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Colorado Proud News & Events

Colorado Proud School Meal Day. The Colorado Departments of Agriculture and Education invite Colorado schools to participate in the annual Colorado Proud School Meal Day on Wednesday, September 12, 2012. Governor Hickenlooper has proclaimed September 12, 2012 as [Colorado Proud School Meal Day](#). This is a day to celebrate Colorado agriculture and to educate schoolchildren about healthy eating. Visit www.coloradoproud.org for resources to help you organize activities and plan meals featuring Colorado grown and processed products. Use the order form to request free materials or to request a chef to do a cooking demo at your school!

Farm to Table Dinner. The Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts is hosting the monthly ACF Colorado Chefs Association meeting at a farm in Lyons on September 24. Chefs are looking for Colorado Proud producers to partner with to create a meal featuring all local ingredients. This is an opportunity for you to showcase your products to chefs, restaurants and foodservice representatives. If you would like to work with a chef and participate in this event, please contact Joan Brewster at (303) 256-9405 or jbrewster@jwu.edu.

Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch List. The Fall Season is upon us and the Markets Division is currently updating the annual "Colorado Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch List" on our web site for the public and media. If you have a corn maze or pumpkin patch and would like to list, free of charge, please complete the [Colorado Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch Listing Form](#). If you need additional information, contact Loretta.Lopez@ag.state.co.us or call (303) 239-4115.

Calendar

September 7-9

[Colorado Fall Home Show](#), Denver

September 8

[San Luis Valley Potato Festival](#), Monte Vista

September 12

[Colorado Proud School Meal Day](#)

September 13-14

[Acidified Foods Class](#), New Mexico

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[Colorado Chef of the Year Contest Finals](#), Denver

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[Colorado Country Christmas Gift Show](#), Denver

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[Colorado Agriculture Big and Small Conference](#), Brighton

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**Colorado MarketMaker (CMM)
Business Spotlight:
SOURCE Local Foods**

By strengthening the connections between local farmers and local food buyers, we're working to create increased sales and market reach for local products, and easier access to fresh and nutritious foods for Colorado food buyers. SOURCE Local Foods is your connection to the freshest, locally grown and locally processed food in Colorado. We distribute all-local, natural, and organic produce, meats, cheeses, dairy, and more. We're focused on providing high-quality food, straight from the SOURCE, so our restaurant and grocery customers can focus on what matters most--their food, their menus, and their bottom line. Our food is available at restaurants and grocery stores in Colorado's Front Range and is sourced from producers throughout the state. You can see some of the businesses that SOURCE Local Foods, as well as some of the producers who supply them on the Local Sources page on our [website](#). [Learn more](#)

CMM features individual companies on our website in the "Business Spotlight" section. This is your opportunity to highlight your business and have a direct link to your CMM profile. [Click here for the form](#). If you have questions please contact Dawn Thilmany at (970) 491-7220 or e-mail thilmany@lamar.colostate.edu.

Annual Photography Contest Celebrates Colorado Agriculture. Even though summer is waning and fall is approaching, it is still a great time to snap a photo and enter the annual "Colorado...it's AgriCultural" photography contest. Colorado agriculture is evident everywhere and the 15th annual photography contest is seeking entries as a way to celebrate the state's agricultural heritage. Entries must be submitted to the Colorado Department of Agriculture with an official entry form by December 31, 2012. All photographs must be taken in the 2012 calendar year and must relate to Colorado agriculture in some way. Prizes will be awarded in five subject areas: agritourism, crops, livestock, people and open professional. Amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to enter, however, professionals may only enter agriculture-related photographs in the "open professional" category. Judging will be based on theme, creativity and technical quality. The photographer whose picture best depicts the "spirit" of Colorado agriculture will receive \$150, and category winners will receive a "Colorado...it's AgriCultural" prize pack. All winning photographs will be displayed in the Beede-Hamil Agriculture Building at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo. Visit www.coloradoagriculture.com/aginsights or call (303) 239-4119 for complete contest rules and an entry form. The contest is sponsored by the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the AgInsights Committee and Northeastern Junior College.

What's New? Out of 1,711 cheeses entered across 122 categories at the American Cheese Society Awards, [Haystack Mountain](#) emerged a major winner, with five cheeses placing in the top three. [MouCo Cheese Company](#) was also a top winner with a Gold for their "Ashley." If you have news to share, contact [Wendy](#) at (303) 239-4119.

Find Us on Facebook! "Like" the Colorado Department of Agriculture. We've created a Facebook page to help us

share important agricultural information. Please visit www.Facebook.com/coloradoag and click on "Like."

Colorado MarketMaker (CMM). To register your business visit www.comarketmaker.com and click on "Register." If you have questions, contact Loretta Lopez at Loretta.Lopez@ag.state.co.us or (303) 239-4115.

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Grants & Funding

Looking for Grants? Visit www.grants.gov.

Know Your Farmer. Know Your Food. Visit www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer for information about grants and loans.

Apply for Export-Promotion Grant. The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) is now accepting applications for the Colorado Export Development Grant (CEDG). Grantees receive up to \$4,500 per company on a reimbursement basis to offset the costs of such activities as business-to-business matchmaking services; translation of business-specific conversations, marketing materials and/or website; travel expenses (airfare/hotel) incurred to meet with potential buyers/distributors; and trade show exhibition and/or attendance. Application deadline is September 14, 2012. For more information contact Stephanie Dybsky at stephanie.dybsky@state.co.us or (303) 892-3840 or this [link to the grant application](#).

USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Help Agricultural Producers Bring Increased Value to Their Products. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack invites agricultural producers to apply for grants to increase the value of their products. Applicants have until October 15, 2012 to apply. USDA Rural Development is making up to \$14 million in grants available for projects that help farmers and ranchers produce bio-based products from agricultural commodities. The grants, which are competitively awarded, are available for planning activities or for working capital expenses, but not for both. The maximum grant amount is \$100,000 for planning grants and \$300,000 for working capital grants. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities and increasing producer income are the goals of the VAPG program. Businesses of all sizes are encouraged to apply, but priority will be given to operators of small and medium-sized farms or ranches that are structured as family farms, beginning farmers or ranchers, or those owned by socially-disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. Grants are available for projects up to 36 months in duration. For more information visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html.

NRCS Announcing Grants to Help Farmers, Ranchers Adapt to Drought. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the availability of up to \$5 million in grants to evaluate and demonstrate agricultural practices that help farmers and ranchers adapt to drought. NRCS is taking applications for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to help producers build resiliency into their production systems so they can adapt to climatic extremes, such as the historic drought impacting the nation. NRCS is offering the grants to partnering entities to evaluate innovative, field-based conservation technologies and approaches. These technologies and/or approaches should lead to improvements such as enhancing the water-holding capacity in soils and installing drought-tolerant grazing systems, which will help farms and ranches become more resilient to drought. Grant applications are due October 15, 2012. Private individuals, Tribes, local and state governments and non-governmental organizations can apply. Funds will be awarded through a competitive grants process for projects lasting for one to three years. Apply electronically at www.grants.gov or contact the NRCS National CIG office at (703) 235-8065.

Rocky Mountain Audio Video Productions Invites Applications for Video Marketing Grants up to \$5,000. Director of Sales & Marketing Mark Walker announced that applications are being accepted for grants to provide video production assistance to independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups and others associated with Colorado Proud. This 2012 Video Marketing Grant Program is offered for a limited time with a limited number of grants available. There are additional low-cost video production programs available to those who may not qualify for grants. For more details about eligibility and application procedures, call or e-mail Mark at (303) 730-1100 or mark@rmavp.com.

Colorado Enterprise Fund. The Colorado Enterprise Fund was founded in 1976 as a non-profit lending source specializing in loans up to \$250,000 to support small business. Many small businesses that are not able to receive traditional bank financing can get support through CEF. For more information, visit www.coloradoenterprisefund.org.

Colorado Strategic Fund. The Strategic Fund provides a commitment for a performance-based incentive payment to qualifying companies that have created net new jobs paying above average wages that have met other requirements. The program is designed to support and encourage new business development, business expansions and relocations that have generated new jobs throughout the state. [Click here](#) for more information.

New Funds For SNAP Benefits. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is encouraging an increase in domestic consumption of agricultural commodities, fruits, vegetables and other foods by expanding direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples include farmers markets, roadside stands, and other direct producer-to-consumer market infrastructures. The Colorado Department of Human Services, EBTS program (food stamps) is working with the Colorado Farmers' Market Association to identify and certify new farmers' markets and producers across the state of Colorado to accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. The USDA/FNS has made funds available to the states to cover all of the expenses involved with the lease of wireless Point of Sale (POS) devices required for markets to accept the Colorado EBT card. With this funding, the Colorado EBT program will pay for the monthly lease of the POS device, as well as the monthly communication fee. In order to participate, markets and/or producers must be FNS certified. The certification process is relatively simple. CFMA will provide a "How To Implement SNAP at Your Farmers Market" CD, market SNAP currency, and one to one technical assistance if needed. For more information, e-mail any of the following individuals at the addresses linked to their names: [Trish Heese](#), [Scott Barnette](#) or [Cynthia Torres](#).

Financial Assistance Available for Organic Certification. The United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, has entered in to a cooperative agreement with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, to distribute cost-share reimbursements to organic producers and handlers. In order to qualify for this year's reimbursement producers and handlers must have received certification or continuation of certification by a USDA accredited certifying agent commencing October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. Under the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, cost share assistance payments are limited to 75 percent of an individual producer's or handler's certification costs up to a maximum of \$750.00 per year per category of certification. These funds will be distributed until exhausted on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for submitting application is October 31, 2012. Applications for the reimbursements should be submitted after your certification process is complete and all fees have been paid. Proof of certification and certification fees paid must be submitted with your application. CDA is accredited by the USDA as an organic state certifier under the National Organic Program and currently certifies approximately 185 Colorado facilities. Producers and handlers who use other certifying agencies may still qualify for this cost-share program but must contact CDA for the appropriate forms. For copies of the cost assistance forms, visit www.colorado.gov/ag/dpi or call Barbara Rosenbach at (303) 239-4139.

Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (WSARE). Offers a variety of grant programs. Application information can be found at <http://www.westernsare.org/Grants>. For more information contact Dennis Lamm at (970) 491-2074 or Dennis.Lamm@colostate.edu.

USDA Rural Development Programs. The vision of USDA Rural Development is "a rural America that is a healthy, safe and prosperous place to live and work" and its mission is "to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans." Rural Development helps communities meet their basic needs by building water and waste water systems, financing decent, affordable housing, supporting electric power and rural businesses, including cooperatives and supporting community development with information and technical assistance. Colorado Rural Development made grants, loans, and loan guarantees for over \$506 million in Fiscal Year 2011 for community facilities, rural businesses, renewable energy, and value added agriculture. For information regarding USDA Rural Development's grant and loan programs, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/co/>.

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9/11 Freedom Rally. Colorado Charity Alliance is a nonprofit organization that supports Colorado's military and first responder communities. Their signature event is the 9/11 Freedom Rally which is a family friendly public festival to raise funds and awareness for those groups as well as other nonprofits working within their mission. This year's Rally is September 7-9 at Arapahoe Park Racetrack in Aurora. Because the organization supports Colorado, and all funds stay within the state, it is important to promote Colorado businesses and programs. Booth space and sponsorships are available to Colorado Proud companies. More information is available at www.911FreedomRally.org or by contacting Michelle Mallin at (303) 843-6200 or michelle@911freedomrally.org.

Celebrate Fall Family Fun at CALF's Harvest Day. Pumpkins, crazy gourds, carriage rides, and games are just a few of the time honored fall harvest traditions and old-fashioned family fun that will be celebrated at Colorado Agriculture Leadership Foundation's Lowell Ranch on Plum Creek in Castle Rock on Saturday, October 15. Everyone is welcome between 10 am and 3:00 pm to stroll the grounds, pet farm animals, pick out pumpkins, paint gourds, go on a treasure hunt, select fresh produce from the gardens, and view the various educational demonstrations and agricultural booths. While the hayrides, carriage rides, pumpkins and other activities are available for a nominal fee, which helps support CALF's mission of Connecting People to Agriculture, admission to Harvest Day is free courtesy of Medved Castle Rock -- Douglas County's full service dealership and community partner. For more information visit www.thecalf.org.

"Colorado Proud Pavilion" at the Denver Home Show. The Denver Home Show at the National Western Complex on March 15-17, 2013, invites members of Colorado Proud to exhibit at the discounted rate of \$500 per 10'x10' booth (a 50% discount!). An exhibitor listing online will be mandatory for Colorado Proud participants and the additional cost for that service is \$59.00. It is a live link on the Denver Home Show website that will directly link to the business e-mail and/or website. If interested in exhibiting your products to thousands of consumers at the Denver Home Show contact Laura Martin at (512) 248-2088 or e-mail LauraM@marketplaceEvents.com. The deadline to reserve space is November 15, 2012.

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Other News and Opportunities

Western Conference of Weights and Measures. The Colorado Department of Agriculture Inspection & Consumer Services Division is hosting this annual conference. Representatives from western states will be in Breckenridge, September 16-18. Event organizers are looking for Colorado Proud goodies to include in attendee gift bags. If you are interested in providing gift bag treats or if you would like to feature food and beverages in the hospitality room, please contact Steve Bornmann at (303) 867-9202 or Steve.Bornmann@ag.state.co.us. We'd love to feature Colorado products at the event.

City of Denver's JumpStart Biz Plan Awards to Honor Best in Small Business. The Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) will honor the best and brightest ideas in small business this fall through its first ever JumpStart Biz Plan Awards. The program will recognize the top ten start-up and early-stage business plan finalists with tools to help their businesses thrive in Denver. The grand prize includes a \$50,000 cash award, one year of office space at Galvanize's G1.0 building, 35 hours of legal counsel provided by Polsinelli Shughart, 60 hours of tax/accounting services provided by Deloitte, 60 hours of strategic marketing services from Dovetail Solutions, and social media consulting from WideFoc.us. Identified as a key strategic initiative in OED's JumpStart 2012 strategic plan, the awards program is open to start-up businesses and established businesses with up to 25 employees that have been in operation for up to five years. Applicant businesses must reside or have plans to reside in Denver. The Awards program is open to the first 150 entries. Applications are being accepted now through September 14, 2012, or until 150 entries have been received. Winners will be announced during Denver Startup Week, October 22-26, 2012, in coordination with the Downtown Denver Partnership and the Colorado Technology Association. For more information or to apply, visit www.denvergov.org/business.

How to Find the Right License and Permit for Your New Business. Starting a business? Confused about whether you need a business license or permit? [Read more](#) for an overview of the process of obtaining a license or permit for your new business. For information specific to Colorado, visit www.cofarmtomarket.com.

Farmers' Market Price Reporting. Visit <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/ABM/marketreports.htm>. Price reports from last farmers' market season may be useful to producers for the current season.

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Farm to School Update

Know Your Farmer. Know Your Food. Compass. Have you seen USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Compass (<http://www.usda.gov/documents/KYFCompass.pdf>)? The Compass acts as a portal to USDA investments in local and regional food systems and highlights support for farm to school initiatives.

National Farm to School Month. October is National Farm to School Month! The Colorado Farm to School Task Force will be launching its new website next month to help schools, producers and communities get connected with Farm to School efforts. Look for the big announcement in October!

Update Your Colorado MarketMaker Profile to Include Farm to School! Good News! Colorado MarketMaker has added all things "Farm to School" as one of the BUYER categories, now making it possible for producers to find schools wanting to source locally! Go to [Colorado MarketMaker](#) and click on "Register Your Business." Click "Register" and select "Buyer" from the drop down menu. Click the tab "Institutional" and select all categories that you want to have in your profile. Now producers can find schools! And while you're at the Colorado MarketMaker site, go ahead and search for producers that are interested in selling to schools. Or look for producers in your area or Colorado and even if they don't indicate farm to school on their profile, go ahead and contact them. The farm to school designation for sellers, like buyers, is new so many producers may not know it can be added. Who knows, you might make their day when they learn your school or school district would like to buy their produce! **Producers:** be sure to update your profile to include "Farm to School" under methods of sale. It is free and easy to update your profile. Visit www.comarketmaker.com, click on "log in" and use your username and password to access you profile and make changes.

Farm to School Webinar Series. If you want to learn more about this exciting series, visit http://www.coloradofarmtoschool.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=62&Itemid=70.

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Workshops, Seminars and Training

10th Annual Southwest Marketing Network Conference. September 16-18, 2012 Rio Rico, AZ. The Border Food Summit will focus on issues affecting the many cultures which live along the U.S./Mexico border. Learn, share, and examine the barriers and success stories in the region that are working to advance border food production, food security, and food equity. Sessions will explore childhood food insecurity and human health, land health, community economic health, production and distribution marketing of foods grown in the region. Registration is now open. Visit the [conference page](#) for more information. For more information contact [Jim Dyer](#), (970) 588-2292.

Small Farm Conference. The National Small Farm Conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, September 18-20, 2012 at the Memphis Cook Convention Center. This conference is supported by USDA Agencies and hosted by Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee. The theme of the conference is "Promoting the Successes of Small Farmers and Ranchers" The conference website is www.tnstate.edu/smallfarmconference.

Southwest Lavender Conference. The Lavender Association of Western Colorado is proud to announce its speaker line-up for the upcoming Southwest Lavender Conference – Beyond the Basics. There will also be guided motor coach tour of area lavender farms on Sunday, September 30, 2012. The conference will be held at Two Rivers Convention Center in downtown Grand Junction, Colorado September 28-30, 2012. Visit www.coloradolavender.org for more information or to register for this informative conference.

Colorado Building Farmers and Ranchers Program. Colorado State University Larimer County Extension, Be Local Northern Colorado and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture will sponsor the Colorado Building Farmers and Ranchers Program in Larimer County this fall. The goals of the program are to build business management skills among those interested in entering into production agriculture or expanding into new markets, and to increase networking and community capacity among new and existing farmers. The nine week program will be held on Thursday evenings beginning October 11, 2012, at the CSU Larimer County Extension office. Classes are from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with dinner and networking from 5:30 to 6:15, followed by interactive classroom presentations and discussion. At the end of the program, participants will have developed a business plan for their own agricultural business. The program thrives with participation from farmers and ranchers of all experience levels. The cost of the program is \$200 for new and intermediate farmers and ranchers. The cost includes dinner and materials. Experienced farmers and ranchers can attend all nine sessions for \$120, including dinner, or \$25 per class. Registration deadline is September 7, 2012. More information is available online at <http://www.larimer.org/ext>.

New Food Handlers Training Offered. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is offering an online training for food handlers. By taking this training, food handlers will learn the basics of safe food handling in the workplace as they are presented with activities that will allow them to respond to scenarios they may encounter in the workplace. The fee is \$10.00 and the training can be accessed at <http://www.statefoodsafety.com/products/colorado/state-of-colorado>.

Better Process Control School Now Available Online. Registrants for the online class must be within the U.S. to be eligible, due to FDA requirements for this online course. The material covered in this course is the same material (16 chapters) that is covered in the in-person course. The course is meant to be taken on demand (there is no start and end date), but it must be completed in 3 months of receiving your login invitation after registering. The cost is \$400. Registration is by credit card only. Visit http://www.fruitandvegetable.ucdavis.edu/Cooperative_Extension_Short_Courses/Better_Process_Control_School_Online/ for more information. After you register, a course textbook will be mailed to your registration address so you can study. You will be sent an invitation to log into the site after that, and you'll have 3 months to complete the exams. E-mail Zann Gates at zgates@ucdavis.edu for any procedural and logistics questions, and Dr. Diane Barrett at dmbarrett@ucdavis.edu for technical questions.

Food Preservation Workshops. Arapahoe and Boulder County Extension Offices are hosting a series of workshops including Food Preservation Review, James, Jellies and Fruit Preserves, Canning Basics, Fermenting Foods and Mastering High Altitude Cooking. For dates and more information, visit <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/arapahoe/>.

Workshop Resources. There are a variety of local organizations that host business workshops. Be sure to visit the following sites for great information and event calendars.

Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA): www.arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org

Aurora Business Development Center: www.aurorabdc.com

Colorado Small Business Administration: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3104>

Colorado Small Business Development Center Networks: www.coloradosbdc.org

Denver Metro Small Business Development Center: www.denversbdc.org

Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute: www.rmmfi.org

SCORE: www.score.org

The Food Processing Center-University of Nebraska, Lincoln, www.fpc.unl.edu/workshops

New Mexico State University Better Process Control School, <http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/foodtech/better-process-control-s.html>

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Classifieds

If you have information you would like to include in the "Classifieds," please send a short paragraph to Wendy at Wendy.White@ag.state.co.us by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Ads will be removed after two months.

Service Guide. Looking for label printers or a graphic designer? How about a web development company or food consultant? Be sure to visit the [Colorado Proud Service Guide](#) for a helpful list of contacts.

Local Product Distribution. SOURCE Local Foods, launched earlier this year, is delivering convenience, efficiency and value to restaurants and grocers seeking great Colorado-grown and Colorado-processed foods! They distribute for Colorado growers and value-added producers and also provide delivery services to food companies that have developed their own marketing relationships with grocers and restaurants in the area. SOURCE focuses on AMAZING PRODUCTS, OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND HAPPY CHEFS AND GROCERY BUYERS!!! Through September 15, SOURCE is offering a 2-week free trial for delivery services for Colorado food producers who are interested in trying the company's efficient, convenient delivery service (currently delivering to: Whole Foods, Vitamin Cottage, Tony's Markets, Alfalfa's, Lucky's Market and restaurants throughout the Front Range). Here's what one of their delivery services customers, Willow King of Esoteric Foods' Zuke products has to say about working with SOURCE: "Source Local Foods has really given our growing business a boost. They are an energetic, dedicated team and they have helped us with logistics, connections, promotion and just general inspiration." For more information visit www.sourcelocalfoods.com.

Walk-in Freezer For Sale. This is a -20 degree freezer running on 3 redundant compressors for failsafe operation. It is up and running now for inspection. Outside dimensions are 18' wide x47' long x11' high. It has an interior wall so it can be used as a cooler on one side and freezer on the other, or split apart in to 2 totally separate units. Price is \$10,000 and you move it from Boulder. Call Scott at (720) 270-6688.

Farmers' Market Needs Vendors. The Black Forest Farmer's Market begins August 4, and runs every Saturday through September as long as the weather holds. The charge for a 10'x10' site is \$20 payable the first day at the market. Set up starts at 7:30am, working hours 9am-2pm, at the First Baptist Church parking lot, 10915 Black Forest Rd. This is a beautiful paved parking lot, no stakes allowed. Please bring your own shade cover with weights. We will have signs at all the major intersections in Black Forest. Please contact Patti at (719) 433-3936 to reserve your space.



Employment Opportunity. Friends Trading Company is a fast paced food processing company. We grow and package Organic and Conventional Sprouts and Micro-greens. We have an immediate full time opening for an employee whose primary focus will be working with our Operations Manager to maintain the many facets of our Food Safety Program. These facets will include duties such as:

- Preparing samples and paperwork for our testing programs.
- Collating all results from the testing performed.
- Organizing all documentation
- “Trending” lab results and making necessary changes to program
- Updating Checklists as needed
- Management of Records- HACCP, Traceability, Seeding and Testing, etc

In addition to the Food Safety aspect there will be some Administrative Assistant duties. These may include: invoicing customers, data transfer, inventory tracking, receiving goods, and office maintenance. The perfect candidate will have a working knowledge of Excel, Word, Internet experience, have an eye for detail, possess good organizational skills, and be very much a team player. Previous food safety/processing experience is a plus, but we will train the right applicant. Compensation between \$11 and \$13 per hour based on experience. For more information e-mail info@friendstradingcompany.com or call (303) 424-8142.

Looking for Kitchen Space or a Co-Packer? Visit the [Colorado Co-Pack Directory](#) online. New kitchens added!

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