Pick

At Sunny Slope Farm we invite you to take part with U-Pick and large orders for canning/freezing. Experience the taste of a fresh-picked strawberry in early June. All naturally-grown.

The Hoagland Homestead





Amy & Adam Hoagland Inland, NE

402-469-5065 thehoaglandhomestead@gmail.com facebook.com/thehoaglandhomestead

Farmers' Markets

Three generation family garden. Diverse variety of vegetables, jelly, and local honey. Find us at the Hastings Downtown Market and Highland Park Farmers' Market.



West Blue Farm



Dorchester, NE 402-641-0331 Westbluefarm@gmail.com

- Westbluefarm.com • Non-GMO Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing
- Direct Sales—Call or Email, Online Ordering

WEST BLUE FARM has been direct marketing farm fresh meat since 1990. Located in Dorchester, Nebraska, Joe and Shanae Yeackley own and operate a dairy, as well as raise high quality meat.













Plymouth, NE 402-239-9822 westendfarmne@gmail.com

- westendfarmne.com No Synthetic Pesticides
- Free Range
- CSA, On Farm Store, Direct Sales Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale, Online Ordering

We are a family farm west of Beatrice. We grow fresh vegetables, fruits, berries, and herbs without the use of synthetic pesticides. We also sell eggs, honey, jam, and baked goods.





LOCAL food GUIDE

Coving Local Food Coetry Contest POEMS + FOOD BOTH FILL YOUR HEART.

In 2020 we asked Nebraskans to send us their original poetry about local food. The response received was incredible. The poems make us laugh, cry, and take notice of the small beauties we can find every day in the garden, the farm, the market, and our kitchens. Big thanks to all who submitted. Here are three selections of local food poetry.

Find these poems and many more at BUYLOCALNEBRASKA.ORG/POETRY

Feathers

Hope may be

to one fine person the thing with feathers. But I argue that out here in the midst of farm country, hope is a small farmer's market. It's a sign at the end of a long driveway reading Eggs, apples, pears, tomatoes, squash for sale. Hope is planting, growing and offering the bounty To those who say, Yes, I need that. Yes, I buy local. Yes, I will come back for more. Hope is the thing with or without feathers.

Katie Polacek
BRUNO, NEBRASKA

"Fat Water" Tomatl

The passive, ripening fruit

suspended in the sunlight,
draws in from all sides.
Stem from
vine from
stalk from
roots from
fungi from
soil from
worm from
rock, leaves, roots.
Inner passages taking in and
redistributing the remains of our days.

Outside the "plump thing with a naval" (xitomatl) basks in the sun, thin skin touched by rays, passing particles dusting the surface, absorbed in the mix of expanding flesh.

Transformation of color beckons the curious to touch, taste, and receive the whole process.

Over and over this continuous loop of life provides more than we could ask for or imagine, naturally.

At home, fruits continuously give from their abundance.
Here in the plains, removed from continuous heat, tomatoes drop from the vine, and held in the earth, undeterred by the cold, wait for the signal to begin again.

Angela Barber LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

In the process of looking for the technical name of the belly button of the tomato, I learned from The National Gardening Association's website garden.org that tomatoes are believed to originate in Peru and Mexico where they were called tomatl literally meaning "fat water" in the Nahuatl language. The Axtecs cultivated a new species, the red or yellow fruit, and called it xitomatl that translates to "plump thing with a naval." Another website helpful in this search was the Nahuatl Dictionary found at nahuatl.uoregon.edu.

B Street Honey

Honey slinks from the tap creeps across the gauze drops of liquid gold on long stretching ropes slipping through the cottony holes to pool on the bottom of the bucket as one pure reservoir filling the air with its sweet candle-like fragrance while the bees sing their perpetual humming whirring sizzling song of honey.

Katherine Carpenter

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA



Lincoln Area

BUSINESSES

DISH Restaurant Restaurant

1100 "0" St. Lincoln, NE 402-475-9475 info@dishdowntown.com

dishdowntown.com HOURS: Mon-Fri: 11:30 am-1:30 pm,

Mon-Sat: 5-9:30 pm, Sun: Closed DISH is an upscale American Continental restaurant in the heart of downtown Lincoln. Our seasonally focused menu showcases local ingredients with unparalleled creativity and finesse.

Hub Cafe

Restaurant, Caterer, Coffee House

250 N 21st St Lincoln, NE 402-474-2453

hubcafelincoln@gmail.com hubcafelincoln.com

HOURS: Tue-Sun: 7:30 am-2:30 pm Sourcing from local farmers allows us to serve the freshest, best-tasting produce, dairy, and meats in creative dishes that connect our customers to our landscape and the seasons.

Leon's Gourmet Grocer

Grocery Store 2200 Winthrop Rd. Lincoln, NE 402-488-2307 info@leonsgourmetgrocer.com leonsqourmetgrocer.com HOURS: Mon-Fri: 8 am-9 pm,

Sun: 9 am-6:30 pm At Leon's, you can find local cheese, produce, jams, chicken, eggs, and milk

that were raised or made in Nebraska along with an incredible meat department. Food is our passion!

Lone Tree Foods

Distributor 220 P St Lincoln, NE 402-413-0079 info@lonetreefoods.com lonetreefoods.com

Order Online! Lone Tree Foods connects local farmers with buvers and consumers in Nebraska and western lowa. We provide sales, distribution, and marketing to grow the market for local foods.

Mystic Rhoads Productions Inc. (MRP)

Local Food Processor Lincoln, NE 402-617-5214

info@mysticrhoads.org mysticrhoads.org

Order online 24/7 MRP is no ordinary charitable organization. We've created a line of products that funnel profits back to charitable causes. You buy, and we give. 100%.

Open Harvest Co-op Grocery

Co-op Grocery, Bakery, Retail Store, Food Cooperative 1618 South St.

Lincoln, NE 402-475-9069

harvest@openharvest.coop openharvest.coop

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 8 am-9 pm Open Harvest is a community owned grocery store, dedicated to fostering a sustainable food system through consumer education and the cooperative principles since 1975.

Prairie Plate Restaurant

Restaurant 10405 Branched Oak Rd. Waverly, NE

402-786-2239 info@PrairiePlateRestaurant.com PrairiePlateRestaurant.com

Visit website for hours

Prairie Plate Restaurant is a farm-to-table restaurant in a rural lakefront setting where guests enjoy a seasonal menu based on products from regional farmers, ranchers, and artisans.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Bennet Farmers' Market

675 Elm St. (Village Park) Bennet, NE 402-782-3300 bennetvlg@diodecom.net

bennetfarmersmarket.com DATE & TIME: Wednesdays 4-7 pm

(May 6-Sept 30) The Bennet Farmers' Market promotes opportunities for Nebraska fruit, vegetable, and meat producers, bakers, and crafters to market high-quality products directly to consumers.

Fallbrook Farmers' Market

570 Fallbrook Blvd (Fallbrook Town

Square Greenspace)

Lincoln, NE 308-216-0411

fallbrookfm.manager@gmail.com fallbrookfarmersmarket.com

DATE & TIME: Thursdays 4-7 pm (June 18-Oct 8)

• EBT/SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks/ SNAP matching dollars FBFM market is quiet and family friendly. We provide farm, processed farm,

value-added food products & crafts, and specialty items. We typically use 20 vendors each week.

Lincoln Haymarket Farmers Market

7th & P St. (Downtown Historic Haymarket) Lincoln, NE

402-435-7496

Jeff@lincolnhaymarket.org lincolnhaymarket.org DATE & TIME: Saturdays 8 am-Noon

(May 2-Oct 10) Wide variety of produce crafts and baked goods. Great ready to eat foods and baked goods. Unique one of a kind craft items.

Sunday Farmers' Market at College View

4801 Prescott Ave. (Parking lot of the College View Seventh-Day Adventist Church) Lincoln, NE 402-318-5225

sundayfarmersmarket.manager@gmail.com sundayfarmersmarket.org holidayharvestfarmersmarket.com

DATE & TIME: Sundays 10 am-2 pm (except May 10, which is 3–6 pm) (Apr 26–Oct 25) Indoor Holiday Farmers' Market (see website for alternative location): Nov 8 & 22, Dec 6 & 20

• EBT/SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks/SNAP matching dollars

For people who love food! We are a producer-only market. Everything is quaranteed to be grown or processed by our members. We have more than 40 vendors! Open rain or shine.



Don't eat anything your great grandmother wouldn't recognize as food.

~Michael Pollan



FARMS & RANCHES

40 Common Good Farm





402-783-9005 farmers@commongoodfarm.com commongoodfarm.com

• Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic

• Non-GMO Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing, 100% Grass Fed

· CSA, Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale,

Common Good Farm is a diversified family farm, growing good food—a small, sustainable, certified organic and biodynamic, located in southeast Nebraska, just north of Raymond, Nebraska,

Community Crops









Matt Pirog & Megan McGuffey Lincoln, NE 402-474-9802

matt@communitycrops.org communitycrops.org

No Synthetic Inputs

• On Farm Store, Direct Sales— Call or Email, Wholesale

For over 15 years, Community Crops has provided the city of Lincoln and surrounding areas access to sustainably-grown local foods and resources to grow their own food.

DS Family Farm





Doug & Sheila Garrison Malcolm, NE 402-796-2208

doug@dsfamilyfarm.com dsfamilyfarm.com

 Animal Welfare Approved, Non-GMO Feed, Soy Free Feed, Corn Free Feed, Antibiotic Free, Hormone Free, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing, 100% Grass Fed

• Direct Sales—Call or Email, Online Ordering

Healthy soils = healthy plants = healthy animals, resulting in healthy food for you. Beef and chicken from our farm will result in a unique flavor you have never experienced before.

Green School Farms





fehrgary@gmail.com facebook.com/greenschoolfarms

No Synthetic Inputs

• CSA, Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale,

Green School Farms grows sustainablyraised food for area schools and the larger community. Our practices center on compassion and respect for the earth and each other.

Grow with the Flow









Aguaponic

 Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale

We use aquaponics to grow produce, cut flowers, and live plants on our 11-acre farm. Aguaponics is the cultivation of fish and plants together in a symbiotic environment.

Jones EcoFarms





Crete, NE 402-613-2035 justin@jonesproduce.net ionesecofarms.com

• Certified Organic, No Synthetic Inputs

 Non-GMO Feed, Pasture Raised, Rotational Grazing

• Direct Sales—Call or Email, Wholesale, Online Ordering

Jones EcoFarms takes an ecological approach to raising pastured livestock. perennial plants, and organic produce. The farm focuses on integration, diversity, and perennial crops.



Jerry & Renee Cornett Waverly, NE 402-786-2239 info@PrairiePlateRestaurant.com

LakehouseFarm.com Certified Organic

• Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets

Lakehouse Farm is a family owned produce farm northwest of Waverly, Nebraska. We provide a market basket of certified organic produce while managing the land sustainably.

53 Lotus Gardens





Michelle & James Tolston Lincoln, NE 402-890-4103 lotusgardenshealthvlife@gmail.com lotusgardens4life.com

 Aquaponic • Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale, Online Ordering Our Aquaponics farm duplicates a traditional 40 acre farm in 8,640 sq ft. We care for each plant individually by hand.

NO GMO. NO PCBS (These will kill our fish).

Prairieview





402-423-5489 jbhenshaw@windstream.net Direct Sales—Call or Email.

Farmers' Markets RhizoCity Farms

Lincoln, NE



Matt Pirog & Skylar Falter Lincoln, NE 402-305-9803 rhizocity@gmail.com rhizocity.farm

No Synthetic Inputs

• Direct Sales—Call or Email, Wholesale We are a farming duo transforming urban spaces into bountiful gardens. We strive to grow fresh and nutritious food within city limits with as little fossil fuels as possible.



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Lincoln Area

Robinette Farms





Chloe Diegel & Alex McKiernan Martell, NE 402-794-4025 farmers@robinettefarms.com robinettefarms.com

Certified Organic

 CSA, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale. We are a certified organic, diversified smallscale family farm growing microgreens and over 80 varieties of vegetables.

Shadowbrook Farm









shadowbrook@neb.rr.com shadowbrk.com

- No Synthetic Inputs
- Non-GMO Feed, Pasture Raised
- CSA, On Farm Store, Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale

We are committed to sustainable vegetable production and being good stewards of the land. The farm's Dutch Girl Creamery produces grade A goat milk to make artisan cheeses.

Sleepy Bees Lavender Farm



Jerry & Holly McCabe Firth, NE

402-580-5675

sleepybeeslavenderfarm@gmail.com sleepybeeslavenderfarm.com

 On Farm Store, Farmers' Markets. U-Pick, Wholesale, Online Ordering We have approximately 2 acres of lavender grown naturally with no pesticides or herbicides. We have fresh and dried lavender, culinary lavender and bath, body, and home products.

Spiritus Vitae Botanicals







Nicole & Paul Saville Martell, NE

402-413-1495 spiritusvitaebotanicals@gmail.com spiritusvitaebotanicals.com

- No Synthetic Inputs
- Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets. U-Pick, Wholesale, Online Ordering We serve as stewards of the land, working in tandem with Mother Nature to grow potent, high quality medicinal herbs, thus providing the community and land with optimal nourishment.

Trackside Farm LLC









James & Nancy Scanlan Hickman, NE

267-809-4993 tracksidegrown@gmail.com facebook.com/hicktracks

• Direct Sales—Call or Email, Farmers' Markets We are a 15 acre farm in Hickman. specializing in naturally grown, with a focus on the unique varieties. Chile peppers, garlic, and fun things not often seen are our specialties.

Twin Springs Pecans



Bennet, NE 402-788-2870

willnerdfarms@yahoo.com

• On Farm Store, Farmers' Markets Twin Springs Pecans provides premium fresh, healthy, and oh-so-tasty northern pecans grown and processed in southeast Nebraska. From our family to yours, enjoy!

Yankee Hill Landscape





Tammy & Todd Magee Lincoln, NE 402-416-2611

info@YankeeHillLandscaping.com YankeeHillLandscaping.com • On Farm Store, Farmers'

We are a family owned operation conveniently located on the SE edge of beautiful plants, or landscape supplies throughout the season.

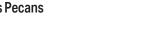
Yum Yum Greens



Baron Kimble Lincoln, NE

• On Farm Store, Direct Sales—Call Online Ordering

Hi, I'm Baron Kimble! I grow and sell microgreens. I got interested in agriculture, and the easiest way I would learn how to do it is by making microgreens.



Charles Willnerd & Sarah Ferdico

twinspringspecans.com







Markets, Wholesale Lincoln. Visit our location for fresh produce,



402-413-1416

yum@yumyumgreens.com yumyumqreens.com

- No Synthetic Inputs
- or Email, Farmers' Markets, Wholesale,

LOCAL FOODS Word Match

Can you match the local foods word or phrase to its definition?



Answers: Food Desert-2, Celeriac-4, Duroc-7, Guernsey-5, Worker Bee-6, Mirepoix-8, Chevre-3, Pullet-1, Papalo-9

Food Desert Celeriac Duroc Guernsey Worker Bee Mirepoix Chevre

Papalo





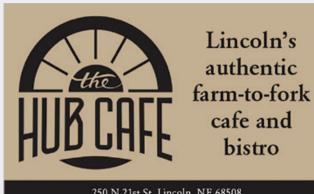
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LAND, THEIR FOOD, & EACH OTHER







250 N 21st St. Lincoln, NE 68508 Two blocks North of O Street on 21st, just East of UNL city campus



Farmer **Training**

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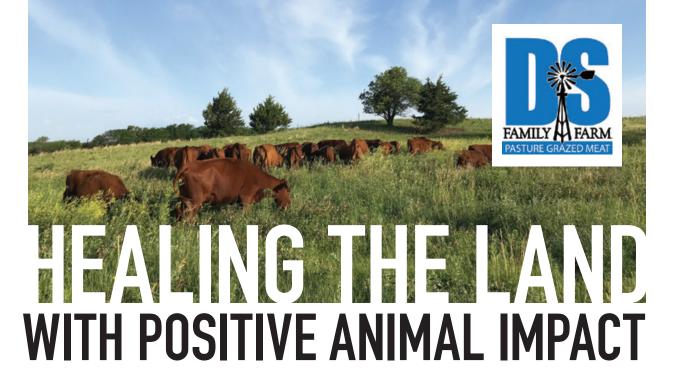
Community & Special **Project Gardens**

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UBT Veggie Van & **New Storefront**

CommunityCrops.org

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Doug and Sheila

Garrison of DS Family

Farms have been

raising beef cattle in

Malcolm, Nebraska,

for the past 10 years.

They are managing

their herd in a way

that increases the

biological activity

(life) of the soil in

their pastures.

Skylar Falter (SF): You've described your cattle as 'land healers.' Could you explain why you call cattle land healers?

Doug Garrison (DG): Using cattle as land healers comes back to how we manage them. We manage them according to the pattern nature has given us. The technical term is biomimicry. We see how nature works, and we try to imitate it to encourage biological processes in the soil that heal the land. Our management mimics traditional grassland grazers bison. Moving animals daily to new grass and having hooves on the ground stimulates soil biology, stores carbon, and increases diversity of plants.

That being said, it really depends how the human manages the cattle—cattle can overgraze a pasture, and they can be land abusers if humans manage them that way.

SF: Why do our lands need healing?

DG: It's all based on past human management, and I'll use our farm as an example. If you look back to the aerial imagery of the farm from the 1920's, this entire quarter section was farmed—that's 150 plus years of releasing carbon into the atmosphere through tillage, and overgrazing. It's years of topsoil washing away from erosion. Our soils are degraded. Over half the organic matter in Nebraska soils is gone due to human management. That's why the land needs healing.

SF: Could you share a couple ways you mimic nature at DS Family Farms?

DG: We keep our cows 'herded up' and we keep moving them to fresh grass. Most of the time they are in an area for one day, then on to the next area. Nature's important insight to grazing is best expressed by Joel Salatin as, "Fresh Grass and Move, Fresh Grass and Move." Instead of overgrazing the tastiest plants (usually native prairie grasses), the cattle are taking a few bites of everything. This means no one type of plant is getting overgrazed, and that leads to a more diverse plant community.

A whole bunch of biological processes also go on when there are many hooves on the ground. Concentrated hooves from a moving herd will chip vegetation, break the soil surface, and put grass seed in contact with soil, very similar to how you use a hoe to plant your garden!

So, in the past predators and seasonal migrations would bring about this much needed animal impact. At our farm, we utilize portable electric fence to concentrate and move the herd following nature's pattern.

SF: What are some ways people benefit from pasture grazed meat?

DG: Improving our soils, improving our grass, improving our animals leads to more healthy food options, and more nourished humans. Our animals are healthier. We don't use any antibiotics or vaccines on the cattle and we haven't done any fertilizing or broadcast herbicides on the pastures.

We're are using free sunlight energy and moving carbon from the atmosphere into plants. The plants are moving the carbon into critters above and below ground. Our customers are enjoying this carbon in the form of pasture grazed beef. What we are doing is having a positive impact, and people can be a part of that positive impact when they eat our pasture grazed meat.



Nebraska Regional Food Systems Initiative

Food systems bring value to communities by generating economic development, creating relationships between residents, farmers and businesses, preserving and protecting farm land, and supporting healthy lifestyles.

Core activities of the initiative include:

- Annual convening
- Quarterly newsletters
- Training/technical assistance for those seeking to understand our food system and to help make positive change!



For more information and to sign up for our quarterly newsletter, visit:

foodsystems.unl.edu

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Bison Meathalls

Bison meat is similar to beef and is cooked in much the same way. The taste is often indistinguishable from beef, although bison tends to have a fuller, richer (sweeter) flavor. Bison is low in fat and cholesterol and is high in protein, vitamins, and minerals. Fresh cut bison meat tends to be darker red and richer in color than many of the other red meats.

Ingredients

1 lb ground bison

1 tsp dried herbs, such as Italian seasoning (optional)

1/4 tsp black pepper

2 Tbsp finely chopped onion (optional)

½ tsp sea salt 1 egg, lightly beaten

Instructions

- 1. Mix all ingredients until well-combined. Use hands if needed.
- 2. Form into one inch balls (medium cookie ball scoop works well).

 Place close together on baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.
- 3. May be used in spaghetti sauce, cheese sauce, sweet/sour sauce, etc.

NOTE: Multiply the recipe above depending on the quantity needed!



Martin & Karen Bredthauer
STRAIGHT ARROW BISON, BROKEN BOW, NE



Omaha Area

On average a worker honeybee produces 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in her 5-week life span.



BUSINESSES

It's All About Bees!

Retail Store, Local Food Processor 8540 Park Dr.

Omaha, NE 402-216-4545

itsallaboutbees@msn.com itsallaboutbees.com

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 9 am-6:30 pm, Sat-Sun: 9 am-5pm "It's All About Bees!" is a local honey, beeswax specialties, and gift shop in Ralston, Nebraska. Come stop by our gift shop!

Nebraska Food Cooperative

Distributor, Food Cooperative Statewide Distribution 800-993-2379 gm@nebraskafood.org nebraskafood.org

HOURS: Shop online 24/7 from our network of local producers

As an online farmers' market, we support local food sales and distribution across much of Nebraska, allowing producers to stay on the farm and focus on growing food the right way.

No More Empty Pots

Non-Profit, Caterer, Distributor, Local Food Processor, Coffee House 8501 N 30th St. Omaha, NE

402-933-3588 info@nmepomaha.org nmepomaha.org

HOURS: Mon-Fri: 9 am-5 pm, Cafe hours vary (check website for times) We are a grassroots non-profit that supports communities in becoming self-sufficient and food secure. We fight poverty with local foods, training, jobs, and entrepreneurship.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Florence Mill Farmers Market

9102 N 30th St. (Next to Mormon Bridge over Missouri River, 30th & I-680) Omaha, NE

402-551-1233 Lsmeigs@msn.com

facebook.com/theflorencemill

DATE & TIME: Sundays 10 am-3 pm (June 7-Sept 27) Family-friendly, country-fun. Local Produce,

Crafts, Live Music: 3rd & 4th Sunday Circle-Jams (bring your instrument!), and "Country-School" guests who sometimes moo or neigh.

Omaha Farmers Market—Aksarben 67th and Center St. (Aksarben Village)

Omaha, NE 402-345-5401

kbeck@vgagroup.com omahafarmersmarket.com

DATE & TIME: Sundays 9 am-1 pm (May 3-Oct 11)

• EBT/SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks/ SNAP matching dollars

Fresh, locally grown produce, baked and prepared foods, meats, cheeses, and crafts are available each Sunday morning, May through mid-October from over 120 vendors in Aksarben.

Omaha Farmers Market— Old Market 11th & Jackson St.

Omaha, NE 402-345-5401

kbeck@vgagroup.com omahafarmersmarket.org

DATE & TIME: Saturdays 8 am-12:30 pm (May 2-Oct 10)

EBT/SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks/ SNAP matching dollars

Fresh, locally grown produce, baked and prepared foods, meats, cheeses, and crafts are available each Saturday morning, May through mid-October from 90 vendors in the Old Market.

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VPFM was established to elevate community awareness of the importance of sustainable, local, family-owned farms, and to provide wholesome food at a location in West Omaha.

Wenninghoff's Farm 6707 Wenninghoff Rd. Omaha, NE

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Caffage Salsa

Cabbage is one of our favorites from the garden. Coleslaw, homemade runzas, sauerkraut, and this recipe is a fun way to use it up, along with garden fresh tomatoes, peppers, onions, garlic, and cilantro.

Ingredients

4 c chopped or shredded cabbage Cilantro, diced (several sprigs or to taste) 2 c diced tomatoes

½ c diced red onion ¼ c finely diced jalapeno pepper

Instructions

In a medium bowl combine diced tomatoes, cilantro, onion, jalapeno, and garlic. Add lemon juice (or lime), salt, and cayenne. Stir in chopped or shredded cabbage and serve.

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Lightly cooked egg whites with an ooey-gooey yolk in the center—these are the eggs on "eggs benedict." They are perfect served with toast or atop a pasta,

1 Crack your egg into a bowl. 2 Bring a pan of water filled at least 1½ inch deep to a simmer. Don't add any salt as this will break up the egg white. 3 Tip the egg into the pan—egg whites first, followed by the yolk. 4 Cook for 2 minutes at a simmer, then turn off the heat and leave in the pan about 5 minutes. 5 Lift the egg out with a slotted spoon, and drain it on kitchen paper.

KITCHEN BASICS COOKING STAPLES





DD FRUIT! Chopped apples, Asian pears, strawberries, cool watermelon, or peaches take salads to the next level, plus their textures and colors add playfulness to your plate.



EAVES—dip your toes into the wide world of greens. Lettuce is so good, but why not try a handful of chard, baby kale, spinach, microgreens, dandelion greens, mizuna, or bok choy?



LTERNATIVE VEGETABLES—Everyone has those forgotten veggies in the fridge or counter. Prep them up by cutting them into fun shapes like ribbons, matchsticks, or rounds.



RESSING—the secret is out...homemade dressing is so easy and a million times tastier than store bought! See recipes on this page.

Herbaceous Nebraska Vinaigrette SALAD DRESSING

⅓ c oil of your choice (try sunflower!)

noodle, or curry dish.

1 tsp honey, maple syrup, or sweetener of your choice 1/3 c vinegar of your choice Juice of 1/2 a lemon

Pinch of salt and pepper

Blend, shake, or whisk liquid ingredients together. Add herbs, salt, and pepper.

1 Tbsp (or more) chopped herbs of your choice—mix and match and play with amounts!
Basil, oregano, mint, thyme, ezpazote, papalo, bee balm, cilantro, dill, etc.

Nebraska Honey Bee Dijon SALAD DRESSING

1/4 c local honey

2 Tbsp vinegar of your choice

¼ c dijon mustard

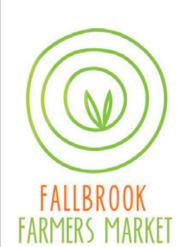
1 tsp salt

1/4 c oil of your choice Dash of pepper (try sunflower!)

Blend or whisk all ingredients. Adjust amounts of honey or vinegar for more or less tanginess or sweetness.

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-Stuffed Acorn Squash

Ingredients

2 acorn squash, halved. seeds removed

½ tsp salt 1/4 tsp black pepper 8 oz ground sausage 1 onion, finely chopped 1 celery stalk, chopped 1 apple, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced 4 c tightly packed torn kale or chopped spinach 1/3 c chicken broth

1/4 c chopped walnuts (optional) 1/4 c grated fresh Parmesan cheese 1/4 c breadcrumbs

1/4 tsp sage

Instructions

- 1. Heat oven to 400°. Cut a thin slice off round side of each squash half to create a stable base. Brush/spray halves with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- 2. Place squash hollow side down on a baking sheet lined with aluminum foil and bake until golden and tender (but still holding its shape), 30-45 minutes. Remove from oven, flip squash, and set aside. Heat broiler to high.
- 3. Cook sausage. Using grease from sausage, cook onion and celery for 3 minutes. Add apples and sauté another 2 minutes or until softened. Add garlic and cook another minute. Add greens and toss, then add broth. Cover and steam until greens are tender, 5 minutes. Stir in sausage.
- 4. Divide filling among squash. In a bowl, combine walnuts, cheese, sage, and breadcrumbs; sprinkle evenly over squash bowls. Broil until topping is golden, 1-2 minutes (keep watch—it browns quickly).



WEST END FARM, PLYMOUTH, NE

Katie Jantzen



QUIZ: WHAT'S YOUR LOCAL FOOD SCORE?

We are all on a journey with local food—maybe you are a farmers' market regular, maybe you've never been! You might be learning to cook or you could be experimenting with milling your own Nebraska grown wheat for a sourdough bake.

Where ever you are, we are glad you are here! Take our Local Food Score (LFS) guiz to gauge where you are on your journey, and where you could go! The benefits of local food are endless—health, sustainability, joy, and food sovereignty are just a few.

To calculate your LFS, answer these yes or no questions. Give yourself three carrots \ feeting \ for every yes answer. Add up your carrots, and see where you fit on the LFS scale.

- ____ 1. Do you know someone with a vegetable garden?
- _____ 2. Have you ever scrambled eggs laid by a hen that you have personally seen (or heard cluck or quack)?
- ____ 3. Does the supermarket you shop at stock any food from local producers?
- _____ 4. Have you ever enjoyed a tomato from a grower in your county?
- ____ 5. Have you ever eaten a steak or a pork chop from a local farm or ranch?
- ____ 6. Have you ever enjoyed an apple crisp made with apples grown in your county?
- _____ 7. Do you know any local farmers growing food for the community where you live?
- _____8. Have you ever tasted milk or cheese from animals that graze on Nebraska pastures?



BRIGHT IDEAS TO GET MORE LOCAL INTO YOUR LIFE!

- 🍅 Set up a friend date at the local farmers' market. Buy something and make a meal together.
- Find a garden in your neighborhood. Strike up a conversation with the gardener. Ask if you can help.
- This fall, visit a u-pick apple orchard with a pack of friends.
- Make a point to learn about food that grows wild. Go foraging, harvest ethically, and enjoy the new tastes you find.
- Plan a family or friend outing to explore a restaurant, business, or grocery store listed in this guide!
- Try one new local food this year local honey, a grass-fed lamb chop, chokecherry jelly, goat cheese, shiitake mushroomsthe possibilities are endless!

Writer Steven McFadden of Lincoln puzzled out this quiz with the active community support of BFBL Nebraska's staff. Steven is the author of several books on farms and food. Visit him online at DeepAgroecology.net.



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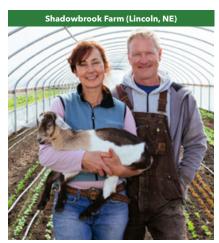
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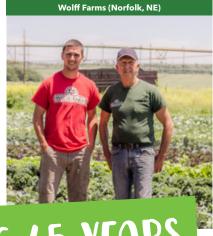












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