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## FIND OUT WHERE THE STEAK AND POTATOES YOU'RE EATING CAME FROM

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This Agricultural Tour is recommended for travelers taking it slow. Follow a hunch, even if it's dawdling down an old dirt road; the Gallatin Valley and surrounding area are exploding with treasures. Explore our hard-earned agricultural past and then discover the rich results of our present.

No story of Montana can be told without first acknowledging the family farm, which is the focus of this tour. The Homestead Act of 1862 ushered in a period of small farm and ranch growth bringing people who struggled against the odds to reap rewards. An influx from the eastern United States, Dutch and Scandinavians were only a few who undertook the challenge. They came from near and far, wealthy and poor. Even single women filed homestead claims in the struggle to advance themselves and "prove up". Life was tough at times, but the future promised good return.

Today, farms and ranches are larger but the numbers are dwindling. Bad years still follow good. Repeated cycles of boom and bust, rain and drought, and government fiscal policy continue to ebb and flow through everyday life in rural Montana. With an eye focused on the past, the Montana farmer is taking on the future. A ranch that raises beef, sheep, hay and wheat while keeping a milk cow proves to provide a diversified product. This diversification is an important business tool to stay afloat while so many farms go under.

Check out Bozeman's growing selection of fine restaurants. Menus resonate with fresh local ingredients and vivid flavor unique to our valley. Be sure to make time for one of four local farmers' markets, sampling the wares, culinary and otherwise. And for the hearty voyageurs in your group we suggest the *Farm Hands* free map, *Flathead Farms and Fresh Food*, as a welcome additive to your Montana vacation.



Sheep and wagon, L. A. Huffman photo, c. 1890



A new wave of Homesteaders, Doug Loneman photo



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## A TASTY EDUCATION IN LOCAL CULTURE

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Today's farmers' market is a far cry from those of the past, and from the chain supermarkets that are now commonplace across the nation.

The Montana Department of Agriculture, with local grassroots support, established guidelines for farmers' markets across the state in 1977. The basic rule: you have to grow it or produce it to sell it.

Interest in supporting native grown, self-sustained agricultural produce spurred the development of the Montana farmers' market. Equally important is the fact that it is a place to see and be seen. Live music, arts and crafts and a laid-back western vibe give even the casual observer reason to pause, enjoy and socialize.

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## FARMERS' MARKETS

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Bogert Farmers' Market  
Bogert Park, Bozeman  
June-September  
Saturday • 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Gallatin Gateway Farmers' Market  
Gallatin Gateway Inn, Highway 191  
July-September  
Tuesday • 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market  
Fairgrounds, Bozeman  
July-September  
Saturday • 9:00 am - 12 noon

Livingston Farmers' Market  
Sacajawea Park, Livingston  
June-September  
Wednesday • 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

# GALLATIN VALLEY AGRICULTURAL TOUR MAP



## FARM & RANCH LISTING

- 1 Reese Creek Tree Farm
- 2 Bridger Outfitters
- 3 Cook Ranches
- 4 Milesnick Recreation
- 5 Thirteen Mile Lamb and Wool Co.
- 6 Duncan Farm
- 7 Kamps Seed Farm, LLC
- 8 Amaltheia Dairy, LLC
- 9 Montana Hunting Company
- 10 Ferry Creek Ranch
- 11 Mission Ranch, Inc.
- 12 Sterling's Lamb

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## GALLATIN VALLEY FARM & RANCH DESTINATIONS

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- 8** **AMALTHEIA DAIRY LLC**  
Melvyn Brown • 3380 Penwell Br Rd • Belgrade  
(406)388-5950 • mbamaltheia@aol.com  
280 goats produce 150 gallons of goat milk utilized in the daily creation of 6 gourmet goat cheeses at Amaltheia Dairy in Belgrade. The Chevre, Feta and Ricotta cheeses have garnered numerous awards, as well as being featured ingredients in many of the Gallatin Valley's finest eateries. Visitors are welcome to tour our facility. Please call to confirm tour times.
- 2** **BRIDGER OUTFITTERS**  
Dave Warwood • 15100 Rocky Mountain Road  
Belgrade • (406)388-4463 • bridgerfun@aol.com  
An updated version of how the West really was. From guided horse rides in the Bridger Mountains and evening chuckwagon cookouts to guided big game hunts. Since 1882, this family-owned ranch offers something for every adventure-seeker in your party. Cabin rentals and RV park on-site. Please call for inquiries or reservations.
- 3** **COOK RANCHES**  
Brian Goldhahn • 3211 Reese Creek Road  
Belgrade • (406)388-6646 • bgoldhahn@imt.net  
Certified organic hay, grain, beef. Cabin rental and fishing also available. Call to set up a tour.
- 6** **DUNCAN FARM  
HOMESTEAD BEEF**  
Richard and Susan Duncan  
1050 Thorpe Road • Belgrade • (406)388-1809  
A contemporary homestead, established in 1976, Duncan Farm features a herd of Irish Dexter Cattle - the world's smallest breed. As meat, milk or draft animals, Dexters are perfect for small families on small acreages. Grass-fed locker beef, breeding stock, and farm tours available by appointment.
- 10** **FERRY CREEK RANCH**  
Rob Forstenzer • 177 Old Clyde Park Road  
Livingston • (406)222-4835  
rob@montanagrasslandsbeef.com  
This 560-acre family ranch is located on the Yellowstone River, two miles north of Livingston. As a testament to being one of Montana's oldest operating ranches, many of Ferry Creek Ranch's original buildings are on the National Historic Trust Register. The Ranch raises grass-finished, certified organic Galloway beef. Beef can be purchased at the ranch and delivery is available to Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls and Missoula. The Granary, a charming two bedroom cottage is also available for rent. Visitors to the ranch are welcome by appointment.
- 7** **KAMPS SEED FARM, LLC.**  
Kari Kamps • 3270 Lee Road  
Manhattan • (406)282-7471  
These 3rd and 4th generation farmers specialize in grain and potato production. Potatoes are available in 5, 10, 20 or 50 lb packs. Visitors are welcome, Monday - Saturday, please call first.
- 4** **MILESNICK RECREATION**  
Tom Milesnick • 5805 Dry Creek Road  
Belgrade • (406)388-4180  
info@milesnickrecreation.com  
The Milesnick Ranch, located north of Belgrade, has been family operated since 1936. The ranch's primary focus is on raising cattle and producing various grains. A special emphasis is placed on preserving the integrity of the land, water, fisheries and wildlife. Excellent Spring Creek fishing is offered but requires advance reservations. Please call for tour opportunities.
- 11** **MISSION RANCH INC**  
Doug Ensign • 10 Mission Creek Road  
Livingston • (406)222-5972 • missionranchbb@aol.com  
The land where Mission Ranch now stands was the site of Fort Parker, where a treaty was signed in 1868, establishing the Crow Indian Reservation. The original Crow Agency was housed here as well. At the beginning of the 1900's the ranch served as a dairy farm and has been utilized for sheep grazing. Presently, a cow-calf operation, the ranch also houses a bed and breakfast. Historical sites, outdoor recreation and ranch tours are all within close proximity. Please call with tour inquiries. Visitors welcome.
- 9** **MONTANA HUNTING COMPANY**  
Susan Thompson • PO Box 478 • Gallatin Gateway  
(406)763-4235 • raoutfitting@aol.com  
This 113,593 acre ranch is a working model for restoring native species to a broad swath of superb natural habitat. Think of it as a convergence of the old and new West. Grass fed bison meat is also available. This lean, tender, all-natural meat is inspected, professionally processed, packaged and available for pickup in the Bozeman area, or can be shipped via air freight. Visitors are welcome.
- 1** **REESE CREEK TREE FARM**  
John Van Dyke • 1000 Reese Creek Road • Belgrade  
(406)580-0755 or (406)388-0813 • jevd@msn.com  
A must-stop on any tree-loving vacation itinerary, this farm grows over 50,000 trees, including a wide variety of deciduous and conifers. An experienced planting crew is on-site to assist or answer any questions you may have. A fully stocked retail yard, with delivery service is open March - July 8 am - 6 pm. Please call for an appointment.
- 12** **STERLING'S LAMB**  
Colette Stewart • 170 Old Clyde Park Rd  
PO Box 51 • Livingston • (406)222-7219  
Natural lamb frozen meat cuts- chops, racks, ground, stew, boneless legs and other cuts are available all at reasonable prices. Please call for a price list and to place orders. Delivery available.
- 5** **THIRTEEN MILE LAMB AND WOOL CO.**  
Becky Weed or Dave Tyler • 1300 Springhill Road  
Belgrade • (406)388-4945 • becky@lambandwool.com  
Sells lamb and a limited beef supply, as well as a variety of wool products processed at the ranch. Hats, yarn, sweaters, blankets and mittens. Call for appointment.