



Central Oregon Locavore Non-Profit

About the Indoor Farmers Marketplace

The marketplace is a walk-in establishment on NE 3rd Street near downtown Bend that is open seven days a week. The marketplace provides a place for local farmers, ranchers, food producers, and artisans to bring their products and for the general public to buy them. There are no exclusivity contracts, nor minimum ordering as in larger retail markets. We are an incubation market, meant to help farmers and food producers get started and succeed!

Mission Statement

Central Oregon Locavore promotes local food and farmers for the health of our community. We work for an ecologically stable and socially just food system in Central Oregon by improving access to fresh, nutrient-dense local food, educating the community about the benefits of sustainably produced food and supporting farmers and ranchers.

Vision

We envision a robust and diverse local food economy connecting consumers and producers, utilizing fair and sustainable practices, and cultivating food for the health and enjoyment of our community.

Values

Cultivate – experiencing the art of growing beautiful food in our region

- WWOLF
- Small Farmer Support Program
- Farmer-Chef Mixer

Educate – learning where local food comes from, how it can nourish us and what we can do to safeguard our precious agricultural land

- Farm Kids
- Locavore Food School
- Edible Adventure Crew
- Classes and community gatherings
- Action campaigns

Celebrate – enjoying the bounty of the harvest and acknowledge the hard work and love that made it possible

- Meet Your Farmer Dinners at local restaurants
- Farm to Table dinners

Principles

PRINCIPLE IS DEFINED AS A STANDARD OF MORAL OR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

Community that supports ethical growing and consumption of local food

- Deep and connected community that knows its farmers
- Grassroots organizations, institutions and government working together to make change for the better
- A model village functioning through intense collaboration, resource sharing and mutual support
- A community that nurtures good health, local food and conviviality

Healthy land, air, water

- Healthy soils and clean water now and in the future
- Conservation of all natural resources through good stewardship
- A foodscape ecosystem with closed, sustainable, biodynamic systems that work

Diverse and abundant locally grown food

- Diversity and high quality in crops and animals grown in Central Oregon
- Abundant locally grown food whose sales support the growers

Just and prosperous local economy

- Fair compensation and safe working conditions for all workers
- Stimulation and growth of the local economy by keeping dollars local
- Food security – locally produced food that can sustain the local populous
- Food access – all segments of our population enjoy locally produced food
- Growers make a fair-wage living, receive fair-market value for their products and are able to expand current operations to maximum capacity
- A prosperous local economy based on consumer preferences to buy local first, especially when it comes to food

Savvy consumers of food

- Consumers educated about the foods they are eating and the way it is produced
- A public that understands the link between local food and maximum nutrition.

Educational programs



WWOLF (Willing Workers on Local Farms) gathers ‘packs’ of volunteers from the community to spend a day working on a local farm. In exchange for helping out with farm chores and various projects, farmers prepare and share a meal with the volunteers that is made with their very own farm fresh products.



Edible Adventure Crew is an experiential program that provides the direct experience of harvesting and gleaned foods on local farms and sustainably gathering edible foods from the local wilderness. This program works to engage and educate participants about ways to preserve local foods to allow for yearlong seasonal food consumption including home preservation classes with gleaned foods and seasonal recipes.



Farm Kids! is an educational program that collaborates with teachers to educate school-aged children about where their food comes from through experiential, curriculum-based activities including fieldtrips to local farms and classroom presentations.



Meet Your Farmer is an organized dinner event attended by a chosen featured local farmer and held in a restaurant that prepares the meal using as many of the featured farmer’s products as possible, supplemented by other local ingredients. Attendees are treated to a presentation given by the featured farmer about his or her farm and products while they enjoy their meal.



Host for **Central Oregon Seed Exchange** where the public can procure locally grown vegetable, herb and flower seeds at minimal cost.



Small Farmer Support Program has as its mission to directly assist small farmers in growing their operations. Assistance with CSA marketing and distribution marketing, on the hoof meat sales and community education.