

## Connecting, Strengthening and Scaling Food Supply Chains in the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Region

The Northwest and Rocky Mountain USDA Regional Food Business Center is working in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming to support and grow farm, ranch and food businesses, as well as broader food supply chain enterprises. Center activities include:

- Developing, delivering and evaluating technical assistance programs, curricula and one-on-one business support;
- Building capacity through direct investments via grantmaking in projects, as well as professional development for regional food system leaders and innovators; and
- Serving as a state/regional hub for federal grants and programs and coordinating partnerships across diverse organizations and regional initiatives.

Priorities for small and mid-sized farm and food businesses participating in local and regional food sectors:

- Supporting animal protein supply chains that respond more nimbly to changes in demand or supply
- Assisting food entrepreneurs in successfully entering local, regional or national markets
- Expanding and diversifying markets for climate resilient agricultural products
- Supporting right-sized, appropriately targeted investment in food value chain infrastructure to enhance business success and long-term viability

The Northwest and Rocky Mountain USDA Regional Food Business Center is co-led by Colorado State University and Oregon State University, in coordination with Tahoma Peak Solutions, Network of Incubators and Community Kitchens, Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Luna Bird, Food Corridor, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Agriculture, OSU Food Innovation Center, Oregon Community Food Systems Network and Oregon Food Hub Network, University of Idaho, Idaho Department of Agriculture, FARE Idaho, Sun Valley Institute, Arrowleaf Consulting Group, Montana Department of Agriculture, Montana State University, Washington State University, Washington State Department of Agriculture, University of Wyoming, and Central Wyoming College.

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