

Who Grows Your Food?

Question: If you drew a picture of a farmer, what would the farmer look like?

Is your picture like the one to the right—a man with a cowboy hat and coveralls sitting on a tractor?

No matter where we live, we all need farmers to help us get our food. But there are many different kinds of people involved in getting us food to eat. They don't all look like this picture.

Here's a farmer joke--
Why did the farmer bury all his money in the ground?
Answer: He wanted to make the soil rich!

E-mail me your own drawing of a farmer to
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What do you know about farmers?

A farmer is a person that raises living things for food or materials. Farmers usually raise field crops, orchards, vineyards, poultry, or other livestock. A farmer might own the farmed land or might work as a laborer on land owned by others.

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In the 1800's a farmer grew enough food each year to feed 3-5 people; now one US farm feeds about 165 people.

- How many farmers are there in the United States?

In the 1800's about 90 percent of people lived on farms; now only about 2 percent are farmers.

- List all the different people that work on the farm.

Workers to prepare the ground, plant, harvest, water, care for animals, inspect crops, supervise people, repair equipment, pay bills and more.



Let's Meet a Few Local Farmers



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**Kent Simons
Simple Gifts
Farm**

Putting a Face to the Farm

Simple Gifts Farm

Founded in 2015, Simple Gifts Farm is located in Klamath Falls and run by Kent and Kay Simons. They grow 30+ types of veggies using organic and natural methods. You can find their produce at the Klamath Falls Farmers Market, online at KFOM, or subscribe to their CSA box.



Simple Gifts Farm



**Rhone Boyle-
Wasoski
Edible Earth
Farms**



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EDIBLEARTH Farms

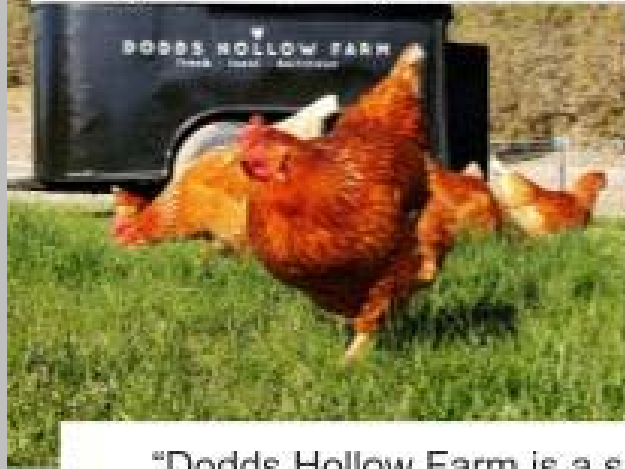
Established in 2002 by Rhone Boyle-Wasoski and Joe Wasoski, EDIBLEARTH Farms uses 100% natural, pesticide and herbicide-free practices to produce a variety of items. These include gourmet salad mixes, specialty greens, tomatoes, peas, jams and preserves made with local honey, and much more. Their farm is located at an elevation of 5,000 feet in Beatty, OR. They also have a farm stand in Bly and a store location at 107 N 9th Street in downtown Klamath Falls.



Rachel Bentley Dodds Hollow Farm

Putting a Face to the Farm

I am Rachel Bentley. I started Dodds Hollow Farm in 2018 with my husband Thomas, and sons Conrad and Clifford. I grew up in Merrill, Oregon on my family's farm and am fortunate enough to be living across the road from my childhood home. I absolutely love it here. There's nowhere I would rather be living and working.



"Dodds Hollow Farm is a small market farm in the making. We are located just a few miles outside of Merrill, Oregon. We grow a variety of vegetables using organic practices and raise pastured poultry for eggs. We offer our produce and eggs in our self-serve farmstand and at the Klamath Falls Farmer's Market."

Try a sample that features Turnips from Dodds Hollow Farm today!

Katie Swanson Sweet Union Farm

Putting a Face to the Farm
**KATIE SWANSON FROM
SWEET UNION FARM**



Katie is a native Oregonian and before farming full time, she worked as a high school teacher, but her love for farming budded long before. She believes growing good food and making it accessible while taking care of the land is the best thing she can do for her community.

**“At Sweet Union Farm,
Vegetables are Beautiful,
Land is Respected and
Community is Strong”**

Sweet Union Farm is a small, diversified vegetable farm in Klamath Falls, OR, growing on just a third of an acre! Katie is passionate about connecting people with their food and providing CSA customers fresh and delicious vegetables.

Check our Veg out!



sweetunionfarm.com



More about local Farmers

- Visit Farmers Markets including Klamath Falls Farmers Market
Saturdays 9 am – 1:30 pm (June-October)
9th Street between Main and Klamath Streets
- Visit Klamath Falls online Farmers Market at <https://www.kfom.org/>



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