

Ten Rivers Food Web East Linn

# Garden Resource Guide

## East Linn

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*Where to find what you need*  
*How to learn what you need to know*  
*Useful resources*



Ten Rivers Food Web

# **The East Linn Garden Resource Guide**

## **Goods, Services, and Learning for Food Growing**

This guide is intended to be a source of information for people in East Linn County, including Lebanon, Sweet Home, Brownsville, Scio, and Albany. This guide is focused on food production, including resources for growing vegetables, fruit, herbs, mushrooms, as well as poultry and other livestock. Emphasis is on local and family businesses, and sustainable resources as much as possible. Where local resources are limited, we included resources in Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, or beyond.

Listing in this guide is provided for free to vendors. In our focus on local, sustainable resources, we omitted large well-known chains. If we missed someone that should be included, our apologies; please let us know so we can make corrections.

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# GARDENING KNOWLEDGE

## LECTURES, CLASSES, AND WORKSHOPS

Many more lectures and events occur in the area, including many targeted at small farmers. Subscribing to Ten River Food Web's listserv is a good way to find out.

### **Institute of BioWisdom at Sunbow Farm**

Sunday classes by Harry MacCormack and other local experts covering topics such as garden basics, pruning, soil, nutrition, seed-saving, compost and compost tea.

*[www.sunbowfarm.org/workshops.php](http://www.sunbowfarm.org/workshops.php)*

### **Lebanon Garden Club**

Primarily ornamental, but meeting topics include subjects like verimculture and herbs; hosts a members-only seed exchange and a plant sale in spring.

*[lebanongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:lebanongardenclub@gmail.com)*

*[sites.google.com/site/lebanongardenclub2](http://sites.google.com/site/lebanongardenclub2)*

### **OSU Extension Service**

The OSU extension service provides a number of useful services.

You can get answers to garden questions and problems by phone or in person from the Master Gardeners. They have printed information available at their office and online, and mobile plant clinics at some farmers' markets and events.

*(541) 967-3871*

*104 4th Ave SW, Albany; [extension.oregonstate.edu/linn](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn)*

Food preservation questions are also handled by OSU Extension Master Food Preservers; call or visit to get answers and handouts on food preservation topics.

The Extension provides Master Gardener training, an extensive in-depth educational and hands-on training program, and Master Food Preservers training.

The Master Gardeners hold free brown-bag lunches over the winter, on Wednesday in Albany and Thursdays at LBCC in Lebanon, covering various gardening topics.

*[extension.oregonstate.edu/linn/sites/default/files/winter2012pnw.pdf](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn/sites/default/files/winter2012pnw.pdf)*

## ONLINE

### **Ten Rivers Food Web, and the East Linn and Albany Chapters**

TRFW is a nonprofit organization focused on food systems. They host a website, listserv, and hold periodic events. The main listserv is Corvallis-based, there are also local listservs for the East Linn and Albany Chapters. Events posted include gardening and food related events. *tenriversfoodweb.org*; *Linn County Community Food Organizer is Spencer Masterson, (541) 602-7279*

### **Seed Ambassadors Project**

Posts on seed saving events and workshops and winter gardening. *www.seedambassadors.org*

### **Home Orchard Society**

Fruit interest group based around Portland. Scion exchange, fruit tastings, demonstration orchard; workshops on pruning, etc. *www.homeorchardsociety.org*

## PERIODICALS

### **Capital Press**

Weekly agricultural newspaper for the west. Printed and online. Large classified ad section, aimed at large operations, but some items of interest to home scale garden and livestock. *www.capitalpress.com*

### **In Good Tilth, by Oregon Tilth**

A bimonthly gardening/farming magazine with valuable articles and classified ads in each issue. Free at Corvallis Co-op stores and Tilth office. Mail subscriptions, with Tilth membership, are \$30/yr. *www.tilth.org*; (503) 378-0690

### **Extension UPDATE, by OSU Extension Association**

Free monthly newsletter of the OSU Linn County Extension Association, containing gardening information as well as updates on other extension areas. Distributed with Albany Democrat-Herald or call the Extension office at (541) 967-3871 to subscribe.

## BOOKS

### **Bountiful Container, by Rose Marie Nichols McGee and Maggie Stuckey**

The definitive guide on how to grow food in containers, co-authored by the owner of Nichols Garden Nursery in Albany.

### **Garden Rhythm: A Year-Round Guide and Journal for the Maritime Northwest, by the Lane County Master Gardeners Association**

A guide with information, illustrations, and blank pages for notes, organized on a month-by-month basis.

*extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/sites/default/files/documents/journal.pdf*

### **Growing Your Own, by OSU Extension Service**

A 24-page guide, download free or purchase printed copy for \$2. To download, go to [extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog), and search for "EM 9027". Covers site selection, raised beds, soil, bugs, diseases, composting. Includes a one-page chart of planting dates. A good place for the beginning gardener to start.

### **Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades, by Steve Solomon**

The author is the founder of Territorial Seed with many years experience gardening in Oregon. This book addresses the specific issues of gardening in the Northwest, both general gardening and advice on growing specific vegetable crops.

### **The Maritime Northwest Garden Guide: Planting Calendar for Year-Round Organic Gardening, by Seattle Tilth**

A 77-page book organized on a month-by-month basis.

### **The Resilient Gardener: Food Production and Self-Reliance in Uncertain Times, by Carol Deppe**

The author is a Corvallis plant-breeder and large-scale gardener. The book discusses growing, storing, and using the five staple crops that she considers central to self-reliance: potatoes, corn, beans, squash, and eggs.

# COMMUNITY GARDENS

If you don't have land of your own, you can participate in a community garden. You can also arrange with neighbors to grow crops on their land, or to join them in working in their gardens.

## **Brownsville Community Garden**

Sponsored by Calapooia Food Alliance.

[gocfa.org/community\\_garden.html](http://gocfa.org/community_garden.html)

331 East Blakely Ave. Brownsville; (541) 466-5081

## **LBCC Community Garden**

Linn-Benton Community College, open to the public. \$50 fee includes the plots being tilled each year.

6500 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany; Joleen Schilling; (541) 917-4596

## **Garden of Eatin' Lebanon Community Garden**

The Lebanon Community Garden is sponsored by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Raised beds and in-ground plots available.

3111 South Main Rd., Lebanon

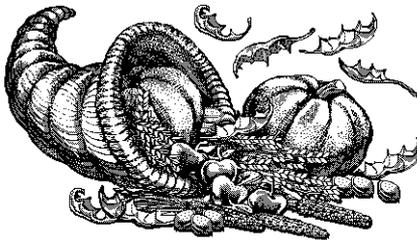
(541) 451-1065, [oursaviours@peak.org](mailto:oursaviours@peak.org)

## **Willamette Community Garden**

Run by City of Albany Parks and Recreation.

Corner of Main Street and Front Avenue in Albany.

Lyla Heyman, (541) 926-7215



# GETTING WHAT YOU NEED

Buy local – support local businesses, support small businesses. Besides the benefit to the community and the local economy, locally bred seeds and trees are better adapted for our area.

## FEED STORES

These feed/farm supply stores carry a similar range of products, including tools, irrigation supplies, fencing supplies, seeds, seasonal vegetable and fruit plants, fertilizer, soil amendments, animal feeds and supplies, and chicks in spring.

### **Coastal Farm and Ranch**

*1355 Goldfish Farm Road, SE, Albany; (541) 928-2511*

### **Cools Feed & Pet Supply**

*760 2nd Ave SE, Albany; (541) 928-8353*

### **J & S Supply**

*303 W Bishop Way, Brownsville; (541) 466-5886*

### **OK Country Feed and Supply**

*250 Main Street, Sweet Home; (541) 367-1600*

### **Santiam Feed and Garden Center**

*1244 Long Street, Sweet Home; (541) 367-5134*

### **Scio Feed & Country Store**

*38986 NE 1st Ave, Scio; (503) 394-3389*

### **Wilco**

*2950 S Santiam Highway, Lebanon; (541) 258-5085*

## HARDWARE STORES

Hardware stores provide tools, materials to build raised beds, irrigation supplies, trellis materials, and some bagged fertilizers and amendments.

### **Carlson Hardware (Ace)**

*111 Stanard Ave, Brownsville; (541) 466-5108*

### **Economy Supply (Ace)**

*1055 Tangent Street, Lebanon; (541) 258-7107*

## GARDEN CENTERS, SOIL, AND AMENDMENTS

### **Central Bark**



Soil, compost,

garden mixes, bark mulch and rock by the yard, pickup or they will deliver to Lebanon/Sweet Home.

*5265 S. Santiam Hwy. Lebanon; (541) 451-2373*

### **Fraga Farm**

They often have composted goat manure available for pickup.

*www.fragafarm.com; fragafarms@hotmail.com*

*28580 Pleasant Valley Rd, Sweet Home; (541) 367-3891*

### **Green Thumb Garden Center**

Plants, fruit trees, seeds, other garden supplies.

*5795 S Santiam Highway, Lebanon; (541) 451-5464*

### **Samurai Greenhouse Supply**



Greenhouse and hydroponic

supplies; wide selection of organic potting soil and other amendments, fertilizers, organic pest control.

*www.samuraigreenhousesupply.com*

*32067 Old Highway 34, Tangent; (541) 928-3431*

### **Tom's Garden Center**



Tools, irrigation supplies,

seeds, fruit trees, amendments, soil and compost bagged and bulk for pickup or will deliver.

*350 NW Hickory St NW, Albany; www.tomsgardencenter.com; 541-928-2521*

### **U&D Nursery**

Fruit trees, vegetable starts, other plants; soil, rock and compost by the yard; fertilizers and amendments.

*3435 Kathryn Ave NE, Albany; (541) 928-3448;*

*www.uanddnursery.com*

### **Mark Wahl's Compost**

Compost; meets organic standards.

*34696 Swank Dr, Albany; (off Goltra Rd, off Rt 34); (541) 905-6064*

## PLANT STARTS

Nurseries and feed stores listed under “Feed Stores” on page 8 and “Garden Centers, Soil, and Amendments” on page 9 also carry a selection of plant starts in spring.

### **Fairweather Farm custom starts**



Tomato, pepper, basil and tomatillo

plant starts; unusual heirloom varieties. Preorder in March/April and pickup/pay in May/June.

*www.fwfarm.com/plants.html; (541) 258-4430; lisaalmarode@yahoo.com*

### **Fry Road Nursery**

Greenhouse and exotic edibles such as coffee and Andean tubers; tomato and vegetable starts in Spring.

*34989 Fry Road SE Albany, (541) 928-7038; www.fryroadnursery.com*

### **Lebanon High School Land Lab**

Sells tomato and pepper plants and ornamentals, in May.

*31000 Land Lab Road, Lebanon; (541) 451-8575*

### **Linn County Master Gardeners**

The Master Gardener’s have a plant sale around Mother's Day.

*Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany; May 12, 2012*

### **Roth's Nursery**

Ornamentals, vegetable starts, perennials, some fruiting shrubs.

*37140 Tennessee School Rd Lebanon; (541) 451-2689*

### **Timeless Gardens**

Closed in winter, opens in late April. Vegetable starts, other plants.

*www.timeless-gardens.com;*

*33527 Brewster Road, Lebanon, (541) 258-7693*

### **Vogt Nursery**

Ornamentals, vegetable starts, trees, shrubs and other edibles.

*35642 Tennessee Rd SE, Albany; (541) 967-8289*

## FARMERS' MARKETS

Farmers' markets are a good place to find vegetable starts in spring, especially tomatoes. And of course you can also get fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables and other farm products at farmers' markets.

### **Albany Farmer's Market**

Vendors sell plants, including fruit trees as well as vegetable starts, in Spring. Runs April to November, from 9am-1pm on Saturdays. *Rebecca (541) 740-1542; landisr@peak.org; 4th and Ellsworth, Albany*

### **Brownsville Farmers' Market**

Vendors sell plants in Spring. Runs June through October, from 9am-1pm on Saturdays. *305 North Main Street, Brownsville; (541) 466-5081  
www.brownsville-farmersmarket.com*

### **Lebanon Farmers' Market**

Vendors sell plants, especially tomatoes, in spring. Runs May through October, from 3pm to 7pm on Thursdays. *Market Manager: Michelle (541) 760-9392  
Corner of Grant St and Main, Lebanon*

### **Sweet Home Farmers' Market**

Vendors sell plants, especially tomatoes, in spring. Runs June through October, from 10am to 2pm on Saturdays. *Market Manager: Jan (541) 401-2678  
Thriftway parking lot on Rt 20, Sweet Home*

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Craigslist, "Farm and Garden" Section**

There is a wide selection of used equipment and supplies, Compost/manure, amendments, tools, chicks or animals, plants, and other useful items. *corvallis.craigslist.org/grd*

## SEEDS

The Willamette Valley is lucky to have seed growers and distributors, many offering unique and locally-adapted varieties. Seed that is grown in our climate will do better than seed from very different climates; especially sensitive crops such as tomatoes and melons.

### **Abundant Life Seeds, Cottage Grove**

Organic seeds for many unique varieties. Owned by Territorial Seeds, but operated as a separate company. Seeds available by mail or at the Territorial Retail Store.

*www.abundantlifeseeds.com*

*20 Palmer Ave, Cottage Grove; (541) 767-9606*

### **Adaptive Seeds, Sweet Home**

Seed Ambassadors Project, Sarah

Kleeger and Andrew Still. Heirlooms and rare, diverse, and resilient seeds gathered from around the world, then selected and adapted for the Pacific Northwest.

*www.adaptiveseeds.com; (541) 367-1105*

### **Nichols Garden Nursery, Albany**

Vegetable seeds and plant starts, herb seeds and herb plants, some fruiting plants. Many rare and unique varieties. Hybrids as well as open-pollinated.

*www.nicholsgardennursery.com*

*1190 Old Salem Rd NE, Albany; (541) 928-9280; 1-800-422-3985*

### **Peace Seeds, Corvallis**

Alan and Linda Kapuler. Alan is one of the great plant breeders of the Pacific Northwest, and carries a number of outstanding varieties, including Native American and South American crops and tubers. USDA certified organic.

*www.peaceseeds.com; alkapuler@yahoo.com*

### **Peace Seedlings, Corvallis**

Dylana Kapuler and Mario DiBenedetto. The next generation of Peace Seeds, offers seeds organically grown and cleaned by hand, based on the varieties from Peace Seeds.

*peaceseedlings.com; peaceseedlings@yahoo.com*

*For a mail order seed list, send address and a stamp to 2385 SE Thompson St. Corvallis, OR 97333*

### **Territorial Seed Company, Cottage Grove**

A large selection of organic and conventional seeds, plant starts, and supplies. In addition to mail order, seeds are available in local stores, and they have a retail store in Cottage Grove. Herbs and fruit trees and shrubs available at their store location in late winter.

*20 Palmer Ave, Cottage Grove;*

*www.territorialseed.com; orders 1-800-626-0866; store (541) 942-0510*

### **Wild Garden Seed, Philomath**

Certified organic heirloom and other open-pollinated varieties adapted for the Pacific Northwest. Specializing in salad greens. All seed is organically grown at Gathering Together Farm.

*www.wildgardenseed.com; (541) 929-4068*

## **SEED EXCHANGES**

### **HOURS seed exchange, Corvallis**

The Corvallis HOURS alternative currency has a seed and plant exchange in early April. It's open to everyone, and there's no requirement to contribute seeds.

*101 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis; April 14, 2012*

*www.hourexchange.org; (541) 224-7752*

### **Spring Propagation Fair, Eugene**

An annual event where gardeners, native plant and fruit-growing enthusiasts share plant divisions, scionwood, seeds, and other plant materials; speakers, grafting, rootstocks available at cost.

*Lane Community College, Eugene; March 24, 2012*

*Brendan Lynch (503) 334-9753*

## HERBS

Nurseries and other places with plant starts usually also carry a selection of herbs.

### **Nichols Garden Nursery, Albany**

A wide variety of herb plants and seeds, mail order and retail. They have an herb garden. *www.nicholsgardennursery.com*  
1190 Old Salem Rd NE, Albany; (541) 928-9280; 1-800-422-3985

### **The Thyme Garden, Alsea**

Over 700 varieties of herbs seeds, plants, and products. Garden tours available.  
20546 Alsea Hwy, Alsea; (541) 487-8671; *www.thymegarden.com*

## MUSHROOMS

### **The Mushroomery, Lebanon**

Spawn for White Elm (Garden Oyster) and Garden Giant mushrooms. These mushrooms grow outside directly on straw and sawdust in the garden while unlocking nutrients for nearby vegetables. *Jen Olsen; themushroomery@gmail.com; (541) 258-5855*

### **Northwest Mycological Consultants, Corvallis**

Spawn and inoculum for shiitake, maitake, oysters, and other species. Requires more time and mushroom culture expertise than ready-to-grow kits.  
*www.nwmycol.com; nmc@nwmycol.com; (541) 753-8198*

### **Rain Forest Mushrooms, Eddyville**

Shiitake, maitake, lion's mane, and oyster mushroom kits. Ready-to-grow for indoor harvest.  
*www.rainforestmushrooms.com; (541) 875-2026*

## FRUIT TREES

Fruit trees are also available at general nurseries and feed stores listed on pages 8 and 9, and at the retail store locations for Nichols and Territorial Seed companies (see under “Seeds” on page 12).

### **Scenic Hill Farm Nursery**

Has a variety of fruit trees and plant starts  
2820 NW Scenic Dr., Albany; (541) 926-3747; [scenichillfarm.com](http://scenichillfarm.com)

### **Earth's Rising Nursery, Monroe**

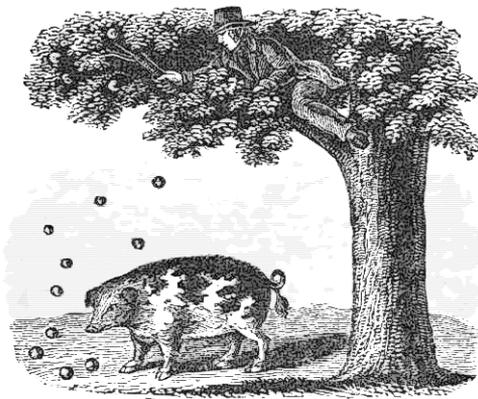
Certified organic fruit trees. Apples (43 varieties), European & Asian pears, plums, peaches, cherries. Catalog available.  
(541) 847-5950

### **One Green World, Molalla**

Hard-to-find fruit and nut varieties, including chestnuts, pawpaws, persimmons, kiwis, cranberries, figs, and hazelnuts. They host periodic “tastings” of their fruit.  
[www.onegreenworld.com](http://www.onegreenworld.com); 1-877-353-4028

### **Burnt Ridge Nursery, Onalaska, WA**

Wide selection of hard to find fruit and nut varieties, including many northwest native plants. no glossy catalog, very good prices.  
[www.burntridgenursery.com](http://www.burntridgenursery.com); (360) 985-2873



# SERVICES

## SOIL TESTING

Testing labs will analyze soil samples for factors such as pH, organic matter, N-P-K concentrations, and microelements.  
<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/20037/em8677.pdf>

### **A&L Western Labs, Portland OR**

Basic 13-factor is \$12; more complete 20-factor analysis is \$33. Recommendations based on test results and intended use \$3 extra.  
*10220 SW Nimbus Ave, Bldg K-9; Portland, OR 97223*  
*www.al-labs-west.com; (503) 968-9225*

### **Soil Food Web, Corvallis**

Microbiological testing, determining soil quality via counting bacteria, fungi, and other soil organisms. Does not measure chemical constituents. Basic test is \$60. Also offers workshops.  
*oregonfoodweb.com; 635 SW Western Blvd, Corvallis; (541) 752-5066*

### **University of Massachusetts Soil Testing Lab, MA**

The basic test measures 13 factors and includes test for lead. \$10 fee includes specific recommendations.  
*www.umass.edu/soiltest/index.htm*

### **Agri-Check, Umatilla OR**

Complete 16-factor test \$53.45. Recommendations based on tests results and intended use \$15 extra; specific organic amendments.  
*323 Sixth St. Umatilla, OR 97882; 1-800-537-1129;*  
*http://agsource.crinet.com/page3780/Umatilla-Locations*

## TRACTOR REPAIR AND SALES

### **Farmland Tractor Supply**

*324 Old Hwy 34, Tangent (541) 928-1646; www.farmlandtractor.com*

### **Fisher Farm & Lawn**

*31970 Old Hwy 34, Tangent; (541) 926-1534;*  
*www.fisherfarmandlawn.com*

### **Linn-Benton Tractor**

*33599 Hwy 99E, Tangent; (541) 926-1811; www.linnbentontractor.com*



## **PERMACULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE GARDENING**

Permaculture is a design system that integrates gardens and other plantings with other elements of the home or homestead, aiming for a productive and sustainable whole system.

### **Permaculture Workshops, Consultation, Garden Shares**

Strategies to save resources, grow food organically, and design with nature. Urban-scale permaculture site under development in Sweet Home; gardens, chicken tractor, rainwater catchment, cob oven, etc.

*Joelee Joyce; dawnvoyager@gmail.com; (541) 367-8896;  
www.dawnnorthwest.blogspot.com*

### **Permaculture Design**

Permaculture systems and landscape design to create productive, resilient, and enduring cultivated ecosystems. Permaculture classes associated with OSU. Corvallis based.

*Andrew Millison; amillison@gmail.com; (541) 752-9118*

### **Rainwater Harvesting**

Design and installation for rainwater harvesting. Water conservation consulting. Rain garden design and installation. Low water need plants also available. Monroe based.

*Hazen Parsons; (541) 228-4834*

# SHARING THE BOUNTY

If you have extra produce, share with your friends and neighbors, and drop some off to share with low-income people. Please call the program first to check locations, days/times for drop-off, and what can be accepted. Donations to 501(c)(3) groups are tax-deductible for the value of the donated produce.

## **FISH of Albany**

Food Pantry, distributions daily (Monday-Friday). 501(c)(3)  
*(541) 928-4460; 1880 Hill St SE, Albany*

## **FISH of Lebanon**

Food Pantry with distributions on Tuesday and Friday. 501(c)(3)  
*(541) 259-3200; First Presbyterian Church at 145 West Ash St, Lebanon*

## **Gleaners**

Gleaner organizations include low-income folks who collect and redistribute food that would otherwise go to waste. Gleaners accept donations and can come to your place to harvest surplus. For general information contact Susan James, Linn Benton Food Share Gleaning Coordinator, at (541) 758-2645.

**Albany Gleaners** *Albany; Maxine McClain, (541) 928-7177*

**Fair Share Gleaners** *Sweet Home; Lydia Hall, (541) 570-2405*

**Lebanon Gleaners** *Lebanon; Tasha Dodge, (541) 451-1085*

**North Santiam Gleaners** *Scio; Sara Heaney, (503) 394-3243*

**Sweet Home Gleaners** *Sweet Home; Kat Mars, (541) 367-3190*

## **Lebanon Soup Kitchen**

Meals are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

*First Christian Church, 170 East Grant Street, Lebanon  
donation information (541) 451-7667*

## **Sweet Home Manna Meals/SHEM Food Pantry**

Community meals and food pantry with monthly distributions.

Meals are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. 501(c)(3).

*845 6th Ave, Sweet Home, Oregon; (541) 367-6504*

## **Sharing Hands**

Food Pantry with distributions on Monday and Friday.

*107 Bishop Way, Brownsville (541) 466-3110*

# PRESERVING YOUR HARVEST

In our climate it's possible to harvest vegetables out of the garden all year around, with some care. But it's nice to store summer bounty for the cold, wet months. Some vegetables store well, and you can dehydrate, can, freeze, and make relish, pickles, or jam.

## CANNING AND FOOD STORAGE

Most feed stores and general chain stores carry canning supplies: jars, lids, canning kettles and so on.

### **OSU Extension Master Food Preservers**

The Linn County OSU Extension answers questions about food preserving, particularly food safety, and provides services such as testing pressure canner gauges. They have an extensive list of handouts on food preservation. They also provide Master Food Preserver training.

*(541) 967-3871; 104 4th Ave SW, Albany*

### **Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving**

Classic book with general overview on canning, freezing, drying and making pickles, relish, and preserves.

### **The Joy of Pickling, by Linda Ziedrich**

How to make pickles, relishes, and fermented foods; the author lives and grows food in Scio.

### **Root Cellaring, by Mike & Nancy Bubel**

Keeping vegetables fresh for year-round produce.

## MAKING CHEESE, WINE AND BEER

### **Corvallis Brewing Supply, Corvallis**

Cheesemaking cultures and supplies as well as supplies to make beer and other beverages.

*119 SW 4th Street, Corvallis; (541) 758-1674*

### **Nichols Garden Nursery, Albany**

Supplies for cheesemaking, and for making beer and wine, sourdough and vinegar. [www.nicholsgardennursery.com](http://www.nicholsgardennursery.com)

*1190 Old Salem Rd NE, Albany; (541) 928-9280; 1-800-422-3985*

# POULTRY

It's not difficult to raise a few chickens in your backyard for eggs. Ducks are excellent for slug control, and don't mind cold, rainy weather. Guinea hens may be raised to manage ticks. It's also easy to raise chickens or turkeys for meat, if you can keep them safe from predators.

## BOOKS AND ONLINE INFORMATION

### **Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens, Gail Damerow**

All the basics and much advanced information for raising chickens for eggs or meat.

### **Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks, Dave Holderread**

Detailed information on raising and managing ducks.

### **BackyardChickens.com**

Chicken-raising information, including brief Chickens 101. Has an active forum with posts on any and all poultry topics; a good place to get advice on a specific breed or problem. Has a separate sub-forum for ducks, geese, and other kinds of fowl.

*[www.backyardchickens.com](http://www.backyardchickens.com)*

## SUPPLIES

The feed stores listed on page 8 carry heat lamps, feeding and watering equipment, chick starter feed and grit. Some sell entire pre-fabricated chicken coops.



## CHICKS

Most feed stores (page 8) carry chicks in spring, and may also have ducks or turkeys; they may be willing to reserve or special order specific breeds.

### **Boondockers Farm**

Ancona, Saxony, and Bantam Silver Appleyard ducklings for sale.  
*boondockersnaturals.com; 28055 Briggs Hill Rd, Eugene; (541) 689-0881*

### **Farwest Hatchery**

Large selection of chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and game birds. Can be difficult to contact during busy season.  
*farwesthatchery.com; (503) 266-2566; 29262 S Jackson Rd, Canby*

### **Holderread Waterfowl Farm and Preservation Center**

Rare breeds of ducks and geese for sale.  
*www.holderreadfarm.com; Corvallis; (541) 929-5338*

### **Jenk's Hatchery**

Limited variety and hatch schedule of commercial chicks and poults (turkey chicks).  
*www.jenkshatchery.com; (541) 928-8928; 32539 Hwy 99E, Tangent*

### **Rain Shadow El Rancho**

Ducklings and chicks for sale; in Scio (also processors; see below).  
*www.rainshadowelrancho.com; (541) 259-5006*

## POULTRY PROCESSORS

### **Scio Poultry Processing**

Processes chickens, turkeys, ducks, and other poultry. Certified humane slaughter. Call in advance for specific slaughter dates. Also has poultry available for sale.  
*www.rainshadowelrancho.com; (541) 259-5006.*

## OTHER STOCK

If you have a small acreage, even one acre, you can often raise a few sheep, dairy or meat goats, cattle or pigs. A discussion of this is beyond the scope of this guide.

To find stock, one option is to contact farmers who sell finished (ready to butcher) animals; refer to the Ten Rivers Food Web online tool:

*tenriversfoodweb.org/foodweb/farmSearch.php*

Animals and supplies may also be available on Craigslist (page 11) and from Capital Press (page 5)

Animal feed is available at the feed stores listed on page 8. Feed stores carry many other supplies for raising and keeping animals.

## BUTCHER/PROCESSORS

Mobile butchers/processors come to your place and handle the tasks of slaughter, butcher, and cut-and-wrap. They will slaughter animals you raise yourself or one you buy from a local farmer. Except for Mohawk, which is USDA inspected, the meat must be for personal use only and cannot be sold.

### **C&C Slaughtering**

38847 Gilkey Road, Scio; (503) 394-2611

### **Mohawk Valley Meats**

USDA inspected.

91167 Marcola Road, Springfield; (541) 746-4411

### **S & S Custom Slaughter**



Mobile butcher; they come to your farm to slaughter, you pick up the packaged meat, custom cut to your preference.

38864 Scravel Hill Rd NE, Albany; (541) 327-2669

### **Stanton's Slaughter House**

36263 Hwy 226, Albany; (541) 928-9719

### **Steve's Custom Meat Processing**

38562 Griggs Drive, Lebanon; (541) 451-3401

# BEEKEEPING

You don't need very much space to keep bees. But you do need some equipment and skills (and nerve!).

## **Glory Bee, Eugene**

Retail store or mail order for everything you need to keep bees; protective clothing, hives, tools, and bees. Bees for pickup only. [www.glorybee.com](http://www.glorybee.com); 120 N Seneca Rd, Eugene; 1-800-456-7923

## **Ruhl Bee Supply, Portland area**

Retail store or mail order, extensive selection of bee supplies, books, and bees; some beekeeping information on their website. Mail order, fast delivery. They only ship bees with reluctance. [www.ruhlbeesupply.com](http://www.ruhlbeesupply.com)  
17845 SE 82nd Drive, Gladstone, OR; (503) 657-5399

## **Oregon State Beekeepers Association**

An Oregon-wide nonprofit dedicated to supporting bees and beekeeping. Newsletter, information and articles, forum, ads for bees and bee supplies. [www.orsba.org](http://www.orsba.org)  
They have a listing of upcoming bee schools around Oregon: [www.orsba.org/htdocs/bee\\_schools.php](http://www.orsba.org/htdocs/bee_schools.php)

Oregon State Beekeepers Association has a number of branches around the state, among them:

**Linn-Benton Beekeepers Association;** meets in Corvallis

**Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association;** meets in Salem

**Lane County Beekeepers Association;** meets in Eugene

For a full listing of meeting times and contacts, see:

[www.orsba.org/htdocs/regionalbranch.php](http://www.orsba.org/htdocs/regionalbranch.php)





*“Only by growing some food for yourself can you become acquainted with the beautiful energy cycle that revolves from soil to seed to flower to fruit to food to offal to decay, and around again... farming, animal husbandry, horticulture, and gardening, at their best, are complex and comely arts; there is much pleasure in knowing them” – Wendell Berry*



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