

Food Ventures; A Resource and Regulatory Guide for Specialty Crops

“What a great workshop! Thanks for the comprehensive guide.”

Jack Schmidt, Producer

May 15 Specialty crop producers, food hub organizers, educators and regulators gathered in Casper for the debut of the new guide to help people market locally grown foods. Lovell Inc, UW Extension and the WY Department of Agriculture partnered to write, distribute and fund the publication that is available in paperback, on a flash drive and electronically.

Speakers from Cornell University, University of Nebraska, Wyoming Department of Ag talked about food safety, applicable rules and regulations both state and federal to be able to sell produce as well as grants and loans to build crop growing opportunities.

[Click here](#) to view and download the ***Food Ventures; Resource and Regulatory Guide for Specialty Crops***.

If you missed the workshop, join us on the Webinar - Tuesday, June 26th 1:30 PM

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Report on May 15th Workshop

Lovell Inc, in conjunction with the University of Wyoming (UW) Extension, hosted a free workshop for people wanting to sell food products. The workshop featured four speakers on the rules and regulations that govern the production, processing, preparation and sale of food in Wyoming as well as grants, loans and expert advice availability.

Ms. Linda Stratton of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture discussed *“Introduction and application to the Wyoming Resource and Regulatory Guide” – How to Grow Your Agribusiness Business Safely and Successfully.*

At this workshop, Ted Craig, Agriculture Grants Manager at the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, discussed the resources available to producers for training and some grant and loan opportunities.

Donna Pahl of Cornell University discussed Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requirements and available training.

David Lott, University of Nebraska spoke about Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) training for preventing the contamination of food.

Attendees left with a copy of a new UW Extension publication that discusses federal and local regulations on food production and sales. Apart from federal regulations, the Wyoming legislature amended the Wyoming Food Freedom act in 2017 which allows the sale of home-produced food to the end consumer,

and new requirements. The publication also provides resources for entrepreneurs, including grants and business resources.

The workshop was May 15 at the Agriculture Resources & Learning Center located on Fairgrounds Road in Casper, Wyoming. There was no charge to attend and the community was welcome. Copies of the guide were given away during the workshop and are also available online at LovellInc.org.

The guide was written by Cole Ehmke, UW Extension Specialist in Rural Entrepreneurship based in the Dept. of Agriculture and Applied Economics at the College of Agriculture at UW.

This workshop was part of the continuing economic development and community outreach of Lovell Inc as it works to create a growing, healthy, and more diversified economy, and increase employment, payroll, business volume in the Lovell Wyoming area.