
Farm to School and College Programs

Farmers, students, community organizations, and food service providers are teaming up across the nation to incorporate fresh, local food into the dining hall through programs commonly called Farm to School or Farm to College.



Farm to College Program

The University of Montana
University Dining Services
Lommasson Center 145
Missoula, Montana 59812-1944
Farmcollege.intern@mso.umt.edu
(406) 243-6325

The Farm to College Program at the University of Montana began in the spring of 2003. The program

purchases local food in an effort to support Montana's economy, strengthen the local community, preserve Montana's natural and cultural heritage, and provide healthy, fresh food to the campus community. The program also includes a student group, TASTEE, that works to educate the college community about local, sustainable food systems. Farmers interested in selling to the university should contact the Farm to College intern.

Eating in Missoula County

Number of eaters (total persons) in Missoula County in 2000: 95,802[§]
Percent increase in the number of eaters in Missoula County between 1990 and 2000: 21.8%[§]

Percent increase in total amount of money (adjusted for inflation) spent on food in the county between 1972 and 1997: 38%*

Number of local food producers and vendors that the UM bought food from in the first year of the Farm to College Program: 40
Dollar Value: \$150,000

[§]US Census of Population. * Missoula Food Assesment. ⁺CDC, Montana Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

Culinary Education and Professional Development

Food preparation is an important part of a healthy, nutritious diet. Chefs and managers of dining establishments often appreciate the quality of fresh, locally-grown food, and can be great public educators about the tasty benefits of buying local. This section includes formal and continuing education programs.



Culinary Arts Certificate

The University of Montana
College of Technology
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In Culinary Arts Certificate program, students prepare for an entry-level position in the food service industry. The program parallels with and forms a seamless integration into the Food Service Management Degree.

Food Service Management, Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

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This program combines theory, practical training, and industry experience to prepare students for entry-level and management positions in the hospitality industry, and is designed to continue principles taught in the certificate program. The program's accreditation by the American Culinary Federation ensures graduates eligibility for certification as a "Certified Culinarian." Technical subject area include introduction to the industry, basic baking, patisserie, cost control, dining room service, garde manger, nutritional cooking, a la carte, menu planning, internship, and sanitation certificate awarded by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. The Associate of Applied Science degree is awarded upon successful completion of the program. Students may enter the Food Service Management program autumn semester, and early application is encouraged.

Western Montana Chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF)

PO Box 7585
Missoula, MT 59803
(406) 243-6414
www.acfchefs.org/presidents_portal/ACFChapter.cfm?ChapterChoice=MT023

The American Culinary Federation (ACF), Inc., a professional, not-for-profit organization for chefs and cooks, was founded in 1929. The principal goal of ACF is to promote the professional image of American chefs worldwide through education among culinarians at all levels, from apprentices to the most accomplished certified master chefs.

The Chefs Collaborative

The Chefs Collaborative is a national network of restaurants, chefs and others who support sustainable cuisine by offering customers local, seasonal and organic food choices. With over 1,000 members throughout the U.S, the Collaborative provides the education and tools necessary for running economically healthy, sustainable food service businesses and making environmentally sound purchasing decisions.

For more information, visit their website at: www.chefscollaborative.org or call 617-236-5200. Here in Montana, contact Heather Hand or Eric Stenberg at the Savory Olive in Bozeman at 406-586-8320 to learn about their experiences buying local, sustainably produced food.

Diners' Guide to Local and Organic Food

Missoula has numerous restaurants that support and offer local (defined here as Montana) and/or organic food. They are listed in this section.



Bagels on Broadway

223 W. Broadway St. Missoula
(406) 728-8900

Offers local sprouts and salsa year-round.

Big Cup Cafe

425 S. Orange St. Missoula
(406) 541-2980

Offers assorted local and organic produce when available.

Big Sky Drive-In

1016 W. Broadway St. Missoula
(406) 549-5431

Offers local beef, assorted cheeses and ice cream year-round.

The Bridge

515 S. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 542-0638

Offers local jams, jellies, and pies year-round and assorted produce when available. Assorted organic meats and produce year-round.

Caffé Dolce

Southgate Mall, Missoula
(406) 549-4914

Offers assorted local and organic produce when available and all local dairy products year-round.

The Depot Restaurant and Bar

201 Railroad St. W. Missoula
(406) 728-7007

Offers local assorted meats, including beef and pork, and produce when available.

The Dinosaur Café at Charlie B's

428 N. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 549-2940

Offers local sprouts when available.

Doc's Gourmet Sandwich Express

214 N Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 542-7414

Offers local sprouts and other assorted produce when available.

Double Arrow Lodge

Mile Marker 12 Hwy 83. Seeley Lake
(406) 677-2777

Offers organic tomatoes and salad mix when available.

Elkstrom's Stage Station

Clinton, MT
(406) 825-3183

Offers local pork, beef, and organic garlic year-round.

The Fire Place

241 W. Main St, Missoula
(406) 728-2579

Offers local cheeses, flour, mushrooms, and other assorted produce when available. Organic meat, produce, dairy, and all other ingredients.

Food For Thought

540 Daly Ave. Missoula
(406) 721-6033

Offers local breads year-round; organic vegetables when available.

Front Street Pasta and Wraps

247 W. Front St. Missoula
(406) 728-6655

Offers local wheat noodles year-round and assorted vegetables when available.

The Good Food Store

1600 S. 3rd St. W., Missoula
(406) 541-3663

Offers local and organic produce and meats in deli and salad bar.

Hobnob Café

531 S. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 541-4622

Offers local produce and organic sprouts when available. Organic beef and corned beef year-round.

The Iron Horse Brew Pub

501 N. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 728-8866

Offers local eggs and sprouts and organic sprouts when available.

Johnny's Restaurant

450 W. Broadway St. Missoula
(406) 829-9742

Offers local bacon when available.

King Ranch Restaurant

17775 Mullan Rd. Frenchtown
(406) 626-4043

Offers local beef year-round; assorted produce and herbs when available.

Lisa's Pastry Pantry

2004 W. Sussex Ave. Missoula
(406) 543-0839

Offers local potatoes, flour, and other assorted produce when available.

MacKenzie River Pizza

137 W Front St., 4880 N. Reserve St. Missoula
(406) 721-0077, (406) 721-0099

Offers local pizza dough, dressings and sauces year-round.

Muralt's Café

8196 N.US Hwy 93. Missoula
(406) 728-8182

Offers local buffalo and beef year-round.

Nap's Grill

231 W. Front St. Missoula
(406) 829-1207

Offers local beef and mushrooms year-round.

Nara Korean Barbeque and Sushi

3075 N. Reserve St. Missoula
(406) 541-0731

Offers local desserts year-round.

The Old Post

103 W. Spruce St. Missoula
(406) 721-7399

Offers local assorted meats and desserts when available.

Paradise Falls

3621 Brooks St. Missoula
(406) 728-3228

Offers local sprouts year-round.

Perugia Old World Cooking

1106 W. Broadway St. Missoula
(406) 543-3757

Offers local mushrooms, salad mix, herbs, lamb, assorted organic vegetables, and wild salmon when available.

The Pickle Barrel

2325 S. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 543-1100

Offers local breads and sprouts year-round.

Pockets Sandwich Shop

1900 Brooks St. Missoula
(406) 549-5820

Offers local sprouts year-round.

Pop's Place

Hwy. 83 Seeley Lake
(406) 677-2970

Offers local huckleberries and bread year-round.

The Red Bird

120 W. Front St. Missoula
(406) 549-2906

Offers assorted local produce and bison, assorted organic produce and beef when available; fresh seafood year-round.

Romeo's Italian Restaurant

700 SW Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 721-1500

Offers local eggs year-round and steak when available.

Ruby's Café

2101 Regent St. Missoula
(406) 728-9890

Offers local pork products, dairy products, and breads when available.

Scotty's Table

529 S. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 549-2790

Offers assorted local meats and produce when available; lamb, sausage, and cheeses year-round. Organic lamb and kale year-round and assorted produce when available.

Sean Kelly's A Public House

130 W. Pine St. Missoula
(406) 542-1471

Offers local mushrooms when available.

Shadow's Keep

102 Ben Hogan Dr. Missoula
(406) 728-5132

Offers local salad greens and other produce when available. Organic beef and fresh seafood year-round and salad greens when available.

The Shack

222 W. Main St. Missoula
(406) 549-9903

Offers local asparagus and mushrooms when available and assorted meats, huckleberries, bread, and sprouts year-round. Organic asparagus, salad mix, and lettuce when available and yogurt year-round.

The Speakeasy

2241 McDonald Ave. Missoula
(406) 721-6129

Offers local mushrooms and other assorted produce when available.

Staggering Ox Sandwiches

1204 W. Kent Ave., 123 E. Main St. Missoula
(406) 542-2206, (406) 327-9400

Offers local ham and sprouts when available. Organic sundried tomatoes, corn chips and hummus year-round.

Sushi Hana

403 N. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 549-7979

Offers local shitake mushrooms year-round.

Swan Valley Café

6798 Hwy 83 Condon
(406) 754-3663

Offers local beef, eggs, wheat, and baked goods year-round. Organic assorted produce when available.

Tipu's Tiger East Indian Cuisine

531 S. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 549-0622

Offers local mushrooms year-round and other assorted vegetables when available. Organic assorted vegetables when available.

Two Sisters Café

127 W. Alder St. Missoula
(406) 327-8438

Offers local chicken and beef year-round and honey, cherries, apricots, eggs, and local dairy products when available. Organic meats, produce, and dairy when available.

Waterfront Pasta House

809 E. Front St. Missoula
(406) 549-8826

Offers local cheese and basil when available.

Zimorino's Red Pies Over Montana

424 N. Higgins Ave. Missoula
(406) 721-7757

Offers local lettuce and other assorted produce and meats when available.



Marketing and Business Development

Marketing and business development are necessary to build a successful agriculture or food-based business. Organizations listed in this section can provide assistance in developing and/or marketing food or farming-related business.



Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation

1121 E Broadway, Ste 100
Missoula, MT 59802
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maedc@maedc.org
www.maedc.org/

The Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDC) assists the region in developing a healthy, stable economy. The purpose is to create quality employment opportunities for area residents, diversify the region's economic base, and generally improve the economy by promoting activities and taking leadership positions on community issues that affect local economic development. MAEDC offers loan programs and other resources for starting a new business.

Missoula Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 7577
Missoula, MT 59807
(406) 543-6623
info@missoulachamber.com
www.missoulachamber.com

The Missoula Chamber of Commerce works through organized effort and leadership to create and nurture a favorable business and economic climate that includes the promotion of tourism in the Missoula area, thereby affording citizens the opportunity to make the Missoula area better place in which to live and visit. The Chamber of Commerce offers networking opportunities, a resource library, leadership development, and promotional opportunities that can be useful for businesses.

Missoula Downtown Association

225 1/2 W Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 543-4238
mda@missouladowntown.com
www.missouladowntown.com

The Missoula Downtown Association (MDA) is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to enhancing and promoting downtown Missoula. Its mission is to retain and promote downtown Missoula as Western Montana's center of business, culture and entertainment; provide a forum for mutual solutions to common problems downtown; encourage preservation and enhancement of the area's physical beauty; and create public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of Missoula's unique downtown. MDA plans events year-round to bring people to downtown businesses; is a political advocate for downtown businesses, and provides networking and marketing opportunities for its members.

Missoula Farmer's Market

PO Box 184
Stevensville, MT 59870
(406) 777-2636

Established in 1970, the Missoula Farmer's Market provides an outlet for local producers to sell their fresh produce, plants and baked goods to the Missoula community. The market runs from May until mid-October Tuesday evenings (5:30-7:30 pm) and Saturday mornings (9-noon) at Circle Square on Higgins Avenue in downtown Missoula.

Montana's Mission Mountain Market

PO Box 722
Ronan, MT 59664
(406) 676-0676
info@mt-missionmtnmrkt.com
www.mt-missionmtnmrkt.com

Montana's Mission Mountain Market is an economic development center dedicated to helping agricultural and specialty food producers. Mission Mountain Market is a Commercial Kitchen and Food Processing Center, as well as a Cooperative and Business Development Center. The specialty food producers have also formed a Marketing Association. It is a non-profit project of the Lake County Community Development Corporation located on Main Street in Ronan.

North Missoula Community Development Corporation (NMCDC)

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Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 829-0873
nmcdc@montana.com
www.nmcdc.org

The North Missoula Community Development Corporation is a neighborhood-based organization that fosters partnerships among residents and public, private, for profit, and non-profit organizations. These partnerships work to develop and implement projects and programs to promote neighborhood empowerment and revitalization. Projects are based on neighborhood self-determination, and are designed to nourish and expand community assets to promote neighborhood health. The NMCDC is currently working to establish Missoula's first cooperative food store and community kitchen.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

3550 Mullan, Ste 106
Missoula, MT 59808-5125
406-829-3395, ext. 4
www.rurdev.usda.gov/mt/RBS/rbs.htm

The USDA Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Service offers two programs to develop rural businesses. The Business Program works in partnership with the private sector and community-based organizations to provide financial assistance and business planning. The Cooperative Services Program promotes

understanding and use of the cooperative form of business as a viable organizational option for marketing and distributing agricultural products.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Montana Community Development Corporation
110 E Broadway, 2nd Floor
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 728-9234
sbdc@mtcdc.org
www.mtcdc.org/sbdc.html

The Montana Small Business Development Center focuses upon the creation and maintenance of viable micro and small businesses and the jobs these businesses provide in their local communities. With the assistance of the SBDC's full-time professional staff, Montana's entrepreneurs can develop or enhance the financial, managerial, and technical skills they need to succeed in today's highly competitive business world.

Sustainable Business Council - Missoula Area

PO Box 7991
Missoula, MT 59807
(406) 543-5323
info@sustainablebusinesscouncil.org
www.sustainablebusinesscouncil.org/

The Sustainable Business Council works to promote the economic benefits of a clean and healthful environment by educating businesses, organizations, and individuals about efficient resource use, and by facilitating the adoption of economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable business practices. To achieve this goal the Sustainable Business Council sponsors presentations and workshops; hosts a web site with a member listing and a materials exchange board; produces educational materials, and provides information services.