



Western Slope Food System Partnership

Do you want to be a part of increasing the production and consumption of local food on the Western Slope? Valley Food Partnership is working with a USDA Regional Food System Partnership planning grant from now to April 2022 to grow our regional food system capacity. Throughout 2021 we will be identifying ways to: Improve Coordination between Supply and Demand, Develop Processing and Preservation Solutions, and Optimize Regional Logistics to Bring Down Commerce Costs. Then, in March 2022 we will submit a plan for an implementation grant to develop all we discover in the planning phase.

Individual consumers and institutions value convenient access to competitively priced and consistent local food products. We are developing systems to provide that.

We invite you to make an impact with us:

- **Ag Producers!** We will work with you to analyze and standardize your business processes to grow your market channels, efficiencies, and strategic business alliances.
- **Value-Added Processors and Food Companies!** We have opportunities to scale your operation and develop new startups together for our regional foodshed and beyond.
- **Logistics and Transportation Providers!** Let's build our ability together to improve transportation coordination, per-unit hauling efficiency, and inventory management.
- **Eaters!** Let's define what your family and institutions need and desire to buy more local food, and then let's build those systems together.

Three ways to get involved in regional food system development- register [here](#).

- Participate in our analysis and pilot test as a producer, processor, distributor, or buyer.
- Join one of our monthly Zoom Groups to organize development tasks and address challenges:
 - Value Chain Group (producers, processors, distributors, markets)
 - Community Group (advocates, educators, funders, eaters)
- Register to attend our four regional food system partnership forums.

About Valley Food Partnership

Valley Food Partnership strengthens the regional food system and community well-being through education, access to quality local foods, and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices. For more information, visit www.valleyfoodpartnership.org.

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