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**Rural Ecosystem Building and
Food Tourism**

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**Build an ecosystem with what you
have**



Experience
authentic local
foods,

Meet the
producers,

Participate in
food traditions
and culture

Experience local foods **Chestnuts roasted on an open fire in Portugal**





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Cooking classes

Columbiana, Ohio Lamppost Farms



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Food festivals



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Meet the producers
Farm stays [Farmstayus.com](https://www.farmstayus.com)
Bama Bison in Opelika, Alabama

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Foraging

Blue Boy Herbs Carriere MS



Enjoy the traditions **Activities paired with local food**



Crow provider, The Local

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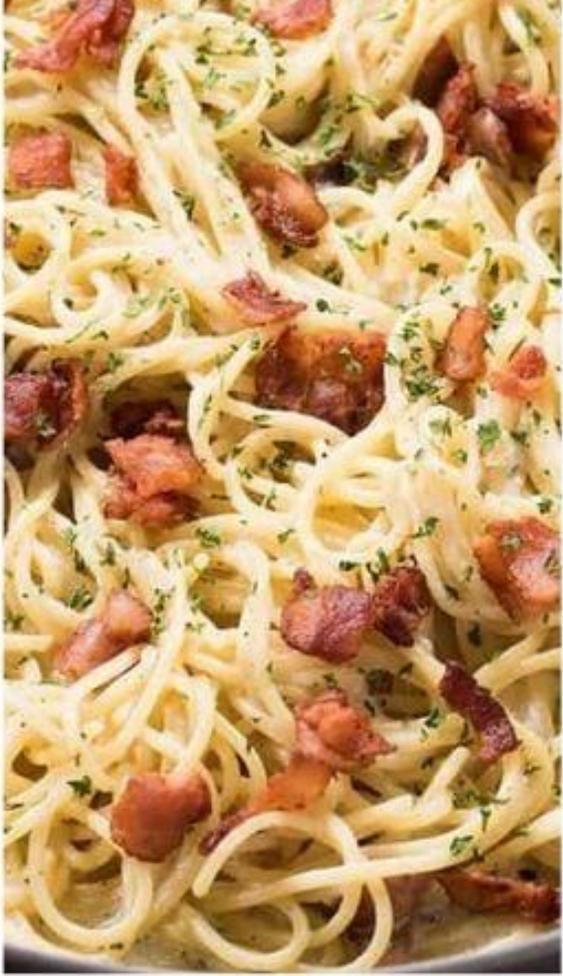
Expand food tourism

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<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/food-directories>



Local Food Directories

<https://www.localharvest.org/csa/>

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CSA
Community Supported Agriculture

Advantages for farmers:

Get to spend time marketing the food early in the year, before their 16 hour days in the field begin

Receive payment early in the season, which helps with the farm's cash flow

Have an opportunity to get to know the people who eat the food they grow

Advantages for consumers:

Eat ultra-fresh food, with all the flavor and vitamin benefits
Get exposed to new vegetables and new ways of cooking
Usually get to visit the farm at least once a season
Find that kids typically favor food from "their" farm - even
veggies they've never been known to eat
Develop a relationship with the farmer who grows their
food and learn more about how food is grown



Est. 2009

Robust, flexible sales and distribution software for farms, food hubs, and markets. **Get started today.**

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"Our goal is to weave ourselves into the fabric of the community, offering a diverse array of high-quality products, locally-sourced as often as possible" Kassi Blanchette shared.

Mineral Point Food Market

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Start small, support local and develop new businesses.

Innovative Rural Business Models





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Tiny
Temporary
Together
Traveling
Tech



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Tiny

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TOWNSEND
WINERY

NOTICE

YOU MUST BE
AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD
TO TASTE AND/OR PURCHASE WINE
HAVE YOUR PICTURE ID READY!
YOU HAVE TO HAVE BEEN BORN
BY TODAY'S DATE, 1994

Temporary





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Traveling

Farmhouse Market Proprietors, New Prague MN

Tech - Unmanned Grocery Stores



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Tech in a Tiny Town - Population 600

Sedgwick County in Kansas said Gardens in their community have helped reduce crime, increase exercise, and improve the health of gardeners.

Rural Tourism Starts Young

Why Education Matters

Keep Skilled

Existing FFA Program, 4-H

Public Speaking

Making clothes

Work with Hands

Auto Class

• Parents Awareness

• Extend what Program Offers

• Plumbing, carpentry, ~~etc~~ elec, etc. → specialty courses

— Start Apprenticeships → Make Connections

— Pride in Community, Boomerang Back

— Promote tech school, maybe have small scholarship

Crowd

- Parents

- Farmers

- Current

Tradespeople

- Local Builders & Businesses

- FFA/4-H

Alum

- Local Banks

Small Steps

Educate School Board on what NOT to cut. Alum can speak about the excitement/pride of creating

FFA/4-H

things.

IDEA Friendly You start with your big goal. You use that goal to build a plan. You use that plan to build a strategy. You use that strategy to build a solution.

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Big G going to Rutgers University.

Students who engage in school gardens show significant gains in overall grade point average, specifically in math and science.

Students expand their ways of thinking or habits of mind to include curiosity, flexibility, open-mindedness, informed skepticism, creativity, and critical thinking.

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Natural resources, land, outdoor recreation, location and tourism were the most common assets, mentioned in 64% of responses in 2023.

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