Fresh and Local!
Food and Farms of Southern California’s Inland Valleys
**Inland Grown** is Growing!

The Riverside Food Systems Alliance (RFSA) has undertaken a challenge to help build a *farm to fork and back to farm* local economy by supporting regional programs that train new farmers, connect growers to vacant land, prevent food waste, connect restaurateurs to local food producers, support community gardens, manage lands sustainably, and much more. Support from consumers, farms, businesses, and organizations has been inspiring and continues to grow.

**THANK YOU!**

If you’re not involved, but would like to be, please contact RFSA at info@riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org or (951) 888-0646. Find us at riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org and on Facebook: Riverside Food Systems Alliance.

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**What are the advantages of buying locally grown foods?**

**Good Health** – Freshly picked produce usually has more nutrients and better taste. Don’t forget: you can reduce the risk of many diseases by eating more fruits and veggies.

**Strengthen our Local Economy** – By using your purchasing power, you can support local farms and jobs. What’s earned here - stays here.

**Protect the Environment**

Local products have little travel time, which reduces emissions that pollute our air.

When you support sustainable growers, fewer pesticides and fertilizers are used and beneficial insects can control pests and pollinate crops. Farms that build soil health capture carbon from the atmosphere and help slow global climate change. Sustainable farmers also conserve expensive water, control erosion, and prevent pollutants from entering our waterways.

**Honor our Agricultural Heritage** – Our growers take pride in what they do, whether their families have been here for generations or they are new urban farmers. Get to know your local farms and farmers, and help keep agriculture thriving around the inland region.

Join us in supporting the health of our inland economy, environment, and agriculture.

**To YOUR health!**

Diana Ruiz  
*Fresh and Local* Editor for Riverside Food Systems Alliance (RFSA)  
Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD)
This guide is designed to help:
• consumers find locally grown foods
• connect farmers, gardeners and teachers to resources
• educate about growing our local food system.

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6 SIMPLE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM.

1. **SHOP AT A FARMERS MARKET.**
   Buying directly from farmers is the best way to benefit the local economy. (See pages 5 and 6.)

2. **VISIT A FARMSTAND OR U-PICK FARM.**
   The on-farm experience is mouth-watering and fun. Take the opportunity to teach your loved-ones about healthy eating. (See pages 7, 8, 40 and 41.)

3. **JOIN A FOOD CO-OP.**
   A co-op is a member-owned, member-run grocer. Food cooperatives are supported by committed residents who are working to improve local economic conditions and environmental health. (See page 9.)

4. **JOIN A CSA.**
   Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs are partnerships between farmers and consumers. Consumers provide financial support to a farm by paying in advance, and in return, receive a box of produce regularly throughout the growing season. (See page 10.)

5. **PURCHASE LOCAL PRODUCTS IN GROCERY STORES OR FROM HOME DELIVERY.**
   Make it a point to patronize those stores that supply local foods. When you shop, look for “locally grown” signs in the produce section. (See page 11.)

6. **PATRONIZE RESTAURANTS.**
   When you patronize those restaurants that use locally grown foods, you keep money circulating in the local economy, providing jobs. (See page 12.)

Support the local economy from your dinner table!
Buying local food makes dollars and sense.

Money spent locally has a multiplier effect within the inland area economy. Currently, residents spend less than 1% on food produced locally. You can help by increasing your local food expenditures to 20% of your grocery bill. The dollar amount will vary, but on average, it's about $31 per week.
Farmers’ Markets

San Bernardino County

18 Chino Hills Certified Farmers’ Market
14000 City Center Dr., Chino Hills
Wednesdays • 4 pm - 8 pm
(714) 455-0181

19 Arrowhead Medical Ctr. Farmers’ Market
400 Pepper Ave., Colton
Wednesdays • 8 am - 1 pm
(310) 455-0181

20 Kaiser Permanente Farmers’ Market
9961 Sierra Ave., Fontana (Kaiser Medical Ctr.)
Fridays • 8 am - 2 pm
(310) 455-0181

21 Loma Linda Farmers’ Market
11145 Anderson Rd., Loma Linda
Tuesdays • 4 pm - 7:30 pm
(909) 799-2828

22 Kaiser Permanente Farmers’ Market
2295 S. Vineyard Ave., Ontario
(Kaiser Medical Ctr.)
Wednesdays • 8 am - 2 pm
(310) 455-0181

23 Terra Vista Town Ctr. Farmers’ Market
10808 Foothill Blvd., Rancho Cucamonga
Saturdays • 9 am - 2 pm
(951) 544-8399

24 Victoria Gardens Farmers’ Market
12505 N. Main St., Rancho Cucamonga
Fridays • 10 am - 2 pm
(909) 264-5195

Food Vouchers Accepted:
M = Market Match  E = EBT  W = WIC

25 Redlands Market Night®
E. State St. between Orange & Ninth St., Redlands
Thursdays • 6 pm - 9 pm
(909) 798-7629

26 Redlands Saturday Farmers’ Market®
Redlands Blvd. between Fifth & Sixth St., Redlands
Saturdays • 8 am - 11 am
(909) 798-7629

27 Farmers’ Market at the Grove School
1775 Orange Ave., Redlands (Heritage Park)
Saturdays • 8 am - 12 pm
(909) 241-8100

28 Rialto Farmers’ Market
290 W. Rialto Ave., Rialto (Palm & Rialto Ave.)
Wednesdays • 10 am - 2 pm
(909) 820-2519

29 Perris Hill Park Farmers’ Market
1001 E. Highland Ave, San Bernardino
Thursdays • 11 am - 2 pm
(909) 387-5233

30 Yucaipa Farmers’ Market
35139 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa
Fridays • 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm (May - Sept.)
(909) 790-1841

Many Farmers’ Markets offer Market Match for CalFresh, EBT, and WIC participants. These benefit dollars are doubled, putting more healthy fruits and vegetables on the table. Farmers benefit by selling locally produced food locally.

The Riverside Food Systems Alliance helped bring Market Match to the Inland region.
Farm Stands

Riverside County

31 Corona Farm
2701 Madison Ave. (at Victoria), Riverside
Open 7 days • 9 am - 4:30 pm
Facebook: corona farms2014
Seasonal fruits and vegetables

32 Doughty Apiaries
34385 Cooperman Circle, Temecula
Please call, usually open 9 am - 5 pm
(951) 694-5319
Raw honey products

33 Garcia Produce
9248 Victoria Ave. (at Gibson), Riverside
Open 7 days • 7 am - 5 pm
(909) 376-0494 garciafarming@yahoo.com
Avocados, citrus, vegetables, firewood

34 Gless Ranch (2 locations)
Market: 19985 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside
Fruit Stand: Van Buren & Dufferin Aves. Riverside
Open 7 days • Market: 8 am - 6 pm
Stand 9 am - 5 pm
(951) 653-5991 www.glessranch.com
Produce, fruit and specialty grocery

35 Gloria's Nursery
2078 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside
Open 7 days • 9 am - 5 pm
(951) 536-8979
Fruits, vegetables, honey, pottery

36 GoneStraw Farms
13456 El Sobrante Rd., Riverside
Weekdays 9 am - 5 pm, Sat. & Sun. 8 am - 5 pm
(951) 453-0875
Chicken, quail & duck eggs, raw local honey

37 Medina Farm
10354 Dufferin Ave., Riverside
(951) 588-8384, Cridge123@me.com
Seasonal sales: avocado, oranges, more.

38 R.S. Farms
8855 Victoria Ave. (at Irving St.), Riverside
Tues.-Sun., 9 am - 5 pm, closed during rain
Vegetables, fruits

39 The Farm
SW corner of Brookside Ave. & Maureen, Cherry Valley
9 am - 2 pm, June - November
Seasonal produce.

40 Sky Farm Organics
42913 Johnston Ave., Hemet
Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm (seasonal see below)
Navel oranges: Jan - April, tomatoes: July - Oct.

41 Washburn Ranch Fruit Stand
46300 Borco St., Hemet
Thursday - Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm
Seasonal fruit, Christmas trees

42 Sage Mountain Farm
55520 Hwy. 371, Anza, CA 92539
(951) 663-3079 sagemountainfarm.com
Open May 1 through Dec. 1

Why support small farmers?
Small farmers play a pivotal role in our food system. So, why is it that so many of us don’t know who our local farmers are, or what it takes for food to get to our plate? Visit this website to find out how to support them, and get the delicious, seasonal food that’s good for you and the environment! Watch the video featuring Zooey Deschanel: On the Importance of Small Farmers at www.thefarmproject.com/blog/small-farmers-need-our-support
Farm Stands

San Bernardino County

42 Adams Acres
652 S. Cactus Ave., Rialto
(909) 875-3776
Open 7 days • 9 am - 5 pm
Historic grove. Wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

43 Arnott Farms
9151 Greenspot Rd., Mentone
(909) 389-9600 www.arnottfarms.com
Monday - Saturday • 7 am - 5:30 pm
Seasonal: Oranges, eggs, nuts, honey, avocados

44 Farquhar Farms
1898 Fifth Ave., Redlands
(909) 648-4058 www.farquharfarms.com
Monday-Saturday • 11 am - 5 pm
Seasonal sales: avocado, oranges, honey, produce

45 Garcia Ranch
1425 E San Bernardino Ave., Redlands

46 Jacinto Farms (2 locations)
2108 Mentone Blvd., Mentone (909) 389-9458
1269 Brookside Ave., Redlands (909) 335-2333
Open 7 days • 9 am - 6:30 pm
www.jacintofarms.com
Citrus, avocados, produce, jams

47 Mom’s Country Orchards
38695 Oak Glen Rd., Yucaipa
(909) 797-4249 momsorakglen.com
Open 7 days • 10 am - 6 pm
Produce, jams, cider, soap, gifts

48 Nicolson’s Strawberries
8112 E Foothill Blvd., Rancho Cucamonga
(909) 982-0086
Open 7 days (during the season) • 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Seasonal sales: strawberries and cherries

49 Rojo Farms
8146 Chino Ave., Ontario
(909) 996-4510
Open 7 days • 8 am - 6 pm

50 Soffel Farms
1545 E San Bernardino Ave., Redlands
(909) 809-7537 soffelfarms.com
Days and hours vary, call or email
Hsoffel67@gmail.com
Avocados, oranges, honey, blueberries, Christmas Trees
Riverside Food Co-op

The Riverside Food Co-op is a California cooperative owned by its members, the consumers who are interested in buying locally grown produce, products, and cottage foods. The Co-op sells an optional monthly crop box that is filled with locally-sourced fruits and vegetables. The income from the crop box is used to fund the operating expenses of the Co-op.

The Co-op was started in January, 2012, and has the goal to open a cooperative grocery store once membership is large enough.

Riverside Food Cooperative, Inc.
(951) 290-7327
Sala Ponnech riversidefoodcoop@gmail.com
6143 Del Ray Ct., Riverside, CA 92506
www.riversidefoodcoop.com
Facebook: RiversideFoodCoopInc

Thank you to Friends of Riverside’s Hills and Riverside Food Co-op for supporting our local food system!
FOOD

CSAs

CSA is an acronym for Community-Supported Agriculture, a program where community members support a local farm by signing up to buy produce directly from that farm on a regular basis. While some CSAs deliver through centralized drop-off points, others deliver directly to homes and offices.

Da-Le Ranch
619-886-4102
info@daleranch@gmail.com
24895 Baxter Ranch Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92532
www.da-le-ranch.com
Facebook: Da-Le Ranch Meat
Free range meat, poultry and eggs

Huerta Del Valle
(909) 347-2860
info@huertadelvalle.org
831 E. Belmont St. Ontario, CA 91761
www.huertadelvalle.org
Facebook: HDVhuertadelvalle
Fruits, herbs and vegetables

Rancho de Los Proyectos
(909) 433-9331
Family@ranchoproyectos.us
7883 Stewart Rd., Colton, CA 92324
www.ranchoproyectos.us
Produce, eggs, sauces

Rolling Hills Herbs & Annuals
(909) 362-7658
e-mail contact thru website
Redlands CA 92374
www.rollinghillsherbs.com
Floral bouquets, heirloom plants

Sage Mountain Farm
Phil Noble, (951) 663-3079
phil@sagemountainfarm.com
55520 Hwy. 371, Anza, CA 92539
sagemountainfarm.com,
sagemountainbeef.com,
Facebook: Sage Mountain Farm
USDA Certified Organic
Vegetable and meat CSAs run all year long
Also eggs, jams, dried tomatoes, honey, farm tours and farm dinners.

Three Sisters Farm
Amy Harmed, email through website
30370 San Timoteo Canyon Rd., Redlands, CA 92373
threesistersfarm.org
Facebook: Three Sisters Farm Redlands
USDA Certified Organic
Vegetables, herbs, cut flowers

How to Choose a CSA by Local Harvest
Know Thyself: Utterly fantastic idea though it is, community supported agriculture is not for everyone. Deciding whether or not CSA is for you requires a healthy dose of self-knowledge. Learn more at: http://www.localharvest.org/newsletter/20100223/choosing-a-CSA.html
At Kaiser Permanente, we believe maintaining good health is easier when you’re surrounded by good choices.

That’s why we proudly support Riverside Food Systems Alliance and its Fresh and Local Guide to healthy, local food. Together, we can make healthy communities happen.

Visit community.kp.org for details.
Restaurants

A la Minute Ice Cream
www.alaminuteicecream.com
Redlands
19 E. Citrus Ave. #105, Redlands 92373
(909) 307-3751

Temecula
32215 Temecula Pkwy., Temecula 92592
Located inside the Wolf Store at Vail Headquarters
temecula@alaminuteicecream.com

Claremont
532 W. First St., Claremont 91711
Located inside the Packing House
claremont@alaminuteicecream.com

Bushfire Kitchen
40665 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92591
www.bushfirekitchen.com
(951) 296-0190

E.A.T Marketplace
28410 Old Town Front St., Temecula 92590
eatmarketplace.com
(951) 694-3663

Goodwin’s Cafe
191 W. Big Springs Rd., Riverside 92507
www.goodwinsorganics.com
(951) 682-2667

La Volata Pizzeria
1453 Ford St. #101, Redlands 92373
www.lavolatapizzeria.com
(909) 792-0316

Oasis Vegetarian Cafe
11550 Pierce St., Riverside 92505
www.oasisvegetarian.com/
(951) 688-5423

Olive and Citrus
255 E Olive Ave., Redlands 92373
oliveandcitrus.com
(909) 674-0094

The Pines Modern Steakhouse
at San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino
777 San Manuel Blvd., Highland 92346
(909) 425-4889

The Grand Oak Farm to Table
10600 Highland Springs Ave., Beaumont 92223
hsresort.com/thegrandoak/
(951) 845-1151

The Salted Pig
3700 Twelfth St. at Main St., Riverside 92501
thesaltedpig.com
(951) 848-4020 hello@thesaltedpig.com

Uno Tre Otto
114 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Suite P, Claremont 91711
in the alley between First and Second St.
www.unotreotto.com
(909) 624-1373

Wicks Craft Brewery & Restaurant
11620 Sterling Ave. Ste. C, Riverside 92503
www.wicksbrewing.com
(951) 689-2739

Woodfire Cafe
3965 Market St., Riverside 92501
woodfirecafe.com
(951) 465-5328

Ways to Help You Save!

Riverside Public Utilities’ rebate programs help you save money by conserving water and energy. Rebates include:

- Energy Star Refrigerator
- Energy Star Ceiling Fan
- Energy Star Washer
- Waterwise Landscape

Need Help Paying Your Utility Bill?
 SHARE is a Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) program that assists eligible, low-income residential electric customers with their utility bills and deposits.

For more information on RPU rebates and programs, visit RiversidePublicUtilities.com/Rebates
**Arnott Farms**  
(909) 389-9600, www.arnottfarms.com  
sales@arnottfarms.com  
Monday - Saturday • 7 am - 5:30 pm  
9151 Greenspot Rd., Mentone, California 92359  
Oranges, eggs, nuts, honey and avocados in season.

**Jongs Egg Ranch**  
David Smith, (909) 809-2247, David@jongs.com  
Locally produced fresh chicken eggs, quail eggs, and organic fertilizers. Not open to the public.

**Medina Farm**  
(951) 588-8384, Cridge123@me.com  
10480 Dufferin Ave., Riverside, CA 92503  
(See Farmstands page 7)

**The Grove**  
Deborah Ghamlouch, (626) 786-4068  
Thegroveemail@yahoo.com  
FB: The-Grove-Organic-Family-Farm-  
Organic citrus & avocados, honey from local bees, compost. Sells to grocery stores, restaurants, farmers markets.

**Gaytan Family Farm**  
(951) 660-5645, Facebook: Gaytan Family Farm  
Sells at farmers’ markets

**Macala Orchards**  
Nina Morton, (951) 898-8384  
www.macalacompanies.com  
160 W. Foothill Pkwy. #105-150, Corona, CA  
Pomegranates, olives, fruit, herbs, Olive oil, tea, jams and jellies. Available at some local retailers and online. Open for special events, see facebook for more information.

**Rainbow Fresh Sales**  
(951) 977-8015  
2650 Gratton St. Riverside, CA 92504  
Large variety of mushrooms

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**Calling All Farmers: Sell to the Food Hub**

The Food Hub of Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) is looking to purchase locally-grown produce, eggs, meat, dairy, and other agricultural products from farmers who grow fresh fruits and vegetables. The purpose of the food hub is to provide marketing and distribution support for local farmers by using RUSD’s existing infrastructure, coolers, warehouse, and delivery trucks.

The RUSD Food Hub was launched as a pilot with a CA Department of Food and Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant in 2017. In under one year, the food hub was able to demonstrate proof of concept and grow sales by serving smaller school districts, child care centers and local restaurants. In 2018, the RUSD Food Hub was awarded a USDA Local Food Promotions Program grant to incubate the food hub as well as provide funding to support food safety and GAP (good agricultural practices) training for regional farmers. The RUSD Food Hub anticipates purchasing more than $1 million of locally grown produce over the next few years.  
Please contact Scott Berndt at (951) 452-6840 for more information or to become a vendor.

Farm food safety has become an important concern. RUSD is providing food safety training for farmers, thanks to funding from the USDA.
What Is Sustainable Agriculture?

In relation to natural resources, sustainability simply means that our resources will last forever, being neither depleted nor damaged.

*Sustainable* describes a system that maintains productivity indefinitely. Farmers use a variety of planting and tillage methods to build soil productivity, control pests, and create a high level of diversity, called *biodiversity*. Sustainable agriculture includes:

- farming practices that conserve water and energy, support wildlife, and build soil health
- use of natural processes, such as nature-based pest control methods and composting of farm waste
- selling locally for the economic vitality of the community and for reduced product transportation costs and related pollutants.

Diversified farms are more resilient to pests, weather extremes, and market conditions.

**USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

The NRCS field offices assist farmers with onsite technical assistance to help conserve natural resources. Request information about Best Management Practices (BMPs) for on-farm erosion control, irrigation, and other conservation practices. Begin applications and conservation planning for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers for conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related natural resources on agricultural land. For example: EQIP can provide cost sharing for conversion to low volume irrigation systems.

**Western Riverside County NRCS**

Robert S. Hewitt, District Conservationist, (951) 654-7139
950 Ramona Blvd., Suite 6, San Jacinto, CA 92582

**Western San Bernardino County NRCS**

Tomas Aguilar-Campos, District Conservationist, (909) 283-7782
25864 Business Center Dr., Ste. K, Redlands, CA 92374

**EQIP Program**

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ca/home](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ca/home)

**Organic Farming**


**National Organics Program (NOP)**


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**Want to Save Money and a Precious Resource?**

A free evaluation of your outdoor irrigation system will help you save WATER!

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) helps property owners who are interested in conserving their natural resources. Farmers, homeowners, and businesses of the greater Riverside area may sign up for free irrigation evaluations or other resource information. Evaluations are provided for all types of landscapes and agriculture that utilize any type of irrigation system.

For more information or to request an evaluation, please contact:

Jose Iniguez (951) 683-7691 (Ext. 208), iniguez@rcrcd.org or Kerwin Russell at russell@rcrcd.org.

[www.RCRCD.org](http://www.RCRCD.org)
What is a Conservation Plan?

A Conservation Plan is a record of a land user's decisions about what practices will be used to sustain resources. Conservation practices might include cover crops, mulch, crop rotation, conservation (reduced) tillage, field borders of hedgerows, etc. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service helps landowners develop conservation plans and apply for cost-sharing as part of the EQIP program. For the free service and assistance with conservation practices, contact a NCRS District Conservationist. (See listing previous page.)

Resource Conservation Districts

Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RRCRD)
www.rcrcd.org (951) 683-7691
4500 Glenwood Dr., Bldg A, Riverside, CA 92501
Visit the LandUse Learning Center to learn about sustainable agriculture, native habitats, and urban areas. Pick up plant lists for climate appropriate crops. Open Daily: 8 am - 4 pm (closed holidays)

Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
www.iercd.org (909) 799-7407
25864-K Business Center Dr., Redlands, CA 92374
Free soil testing for farmers, invasive species removal, urban ag support, conservation grants.

San Jacinto Basin Resource Conservation District
www.sjbrcd.org (951) 654-7733
950 N. Ramona Blvd., Suite 6, San Jacinto CA 92582
Environmental education, public outreach, soil and water conservation, habitat restoration, wildlife and habitat preservation

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
www.teamrcd.org (951) 387-8992
P.O. Box 2078, Temecula, CA 92593
Free irrigation system evaluations, crop conversion assistance.

Resources

Conservation Training Webinars
www.conservationwebinars.net

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) http://sustainableagriculture.net/
NSAC advocates for federal policy reform for the sustainability of food systems, natural resources, and rural communities.

Pollinator Resource Center
xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center/

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education www.sare.org

UC Sustainable Ag Research and Ed Program
asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sarep

Organic Farmers
www.ccof.org
(831) 423-2263, ccof@ccof.org
2155 Delaware Ave., Ste. 160, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
A non-profit organic certifier and trade association that has become a leader in the organic industry.
Farmland Preservation

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Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District  www.rrcjd.org
Shelli Lamb, (951) 683-7691, Ext. 202, lamb@rrcjd.org
Farmland and habitat preservation and restoration.

Rivers and Land Conservancy
www.riversandlands.org
Jack Easton, (951) 788-0670
4075 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501
Land preservation through fee acquisition and conservation easements.

Citizens United for Resources and the Environment, Inc. (CURE)
Malissa Hathaway McKeith, Attorney
(213) 300-3550, www.curegroup.org

American Farmland Trust
(916) 448-1064, www.farmland.org

PROTECT YOUR LOCAL FOODSHED
We use agricultural easements to permanently protect farmland from development. Learn about our programs: Agricultural Land Mitigation & Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation.
www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp

KEEP FARMLAND IN PRODUCTION
Williamson Act contracts provide tax relief for farmers and ranchers so they can afford to keep farming. Find out more:
www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/lca

FIND FARMLAND NEAR YOU
Use our interactive map to find local farms and see how land use has changed over time.
http://maps.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/ciftimeseries/
Farming Resources

Find Land to Farm

Rich with citrus heritage, the City of Riverside is home to over 4,600 acres of preserved agricultural land in Arlington Heights, an area commonly called the “Greenbelt”. Consistent with the rural character of the area, most of the properties within the Greenbelt are five to ten-acre parcels, each with a single-family residence. Today, an estimated one-third of the properties in the Greenbelt contain the remnants of the commercial citrus industry, and about 900 acres sit vacant in need of farmers. If you are looking to lease fallow land, please contact Joyce Jong, Riverside’s Agriculture Business Development Coordinator at (951) 826-5265 or jjong@riversideca.gov.

City of Riverside Office of Economic Development http://riversideoed.com/
Joyce Jong, (951) 826-5265, jjong@riversideca.gov
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522
Help finding greenbelt farmland, local loans for irrigation, GrowRIVERSIDE, and local ag

Cornell Small Farms Program smallfarms.cornell.edu
Information and assistance in all aspects of farming including startups

FarmsReach http://www.farmsreach.com
Helps small farmers to find suppliers and network with each other.

National Young Farmers Coalition www.youngfarmers.org/

The Produce News www.theproducenews.com

Riverside County Ag Trail http://agtrail.rivcoca.org/

Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office www.rivcoag.org
4080 Lemon St., Room 19, Basement
PO Box 1089 Riverside, CA 92502-1089
(951) 955-3000, agdept@co.riverside.ca.us
Ag permits, certifications, licenses, and administers county agricultural ordinances.


CA Department of Food and Agriculture www.cdfa.ca.gov

CA Citrus Threat (800) 491-1899, www.californiacitrusthreat.org

CA Department of Pesticide Regulations www.cdpr.ca.gov/

CA Agritourism http://sfp.ucdavis.edu/agritourism/
Penny Leff (530) 752-7779, paleff@ucdavis.edu
Marketing Regional Farms and Wineries http://sfp.ucdavis.edu/files/224898.pdf

CA Small Farm Conference (707) 631-5029, www.californiafarmconference.com
P.O. Box 72014, Davis, CA 95617

California Farm to Fork www.cafarmtofork.com
Regional and seasonal foods, features local efforts, resources and a blog.

California Farmer Marketplace www.cafarmermarketplace.com
A free statewide website featuring California produce, grains, meats and other products for sale. Register as a grower or a buyer.

Citrograph http://citrusresearch.org/citrograph


City Farmer News www.cityfarmer.info

Help finding greenbelt farmland, local loans for irrigation, GrowRIVERSIDE, and local ag

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Marketing Regional Farms and Wineries http://sfp.ucdavis.edu/files/224898.pdf

CA Small Farm Conference (707) 631-5029, www.californiafarmconference.com
P.O. Box 72014, Davis, CA 95617

California Farm to Fork www.cafarmtofork.com
Regional and seasonal foods, features local efforts, resources and a blog.

California Farmer Marketplace www.cafarmermarketplace.com
A free statewide website featuring California produce, grains, meats and other products for sale. Register as a grower or a buyer.

Citrograph http://citrusresearch.org/citrograph


City Farmer News www.cityfarmer.info

City of Riverside Office of Economic Development http://riversideoed.com/
Joyce Jong, (951) 826-5265, jjong@riversideca.gov
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522
Help finding greenbelt farmland, local loans for irrigation, GrowRIVERSIDE, and local ag

Cornell Small Farms Program smallfarms.cornell.edu
Information and assistance in all aspects of farming including startups

FarmsReach http://www.farmsreach.com
Helps small farmers to find suppliers and network with each other.

National Young Farmers Coalition www.youngfarmers.org/

The Produce News www.theproducenews.com

Riverside County Ag Trail http://agtrail.rivcoca.org/

Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office www.rivcoag.org
4080 Lemon St., Room 19, Basement
PO Box 1089 Riverside, CA 92502-1089
(951) 955-3000, agdept@co.riverside.ca.us
Ag permits, certifications, licenses, and administers county agricultural ordinances.

University of California Cooperative Extension Specialist Dr. Jeff Mitchell demonstrated soil performance with and without plant residues for farmers at a Growers’ Forum in Riverside, CA.
Farming Resources

**UC Cooperative Extension**
Resources for research based education in Agriculture, 4-H youth development, Nutrition and Master Gardener programs. More info at: ceriverside.ucanr.edu/ and ucanr.edu/

**Riverside County**
ceriverside.ucanr.edu/
21150 Box Springs Rd., Moreno Valley, CA 92557
ceriverside@ucdavis.edu (951) 683-6491
Etaferahu (Eta) Takele: Farm management economics
(951) 683-6491, ettakele@ucanr.edu

**San Bernardino County**
cesanbernardino.ucanr.edu/
777 East Rialto Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92415-0730
mgsanbern@ucanr.edu (909) 387-2182
Janet Hartin: Environmental Horticulture Advisor
(951) 313-2023, jshartin@ucanr.edu

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(951) 683-6491 Ext. 222, cpdiaz@ucanr.edu
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(951) 683-6491 Ext. 230, rmoiz@ucanr.edu
Chutima Ganthavorn: Nutrition advisor
(951) 683-6491 Ext. 223, cganthavorn@ucanr.edu
Michael Rethwisch: Field and forage corps
(760) 921-5064, mdrethwisch@ucanr.edu

**Soils Information**
California’s Soil App
casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu/soilweb-apps

**Soil Health**
www.soilhealth.com

**USDA Soil Survey**
websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov

**Living Soil Documentary**
www.livingsoilfilm.com

**Farm Bureau**
An independent, non-governmental, membership organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families for the purpose of achieving educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement.

**Riverside County**
(951) 684-6732, www.riversidecfb.com
21160 Box Springs Rd., Suite #102,
Moreno Valley, CA 92557
President@RiversideCFB.com

**San Bernadino County**
(909) 875-5945, sbfarmbureau.com
PO Box 10668
San Bernardino, CA 92423
sbfarmbureau@msn.com
Farming Resources

Farm Services

Alan A. Washburn  
Citrus Psyllid Coordinator for Riverside County  
(951) 683-2392, alana@washburnandsons.com  
Pick Pack-Pest control, entomology, expertise in citrus

Blue Banner Company Inc.  
(951) 682-6183  
Citrus packing

Corona College Heights Orange and Lemon Association (CCH)  
(951) 688-1811  
Citrus packing

Index Fresh  
(909) 877-0999, www.indexfresh.com  
Avocado packing, distribution, Educational seminars.

Joel Garcia  
(909) 376-0494  
Orchard care

Richard Zapien  
(714) 865-5364  
Farm consultant

R.I.T. Grove Management  
Roy I. Takeno  (951) 313-3099

Funding Sources

American AgCredit  
(800) 800-4865, (909) 947-2371  
AgLoan.com

Accion  
(619) 795-7250, us.accion.org

SlowMoney Southern California  
slowmoney.org/local-groups/slow-money-southern-california

USDA Farm Service Agency  
Riverside County  
www.fsa.usda.gov/index  
Desiree Houston, (760) 347-3675 Ext. 2  
81-077 Indio Blvd., Indio, CA 92201

San Bernardino County  
www.fsa.usda.gov/index  
Rebecca Garcia, (661) 945-3142  
44811 Date Ave., Lancaster CA 93534

Thank you American AgCredit for your support!
Congratulations to the Gless Ranch for 60 years!

In 1958, John J. Gless and Janet McCandless were married and together they began what today is known as Gless Ranch. John planted the couple's first orange grove by himself. In 1960 he pioneered citrus farming in the Woodcrest area on acreage that had been deemed unsuitable. By the 1970's, numerous other farmers had joined in farming citrus, that was by then flourishing in the Woodcrest area.

In 1977, John and Janet revisited an old idea: to sell by the roadside. This time their four kids would help: John S., Betsy, Jeff, and Jason began selling their oranges out of a 1974 Ford station wagon. With this start, the original “fruit stand” was born.

In addition to oranges, Gless Ranch currently farms grapefruit, tangerines, limes, lemons, dates, avocados and figs. The Gless family has also established a state of the art tree nursery where varieties of avocado and citrus trees are propagated and sold to other farmers. Gless Ranch farms the California Citrus State Historic Park, the orange trees lining scenic Victoria Avenue, and is preparing to plant a new avocado grove in the greenbelt.

Today, John and Janet are pleased to have all four of their children, as well as several grandchildren involved with the farming and operation of Gless Ranch.

After years of expanding and remodeling the first fruit stand at Van Buren Blvd. and Barton Rd., the beloved old building was renovated into the Gless Ranch Farmer’s Market in 2017. It remains at the original farm stand location and offers customers the freshest citrus, many varieties of locally grown fruits and vegetables, craft beer, wine, specialty items, local artisan foods and gifts.
## Farmers' Markets
(listings on pages 5 & 6)

1. Canyon Lake Farmers’ Market
2. Corona Farmers’ Market
3. Rubidoux Farmers’ Market
4. Valley Patch Farmers’ Market
5. Moreno Valley Farmers’ Market
6. Murrieta Farmers’ Market
7. Norco Farmers’ Market
8. Nuevo Farmers Market
9. County Circle Farmers’ Market
10. County of Riverside Farmers’ Market
11. Downtown Farmers’ Market on Main Street
12. Galleria at Tyler Farmers’ Market
13. Kaiser Permanente Farmers’ Market
14. San Jacinto Valley Farmers’ Market
15. Old Town Temecula Farmers’ Market
16. Promenade Temecula Farmers’ Market
17. Vail Headquarters Farmers’ Market
18. Chino Hills Certified Farmers’ Market
19. Arrowhead Medical Center Farmers’ Market
20. Kaiser Permanente Fontana Farmers’ Market
21. Loma Linda Farmers’ Market
22. Kaiser Permanente Fontana Farmers’ Market
23. Terra Vista Town Ctr. Farmers’ Market
24. Victoria Gardens Farmers’ Market
25. Redlands Market Night
26. Redlands Saturday Farmers’ Market
27. Farmers’ Market at the Grove School
28. Rialto Farmers’ Market
29. Perris Hill Park Farmers’ Market
30. Yucaipa Farmers’ Market

## Community Gardens
(listings on page 28)

51. Community Garden at Peace Lutheran
52. Highland’s Giving Garden
53. Huerta Del Valle (2 locations)
54. Incredible Edible Community Garden
55. Pomona College Organic Farm
56. Root 66 Community Garden
57. Arlanza
58. Eastside
59. Community Settlement Association
60. Madison Street Church
61. RCC Community Garden
62. Tequesquite at Bonaminio Park
63. UC Riverside R’Garden

## Agritourism Sites
(listings on pages 40 & 41)

64. 123 Organic Farm
65. Amy’s Farm
66. Greenspot Farms
67. California Citrus State Historic Park
68. Guldseth Cherry Orchard
69. Live Oak Canyon Adventure Farm
70. Mr. Joe’s Farm
71. Peltzer Pumpkin Farm
72. Los Rios Rancho
73. Riley’s Farm
74. Snow-Line Orchard
75. Willowbrook Apple Farm
76. Tom’s Farms
77. Wickerd Farm
78. LandUse Learning Center at RCRCD
Natural Pest Control

*Biological control* is a method of suppressing pests using natural enemies. Helpful predators include some kinds of bugs, lizards, birds of prey, bats, and larger mammals, such as coyotes and bobcats.

Spiders and “beneficial” insects move into crops to prey on pests, including aphids, scales, and spider mites. Conservation practices, such as cover crops and hedgerows at field borders provide habitat for helpful creatures that suppress pests.

Farmers place raptor nest boxes above their fields to help build the population of Barn Owls and Kestrels. You can see kestrel boxes in Temecula’s vineyards.

Insect photos: ©U.C. Riverside Department of Entomology
Tree frog and orb spider photos courtesy of Susan Sims
Inland Grown Food System Map

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- Community Gardens
- Agritourism Sites

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Thank you to the Riverside County Information Technology GIS Department for assistance with map development.

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, Increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, ©OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User community.
Native bees, butterflies, and other pollinators face many threats including habitat loss, disease, pesticide use, and climate change.

Bumble bees are at special risk, because unlike honeybees, which have large perennial hives with greater than 10,000 individuals, bumble bees produce smaller annual colonies (50-1,500 individuals). Due to their population sizes, life cycle, and genetic makeup, they are uniquely susceptible to extinction.

Learn about how you can reduce impacts on pollinators at:
http://www.xerces.org/bringbackthepollinators/
Grow with Us!

Whether you want to get closer to nature, grow food, meet your neighbors, beautify your neighborhood, or any of the many reasons to participate in or start a community garden, the Riverside Garden Council (RGC) wants to help. Since 2010, RGC has gathered gardeners and enthusiasts together for mutual support, advice, and to brainstorm new ways to spread the benefits of community gardening.

Follow our mission to strengthen Riverside communities by building a garden network for living healthy, active lives growing fresh food. Contact the Riverside Garden Council and join our activities. Dig Riverside. As we look ahead to long summer days, remember at the end of the day, gardening is about deep roots. To quote author Anne Raver, “Gardens, scholars say, are the first sign of commitment to a community. When people plant corn they are saying: “Let’s stay here. And by their connection to the land, they are connected to one another.”

Join us at our monthly meeting: every third Monday of the month, 6:30 PM at Riverside Community College Alumni House, 3564 Ramona Dr.

Contact us at riversidegarden council@gmail.com. To learn about upcoming events, like our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/RiversideCommunityGardens

57 Arlanza
8700 Cypress Ave. at Challen Ave., Riverside
growarlanza@gmail.com
(951) 732-7509

58 Eastside
4660 Ottawa Ave., Riverside (behind Emerson)
jcburk@pacbell.net
(951) 212-7229

59 Community Settlement Association
4366 Bermuda Ave., Riverside
(951) 686-6266

60 Madison Street Church
3991 Madison St., Riverside (behind church)
commonGood.riverside@gmail.com
(951) 687-0557

61 RCC Community Garden
4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside (So. of Digital Library)
Tonya.Huff@rcc.edu
(951) 222-8180

62 Tequesquite at Bonaminio Park
5000 Tequesquite Ave., Riverside
jcburk@pacbell.net
(951) 212-7229

63 UC Riverside R’Garden
Martin Luther King Blvd., Riverside
(entry at Canyon Crest Dr., edge of parking lot 30)
grarden.ucr.edu, rgarden@ucr.edu
(951) 827-4271

(213) 300-3550
MalissaCurePres@Gmail.com
www.CureGroup.org

CURE cares how government decisions affect the environment, economy and your safety. Together we can demand more accountability.

Citizens United for Resources and the Environment, Inc.
A proud supporter of Grow Riverside and RFSA

Thank you CURE for supporting our local food system!
**Gardening Resources**

**Bee Rooted Honeybee Removal**  
(909) 660-3072, beerootedbees@gmail.com  
Ethical, humane live bee swarm and hive removal services. Also hive rental services for crop pollination.

**CA Rare Fruit Growers** - Inland Empire Chapter  
https://crfg.org/home/chapters/california/inland-empire/

**Master Gardeners, University of California Cooperative Extension (Riverside County)**  
Greater Riverside Area  
Helpline: (951) 683-6491 Ext 231  
anrmgriverside@ucanr.edu  
http://ucanr.edu/sites/RiversideMG/

**San Bernardino County Area**  
Helpline: (909) 387-2182  
mgsanbern@ucanr.edu  
http://cesanbernardino.ucanr.edu/

**Master Composters, Riverside County Department of Waste Resources**  
(951) 486-3200  
http://www.rcwaste.org/composting/how

**Riverside Garden Council and Community Gardens**  
Facebook: Riverside Garden Council  
Riversidegardencouncil.org

**UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Catalog**  
http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/  (800) 994-8849  
Tried and True or Something New? Selected Citrus Varieties for the Home Gardener  
https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/Details.aspx?item No=8472

**California Garden Web**  
http://cagardenweb.ucanr.edu

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**Compost, Organic Fertilizers, and Reuse**

**Jongs Organic Fertilizers**  
David Smith, (909) 809-2247, David@jongs.com

**We Compost**  
John Craig, (330) 703-4765, wecompost2@gmail.com  
280 E. Ontario Ave., Corona  
Worms and castings, composting and vermicomposting demonstrations

**Burrtec**  
1830 Agua Mansa Rd., Riverside  
(951) 786-0544  
Mulch, compost, wood chips, soil amendments.  
www.burrtec.com/organic-and-food

**Chino Basin Water Conservation District**  
4594 San Bernardino St., Montclair  
(909) 626-2711  
Free mulch and compost first and third Saturdays  
8:30 -11:30 am. No commercial landscapers.  
cbwcd.org/197/Mulch-Giveaways

**Riverside County Department of Waste Resources**  
(951) 486-3200  
http://www.rcwaste.org/vermicomposting  
Vermicomposting classes and information  
http://www.rcwaste.org/composting/bins  
Free composting classes and low cost compost bins, also free DIY plans to build a bin

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Thank you, Burrtec for your support!
Seed Libraries

A Seed Library is a collaborative space for sharing seeds and keeping custody of traditional knowledge about saving seeds.

San Bernardino County Seed Library
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
4594 San Bernardino St., Montclair, CA 91763
www.cbwcd.org

Riverside Seed Library
LandUse Learning Center
4500 Glenwood Drive, Riverside, CA 92501
Friday - Sunday 8 am - 5 pm
www.riversidegardencouncil.org

In Riverside, the public can borrow heirloom and heritage varieties to raise fruits, vegetables, flowers or herbs. Let some plants “go to seed,” then return what was borrowed to the library. Help cultivate local food security, build a clean and reproducible seed stock, create a common trust, and encourage gardening at any skill level.

Every Acre Counts

The Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative is one of many ways the National Association of Conservation Districts is advancing voluntary conservation in food insecure communities.

Thank you to NACD and partner USDA for supporting Riverside-Corona and Inland Empire Resource Conservation Districts with Urban Ag Conservation Grants.
Keep Me Wild

Wild animals don’t need your handouts: they need your respect.

Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. They naturally fear humans and keep their distance – so long as they remain fully wild.

You may not realize it, but a simple bag of garbage, bowl of pet food, or plate of leftovers left outside your home or vacation site can cause harm to wildlife.

Stash your food and trash

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild

Coyote Cacher
https://ucanr.edu/sites/CoyoteCacher/
See where coyotes have been sighted in your area and report sightings.

Living on the Edge of the Urban-Wildland Interface
Learn about reducing impacts on wildlife and protecting your human habitat.

Urban Coyote Initiative
https://urbancoyoteinitiative.com/

Homeowners-- Help Save Citrus!

If you are a resident with citrus trees on your property, California needs your help. Look for the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP), an invasive pest that can carry and spread an incurable plant disease that kills citrus trees.

The pest is of grave concern because it can carry the disease Huanglongbing (HLB). HLB is one of the most serious citrus plant diseases in the world, and it is now a serious threat to the U.S. citrus industry because it greatly reduces production, destroys the economic value of fruit and eventually kills trees. The disease has already infected more than 900 citrus trees across Southern California, including a few in Riverside County. Although the disease poses no threat to humans or animals, it has devastated citrus crops in Florida, Asia, Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and Brazil.

Once a tree is infected, there is no cure. Infected trees produce fruit that are green, misshapen, bitter, and unsuitable for sale as fresh fruit or for juice. Most infected trees die within a few years. Once the Asian citrus psyllid picks up the disease, it carries it for the rest of its life. Moving infected plant material, such as potted plants, budwood and leaves, can spread HLB.

ACPs are most likely to be found on new shoots and flush, and the insect population increases during periods of active plant growth. Their eggs are almond-shaped and range from yellow to orange in color. See photos at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/hungrypests/photoGallery.shtml

If you think you may have seen the pest or need more information, please call the Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899 or visit www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/save-our-citrus. THANK YOU.
Products from Local Farms

123 Farm Organics
(951) 845-1151
10600 Highland Springs Ave., Beaumont, CA 92223
shop.123farm.com
Essential oils, candles, lotions, tea, herbs, honey, olive oil, lavender products, online or shop at the ranch.

Bee Rooted Honeybees & Botanicals
(909) 660-3072, beerootedbees@gmail.com
Facebook: Bee Rooted Bees
Sustainable honey and soap, also classes, children’s presentations and consultation services.

Etta Mae Gourmet
Laurie Anderson, (951) 662-4999
PO Box 344, Riverside, CA 92502
ettamaegourmet@gmail.com
Local food artisan makes homemade jams, jellies.

Hunneeedees Baking
Deana Arellano
(951) 295-3070, Hunneeedee@gmail.com
Kids baking parties and education in the science of baking and food safety. Baking for weddings, dessert tables.

The Juniper Jammery
Ann M. Richmond, (951) 202-8987
PO Box 1387, Riverside, CA 92502
ann@randinc.com
Jams with no sugars or preservatives, Jojoba skin care and soap

Ridgedale Orchard and Vineyard
(909) 393-2726, MikeandKaren@RidgedaleOrchard.com
www.ridgedaleorchard.com
21145 Ridgedale Dr., Lake Mathews, CA 92570

Goat Rodeo Soap
Janice Lake, (626) 826-3204, info@goatrodeosoap.com
Facebook: Goat Rodeo Soap
Sold at downtown Riverside farmers’ market. All natural handcrafted soap from goat milk.

Happy Hawk Farm
Isela Robles, (951) 660-1750, iselamrobles@gmail.com
Organic micro-greens. Sold at downtown Riverside farmers’ market.

My Goodness
Curtis Cruz, (951) 333-9947
High quality artisan bread delivered to Riverside only. Order on Facebook: My Goodness or text by Sunday for delivery on Thursday.

Pasturebird Poultry
(855) 4-PASTURE, info@pasturebird.com
www.pasturebird.com
Chicken, sausages and stock shipped frozen

Primal Pastures
(951) 297-9933, info@primalpastures.com
www.primalpastures.com
Pasture raised meat, tours, classes

Rosemary Farms Eggs
sold at Jammin’ Bread Bakery
5225 Canyon Crest Dr. #17a, Riverside
(951) 369-1869

Take Heart Farm
takeheartfarm.com
Handspun wool yarn and knitted caps and scarves. Sold through Wildknits on Etsy.

Temecula Olive Oil Company
(866) 654-8396
www.temeculaliveoil.com
Tasting rooms open daily, see website for locations. Ranch tours 2nd and 4th Saturdays Special events, cooking classes, farm dinners
www.thefarmproject.com/blog/extra-virgin-olive-oil/

Temecula Valley Honey Company
(951) 533-6032, temeculahoney@gmail.com
temeculavalleyhoneycompany.com
Honey, honeycomb and bee pollen.

Learn how to tell if your olive oil is truly from olives. Watch the video featuring actress Zooey Deschanel and local grower Thom Curry at:
www.thefarmproject.com/blog/extra-virgin-olive-oil

Cottage Food Operation Information
www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/Pages/FDBPrograms/FoodSafetyProgram/CottageFoodOperations.aspx

Riverside County Department of Environmental Health
(888) 722-4234, www.rivcoeh.org/Forms
**Healthy Living Resources**

**First 5 - Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC)**

NAP SACC is an obesity prevention program that helps child care facilities improve their nutrition and physical activity programs.

**Eastside HEALZone**
www.healthyriversidecounty.org
The Eastside neighborhood in the City of Riverside is one of 17 Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) Zones activating residents and organizations in community efforts for healthy living, Funded by Kaiser Permanente.

**Harvest of the Month**
http://harvestofthemonth.cdph.ca.gov/
Highlights a variety of seasonal produce items grown in California, featuring free newsletters that include gardening, cooking, science, reading, and other topics.

**Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP)**
www.cachampionsforchange.cdph.ca.gov
NEOP is part of the statewide “Champions for Change” campaign focused in low-income communities to create environments that support fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity.

**Nutrition and Health Promotion and the Riverside County Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP)**
(951) 358-5311,
Help build healthier and more physically active communities in Riverside County.

**Riverside County Health Coalition**
www.healthyriversidecounty.org
A collaborative committed to policy development and advocacy, environmental change, and community empowerment for healthy lifestyles.

**Kaiser Permanente Southern California**
www.community.kp.org
Wealth of information about programs and opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles and communities.

**Women, Infants & Children (WIC)**
(800) 455-4942, www.rivhero.com/
Helps pregnant women, new mothers and young children eat well, stay healthy and be active with peer support, nutrition education and coupons for healthy foods.

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*be healthy. add color to your diet.*
**Educational Resources**

**California Citrus State Historic Park**
9400 Dufferin Ave. (at Van Buren), Riverside
(951) 780-6222, www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=649
The park and museum recapture the time when “Citrus was King”, and showcase the importance of the citrus industry in southern California.

**Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District**
(951) 683-7691, www.rcrcd.org
4500 Glenwood Dr., Building A, Riverside
(at the corner of 14th St.)
Free educational materials and mini-grants for school gardens are provided to teachers, students, and homeschooling families who reside or work within the RCRCD. Order forms: www.rcrcd.org/#For_Youth, or call Ext. 207.
Visit the LandUse Learning Center (see ad page 41) to learn about sustainable land management.

**Inland Empire Resource Conservation District**
www.iercd.org (909) 799-7407
25864-K Business Center Dr., Redlands, CA 92374
Free soil testing for farmers, invasive species removal, urban ag support, conservation grants.

**4-H Youth Development Program**
4h.ucanr.edu/
Riverside Office: (951) 683-6491 Ext. 229
21150 Box Springs Rd., Ste. 202
Moreno Valley, CA 92557
Claudia Carrasco Diaz (951) 683-6491 Ext. 222

**Riverside Citizen Science**
Facebook: Riverside Citizen Science

**Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) Nutrition Services**
(951) 352-6740, riversideunified.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=580805&pageId=951630
The RUSD Farm to School Program promotes healthy eating in children by increasing the availability of fruits and vegetables in school lunches. It also provides nutrition education to increase knowledge of, and improve attitudes toward eating a variety of locally grown produce.

**Environmental Education Collaborative**
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties
www.enviroedcollaborative.com
Facebook: EE Collaborative

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**FIELD Is Coming to the Inland Region**

The Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development (FIELD) was established in 1978 by Cesar Chavez to address the educational needs of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and those in under-served areas of California.

Today, FIELD programs include:
- An accredited charter high school with 30 locations in California, including Riverside
- An Environmental Conservation Corps that provides instruction in habitat restoration and recycling
- English as a Second Language (ESL) offered in partnership with several community colleges in California.

FIELD has been awarded a Career and Technical Education (CTE) grant through the California Department of Education that is funding development of programs in agriculture, alternative energy, environmental conservation, entrepreneurship and early childhood education.

FIELD’s ag program will provide students with skills that are needed to become independent operators as farmers. To learn more, see www.farmworkerinstitute.org or contact (661) 822-4381.

**FIELD: Empowering the underserved to become self-sufficient**
Our nation is in need of new farmers to feed and keep people healthy, steward land and natural resources, and build stronger regional food economies.

Whether you have just graduated from high school, are changing careers in mid-life, or are a veteran, consider becoming a farmer. Through Riverside’s NextGen Farmer Training Program, participants will learn everything about the art, science, and business of farming, with opportunities to own and operate their own farms, work outdoors, and provide locally grown products to the community. The program provides comprehensive training and mentorship over multiple years to assist new and beginning farmers become successful.

Riverside’s NextGen Farmer Training program:
Stage 1: 10-month Beginning Farmer Training
Stage 2: Farm Apprenticeships
Stage 3: New & Beginning Farmer Incubation

Over a ten-month period, new farmers attend evening and weekend classes totaling more than 180 hours of classroom and field training in six modules covering topics such as: irrigation, soil management, organic specialty crop production, crop planning, integrated pest management, food safety and GAP, greenhouse management, marketing and business development, and much more.

For those ready to take the next steps, the NextGen Farmer Training Program offers incubation of new farmers with access to subsidized land, equipment and infrastructure, market access, and mentorship to facilitate transition to independent farming. Incubatees have the opportunity to farm, growing and selling produce on a part-time or full-time basis starting on ⅛ to ¼ acre. Riverside NextGen Farmer Training Program is offered in collaboration by the Riverside Food Systems Alliance, Farmworker Institute for Education and Leadership Development, the City of Riverside, and many others.

Learn more at GrowRiv.com
Educational Resources

UC Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener Training Program
Formal training and continuing education provided to volunteers who extend research based horticultural information and sustainable gardening practices to the public.

Riverside County Area
ucanr.edu/sites/RiversideMG/How_To_Become_A_Master_Gardener/
Rosa Olaiz, (951) 683-6491 Ext. 230, rmolaiz@ucanr.edu

San Bernardino County Area
http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/
Maggie O’Neill, (909) 387-2182, magoneill@ucanr.edu

Online Ag Ed Resources

Citrus Experiment Station
http://cnas.ucr.edu/about/history/ces.html

California Foundation for Ag in the Classroom
learnaboutag.org/

Growing School Gardens
A professional learning and social network at www.edweb.net/schoolgardens

California School Garden Network
www.csgn.org/california

National Gardening Association
https://garden.org

Kids Gardening
www.kidsgardening.org

School Gardens and Native Plants
www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/school_gardens.php

California Farm to School Program
CA Department of Education
www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/farmtoschool.asp

Edible Schoolyard Project
http://www.edibleschoolyard.org
Connects educators around the world to build and share a K-12 edible education curriculum

City of Riverside Urban Gardens and Food Sustainability
Interactive maps with information on the city’s agriculture, food systems, and other topics
https://riversideca.gov/it/gis/UrbanGardensFoodSustainability.asp

Higher Education

Cal Baptist University Food Innovation Center
calbaptist.edu/programs/nutrition-and-food-sciences/

Cal Poly Pomona College of Agriculture
www.cpp.edu/~agri/departments/index.shtml

Archi’s Institute for Sustainable Agriculture with Cal Poly Pomona
https://archisinstitute.com/

Environmental Leadership Academy

Riverside Community College
Culinary Academy: http://rcc.edu/departments/career-tech/appliedtech/Pages/Culinary.aspx
RCC Urban Farm: Facebook Community Garden RCC (951) 328-3663

Pomona College Organic Farm
(909) 607-8341 farm@pomona.edu
farm.pomona.edu

UCR Sustainability
Sustainability.ucr.edu
(951) 827-6558, sustainability@ucr.edu

University of California Global Food Initiative
universityofcalifornia.edu/global-food-initiative

UCR California Agriculture and Food Enterprise (CAFE) http://cafe.ucr.edu/

Low Cost Soil and Irrigation-Water Testing
If you suspect that your soil may be causing poor plant growth, consider having your soil analyzed. Soil tests reveal chemical problems that are invisible to the eye, except when plants are dying or sickly.

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RRCRD) provides low-cost soil and water testing for private landowners and homeowners.

Inland Harvest Food Donation

Inland Harvest transports surplus food donated by restaurants, cafeterias, caterers, markets, bakeries, schools, hospitals, wholesalers and retailers, as well as private individuals to already established feeding programs in the Inland Empire. It is an unique organization without a physical site. Volunteers are trained for a specific route and use their own vehicles to transport food. Assignments for routes are made by email or phone.

Inland Harvest volunteers will pick up any amount of good, nutritious food from businesses in the Inland Empire and take it directly to shelters and community food programs.

To donate food or become a volunteer, leave a message at (909) 353-7890 or email inlandharvest1@gmail.com. Learn more at www.inlandharvest.org.

Community Resources

Inland Harvest Food Donation

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Food Pantry
5250 Central Ave, Riverside, (Central & Streeter), (951) 687-8146
Weekdays 9 - 11:30 am, Has refrigerators, call for after hours deliveries

Arlington Temporary Assistance - Food Pantry
9000 Arlington Ave., Riverside, (951) 689-5620
Hours: Mon, Wed 11 am - 4 pm Tues, Thurs 10 am - 1 pm
Has refrigerators and freezers.

Community Settlement - Food Pantry
4366 Bermuda Ave., Riverside, CA
(951) 686-6266
Donations accepted Mon and Wed 8 - 11 am

Feeding America Riverside/San Bernardino
2950 Jefferson St., Suite B, Riverside
(951) 359-4757, www.feedingamericaioe.org
Food distribution to non-profits. Has refrigerators and freezers. Call to arrange donation delivery.

First Congregational Church Project Food
3504 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside
fcc.projectfood@gmail.com or (951) 858-1346
Wednesdays after 3 pm

Arlington Seventh Day Adventist - Food Pantry
8778 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, (951) 688-6630
5 day supply_1x per month_5x per year

Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist - Food Pantry
4491 Kansas Ave., Riverside, (951) 682-9810

Queen of Angels Church
4824 Jones Ave., Riverside (951) 689-3674 x 223
Accepts donations weekdays, call to arrange delivery.

Riverside City Mission
26200 Date St., Highland
Ken Keener, (909) 322-8572
Tues - Sat, 8 am - 2 pm, please call before delivery.

Second Baptist Church
2911 Ninth St., Riverside (951) 684-7532
Contact Kathy Price weekdays 8:30 am - 4 pm

Helping Hands Pantry Warehouse
2205 S. Artesia St., San Bernardino
helpinghandspantry.org/donate/
Sun, Mon, Fri. 8 am - Noon
Tues, Weds, Thurs. 8 am - 3:30 pm
Also accepts used clothing and blankets in good repair.
What is a Food Rescue?

Food rescue, also called food recovery or food salvage, is the practice of gleaning edible food that would otherwise go to waste from places such as restaurants, grocery stores, or dining facilities and distributing it to local emergency food programs.

The City of Riverside and the Riverside Food Co-op (RFC) have developed new programs to divert perfectly edible food from landfills to the tables of food insecure residents. With funding from CalRecycle, RFC acquired a refrigerated van and now picks up leftover food from local restaurants, farms, caterers, and markets and redistributes the salvaged food to hunger relief organizations, including food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters. The food that RFC gathers may be frozen, fresh, or packaged.

Other benefits for participating in the Food Rescue Program include tax deductions, recognition, and waste reduction.

Do you have food that you would like to see used, rather than go to waste? Or, do you need food for a hunger relief program? If so, please contact Ana Lisa Campos or Felicia Armijo at RiversideFoodRescue@gmail.com or call (951) 255–7161. Visit riversidefoodrescue.com

Rescue Excess Food

If you are a larger food generator (e.g. restaurant, institution, farm) and would like to donate excess or extra edible food (rather than sending it to the landfill), visit RiversideFoodRescue.com to register as a food donor and get connected with local food pantries and food banks. We'll even come pick up the food!

For harvesting of backyard fruit (gleaning), please contact Gleaners for Good at (951) 290-7327.

ChowMatch

Another way to submit a request for food pick-up, or for harvesting of backyard fruit (gleaning) is through the Chow Match App. Chow Match is an electronic tool for connecting donated surplus food to local organizations.
Food Processing and Distribution

San Bernardino County Master Preservers
Helpline for help preserving fresh produce and food safety issues
(909) 387-2194

Grist and Toll
(626) 441-7400, info@gristandtoll.com
www.gristandtoll.com
990 S. Arroyo Pkwy. #1, Pasadena, CA 91105
First urban flour mill in the greater LA area in over 100 years.

Gleaners for Good
(951) 290-7327, See ad pg 36.

Local Harvest
www.localharvest.org/

Farmers Markets and Direct-to-Consumer Marketing
www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/
farmers-markets-and-direct-consumer-marketing

Local Food Directory
www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/food-directories

Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Compass (KYF2)
www.usda.gov/media/blog/2012/02/29/introducing-know-your-farmer-know-your-food-compass

Inland Empire Brewers Guild
Promotes and supports local craft breweries
iebrewersguild.org

Small Business Resources

Beginning Farmers Farm Business Planning
www.beginningfarmers.org/farm-business-planning/

Developing a Farm Business Plan
smalifarms.cornell.edu/plan-your-farm/planning-funding-your-farm-business/sample-business-plans

Inland Empire Small Business Development Center
(951) 781-2345, www.iesmallbusiness.com

Inland Empire Women’s Business Center
(909) 890-1242, www.iewbc.org

Inland Empire Business Counseling and Consulting Service (SCORE)
(951) 652-4350, inlandempire.score.org
SCORE is a nonprofit dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow, and succeed: resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Free counseling, information

Small Business Administration (SBA)
Santa Ana District Office, (714) 550-7420
www.sba.gov/offices/district/ca/santa-ana

Support the local food movement!
(Sponsorship information on back cover)
Be a Change Agent!

The Riverside Food Rescue and Waste Reduction Ambassador program is a free, 40 hour certificate program that includes five workshops followed by a community-based project. Workshops include 20 hours of lecture with industry guest speakers, field trips, and hands-on experience. Participants also complete 20 hours of volunteer work or a project pertaining to food rescue and waste reduction. Upon successful completion of the program, new Food Ambassadors are recognized by Riverside's Mayor and City Council.

Participants engage with local experts and professionals to learn about:

- The Life Cycle of Food: From Cradle to Grave with a field trip to Burrtec's Material Recovery Facility
- Powering Healthy Soils with Food Waste Compost with hands-on composting and vermicomposting (worm bins)
- Food Rescue and Waste Reduction at home
- Composting, Technology, and Energy.

For the second half of the program, trainees complete 20 hours of community work over three months. Activities might include:

- Volunteering with Gleaners for Good
- Coordinating a neighborhood project
- Staffing GrowRIVERSIDE and other related events
- Volunteering at a food bank
- Presenting food rescue information to neighborhood groups and/or community organizations.

For more information about the Food Ambassador Certification Program, please contact Olivia Sanchez at OSanchez@riversideca.gov or (951) 351-6174.

The Food Rescue and Waste Prevention Ambassador program is made possible with funding from CalRecycle.
**Agritourism Adventures**

**Agritourism** is “a commercial enterprise at a working farm, ranch, or agricultural plant conducted for the enjoyment of visitors that generates supplemental income for the owner.”

*From the UC Small Farm Program*

http://sfp.ucdavis.edu/agritourism/factsheets/what/

Agritourism might include:
- Educational experiences (cannery tours, cooking classes, or wine tasting).
- Entertainment (harvest festivals or barn dances).
- Hospitality services (farm stays, guided tours or outfitter services).
- On-farm direct sales (u-pick operations or roadside stands).

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**123 Organic Farm**
**Highland Springs Ranch & Inn**
(951) 845-1151, www.123farm.com
Open daily • 9 am - 5 pm
10600 Highland Springs Ave., Beaumont 92223
Lavender & Olive Festivals, sheep shearing, weddings, school programs, farm camp. Tours by reservation.

**Amy’s Farm**
(844) 426–9732, info@amysfarm.com
Open Monday-Saturday
Produce stand open 9 am - 5 pm
Farm open Noon - 2 pm weekdays • 9 am - 5 pm Sat.
7698 Eucalyptus Ave., Ontario, 91762
Non-profit, donations requested. Produce, honey, olive oil, pork and beef sold. Tours by reservation.

**Greenspot Farms**
(909) 794-7653, www.greenspotfarms.com
Open daily • 9 am - 6 pm
10133 Ward Way, Mentone, 92359
Farm animals, hayrides, Christmas Tree farm, Honeybees, gift shop, weddings, school tours

**California Citrus State Historic Park**
9400 Dufferin Ave. (at Van Buren), Riverside
(951) 780-6222  www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=649
The park and museum recapture the time when “Citrus was King”, and showcase the importance of the citrus industry in southern California.

**Gulsdeth Cherry Orchard**
(951) 845-2490, www.gulsdethcherryorchard.com
Farmstand open daily • 1 - 5 pm, call to confirm
9150 Whispering Pines Rd., Cherry Valley, 92223
U-Pick cherry orchard (May-June), group tours

**Live Oak Canyon Adventure Farm**
(909) 795-8733, www.liveoakcanyon.com
Open seasonally, see website or facebook page for calendar, hours and events
32335 Live Oak Canyon Rd., Redlands, CA 92373
Gift shop, games, bounce houses, wagon rides, petting zoo, pumpkin patch (Sept/Oct), corn maze and Christmas tree farm (Dec).

**Mr. Joe’s Farm**
(951) 657-8408
20850 Old Elsinore Rd., Perris, 92570
Non-profit. Petting zoo, family friendly.

**Peltzer Pumpkin Farm**
(951) 695-1115, www.peltzerfarms.com
Open daily • 9 am - 5 pm
39925 Calle Contento, Temecula 92591
Winery, gardens, pony rides, petting farm, school tours, private events.

**Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District**
(951) 683-7691, www.rcrcd.org
4500 Glenwood Dr., Building A, Riverside
(at the corner of 14th St.)
Visit the LandUse Learning Center (see ad opposite page) to learn about sustainable land management.

**Temecula Valley Wineries**
(800) 801-9463  www.temeculawines.org
Temecula, 92593
Over 30 wineries offer tasting, tours and numerous events year-round. See website for maps, hours and event calendar.

For more listings, see the Agricultural Tourism Directory: www.calagtour.org
Agritourism Adventures

72 Los Rios Rancho
(909) 797-1005, losriosrancho.com
Open Daily • 10 am - 5 pm • U-pick weekends 9 am - 5 pm
39610 Oak Glen Rd., Oak Glen 92399
Seasonal fruit stand and u-pick fruit and nuts. Private events and farm tours

73 Riley’s Farm
(909) 797-7534, info@rileysfarm.com
Open Mon.-Sat. See website for hours: rileysfarm.com
12261 S. Oak Glen Rd., Oak Glen 92399
Seasonal fruit, flowers and produce, including u-pick. Living history events, day camps, live theater, restaurant, bakery, gift shop

74 Snow-Line Orchard
(909) 256-0405, https://snowlineorchard.com
Open Wed - Sun, 9 am - 5 pm
39400 Oak Glen Rd., Oak Glen 92399
Apples, cider, winery, U-pick raspberries, donuts

75 Willowbrook Apple Farm
(909) 797-9484, willowbrookapplefarm.com
Open during Fall season, check website for dates
12099 S. Oak Glen Rd., Yucaipa 92399
U-pick apples and berries, cider making, gift shop, tours.

More Oak Glen adventures: https://www.oakglen.net/

76 Tom’s Farms
(833) 833-4323  www.tomsfarms.com
23900 Temescal Canyon Rd., Corona, CA 92883
See website for schedule and hours
Restaurants, farmstand, shops, carousel, train ride, live music, kid’s activities, events.

77 Wickerd Farm
(951) 672-3020, www.wickerdfarm.com
Mon. - Sat. • 10 am - 8 pm call to confirm
26852 Scott Rd., Menifee, 92584
Pumpkin patch, Christmas tree farm, hay rides, butterfly garden.

Tanaka Farms
(949) 653-2100, www.tanakafarms.com
Open daily • 9 am - 5 pm
5380 3/4 University Dr., Irvine, 92612
Farm tours, school tours, seasonal holiday events, produce stand, gift shop

Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch
(760) 431-0352,  www.theflowerfields.com
Open daily during the season
5704 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Tours and events during the spring bloom, see website for dates and times

Visit the LandUse Learning Center (LLC), a 3-acre garden that demonstrates sustainable practices for the three main land uses of southern California: native habitats, urban areas, and agriculture. Learn about sustainable agriculture in the Agricultural Area, and see crops that thrive in the local climate. Plants are labelled, so pick up plant lists for each area and visit the seed library (see page 29).
What is GrowRIVERSIDE?
In 2014, the City of Riverside sponsored the first GrowRIVERSIDE Conference which drew a lot of attention to the local food movement and Riverside’s rich agricultural heritage. As interest grew, the city invited community partners to monthly planning workshops. Eventually, nearly 90 participants collaborated to envision a local farm to fork food system.

The result was a Food Policy Action Plan. When the goals of the plan are realized, partners will have strengthened the economy, raised awareness about healthy living, and conserved local farmland and natural resources.

Join us in building an equitable, healthy and prosperous community in inland Southern California. Visit GrowRIV.com

RFSA greatly appreciates the support of the City of Riverside: City Council; Innovation and Technology Department; Community and Economic Development Department; the Mayor’s Office; and Riverside Public Utilities.
Riverside Food Systems Alliance (RFSA) is an organization that is working to create a food system that makes healthy, local foods available for all in the inland valley region. RFSA connects organizations and removes barriers in an effort to expand access to local foods, preserve land for sustainable agriculture, and grow our inland economy.

RFSA is a public-private partnership with members from the community, government, and business. Partners that collaborate include farmers, community gardeners, restaurateurs, health and hunger organizations, economic and ag agencies, plus a food co-op.

Contact us at info@riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org, or (951) 888-0646. Visit us at riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org or on Facebook.

RFSA Goals

The Riverside Food System Alliance (RFSA) and partners are working to improve the food system in the inland Southern California region. Examples of RFSA goals and projects include:

- Pilot farmer training and incubator farms
- Farmland preservation
- Sustainable farming practices
- Building healthy soils and farm waste reuse
- Carbon capture to temper climate change
- Bringing fallow farmland back into production
- Community and school gardens
- Food rescue
- Commercial kitchens
- Food safety training
- Food hubs
- Sustainable restaurant practices
- Food security
- Equitable access to healthy, local foods
- Encouraging restaurants to use locally grown products

RFSA: Enhancing food security by growing a resilient, productive, and sustainable local food and agricultural system in SoCal inland valleys.

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For nearly 150 years, agriculture has been an important component of our economy and culture, thanks to an abundance of sunshine, soil, water and innovation.

Riverside voters passed Proposition R which preserved nearly 5,000 acres in the Arlington Heights greenbelt for agricultural uses.

The Riverside Food Co-op formed and started crop box service.

Stakeholders developed a Food and Ag Policy Action Plan that was adopted by the Riverside City Council. The RFSA emerged.

Riverside voters passed Measure C establishing policy to promote and encourage agriculture in Riverside.

First annual GrowRIVERSIDE conference. Initiative launched.

Gleaners for Good was launched to harvest backyard fruit, which is then donated.

Start-up grants for food system partners to build local capacity:

- USDA Food Hub grant awarded to Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) for $436K
- Invest Health grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded to City of Riverside for $60K
- Kaiser Permanente awarded $50K to RFSA
- National Association of Conservation Districts and USDA awarded a $50K Urban Ag Conservation grant to Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD)
Riverside Garden Council became a non-profit to assist community gardens.

RFSA administered Market Match funds for local farmers’ markets through the Ecology Center.

USDA awarded $468K to RUSD to support food hub operations.

CalRecycle awarded the City of Riverside and Riverside Food Co-op $209K to pilot three food rescue and waste prevention programs.

The Inland Empire Economic Partnership recognized GrowRIVERSIDE and partners with the Sustainability and Green Development Award.
Three Ways You Can Help!

1. Use your “purchasing power” to support local agriculture and grow your local economy.

2. If you have a passion for helping local food communities prosper, get involved as a collaborator, volunteer, or sponsor. Please contact the Riverside Food Systems Alliance at info@riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org or Chair Sue Struthers at (951) 888-0646. The advisory committee meets the first Thursday of each month from 3-5 PM.

3. Become a RFSA sponsor or member (see form back cover).

This is a future that needs you

It’s a future where:

• neighborhoods flourish, and people share food they grow with each other and those in need
• young people start growing food and experience fresh flavors, connecting them to healthy choices over a lifetime
• active living and good nutrition reduce the incidence of degenerative diseases
• we honor our past by protecting our soils and preserving our farm lands throughout the inland SoCal region.

It’s a future filled with enthusiastic farmers and hungry consumers connecting at food co-ops, sustainable restaurants, farmers markets, neighborhood growing spaces, and more.
Thank You, Sponsors!

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Join us by being a sponsor and help build a healthy and sustainable food economy.

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As a sponsor you will gain recognition with your ad in Fresh and Local, a free guide that helps consumers and restaurants connect with local growers and that highlights resources for healthy living and local growing.

Circulation: 30,000 print copies, plus via newsletters, websites, and Facebook of RFSA and numerous partners.

Print copies mailed and distributed at inland area farmers' markets, farm stands, libraries, Chambers of Commerce, health agencies, government offices, restaurants, neighborhood organizations, and to sponsors.

With sponsorship you will gain booth space and recognition with your logo at RFSA events, at GrowRIVERSIDE, on websites and via social media.

For sponsorship information: please contact Diana Ruiz at (909) 238-8338, Ruiz@RCRCD.org

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The **Fresh and Local** guide was developed by the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District for the Riverside Food Systems Alliance and partners.

**What is the Riverside Food Systems Alliance?**

**RIVERSIDE FOOD SYSTEMS ALLIANCE**

RFSA is a public-private partnership that is working to make fresh, healthy, local foods available for all. The Alliance includes members from the community, government, and business.

Please help us by sharing this guide and by spreading the word about buying local. We welcome your involvement as a member, as part of a working group, or sponsor. Sponsors are provided recognition and advertising space in this guide.

**Join Us! Share in our healthy harvest.**

Name _______________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________

City_________________________________________________________ Zip ________

Phone ______________________ Email ________________________________

**Join online at riversidefoodsystemsalliance.org**

**Membership Level**

- [ ] Volunteer
- [ ] Individual $35
- [ ] Family $50
- [ ] Limited Income $10
- [ ] Sustaining $100
- [ ] Business Partner $250

Enclose with payment and mail to:

**Riverside Food Systems Alliance**

PO Box 324, Riverside, CA 92502

Please make checks payable to **Community Partners**, the fiscal sponsor for RFSA. RFSA is a project of Community Partners, a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Your sponsorship may be deductible as a charitable contribution. Please consult with your tax advisor.

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