

## Review of Reports and Activities about Food and Agriculture in Idaho's Treasure Valley

(listed alphabetically by organization)<sup>1</sup>

### **Boise State University**

"Local, Simple, Fresh" (2013)

Compilation of student essays on local food in the Treasure Valley; includes interviews with family farms, breweries, restaurants, etc.

<http://sspa.boisestate.edu/publications/2013/06/03/local-simple-fresh/>

"Food Deserts in the High Desert" (2011)

Graduate student report that includes recommendations for improving the food system in the Treasure Valley, along with general information on food deserts and food security.

<http://treasurevalleyfoodcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/food-deserts-in-the-high-desert.pdf>

### **Capital City Public Market**

CCPM Permanent Market feasibility study (2011)

### **Create Common Good**

Training in employment-based skills for unemployed refugees and other at-risk populations. Focus on agricultural production, food preparation and processing, and sales to institutional buyers and at farmers' markets.

<http://www.createcommongood.org/>

### **Crossroads Research Center**

"Greater Treasure Valley Region – Local Farm and Food Economy" (2010)

<http://treasurevalleyfoodcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Ken-Meter-Food-and-Farm-Economy-report3.pdf>

### **Global Gardens**

A program of the Idaho Office for Refugees that provides garden or farm space, horticultural training, and marketing for around 100 refugee families.

[http://www.idahorefugees.org/home/global\\_gardens/#About\\_Us](http://www.idahorefugees.org/home/global_gardens/#About_Us)

### **Idaho Center for the Book**

Biennial Newsletter (2011)

2011 Year of Idaho Food: The Annotated Reading List

<http://idahocenterforthebook.org/files/icb/ICBfall2011.pdf>

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## Idaho Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Miles to Market (2012)

Educational outreach at CCPM about location of local farmers

Workshops (2012 – Present)

Educational workshops geared toward farmers

Idaho Foodshed Map (2013)

Geographical definition of Idaho foodsheds

<http://idahocsa.org/the-research/>

## Idaho Hunger Relief Taskforce

Gem Community Food Security Assessment (2011)

Work that led to the FEAST work and report (see below).

Gem Community FEAST Report (2011)

Describes the use of the a community organizing process (Cultivate Idaho) that allows participants to engage in an informed and facilitated discussion about food, education and agriculture in their community and begin to work toward solutions together to help build a healthier, more equitable, and more resilient local food system.

<http://treasurevalleyfoodcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/FEAST-Final-Report-21.pdf>

Cultivate Idaho (2012 – Present)

A pilot initiative in Gem County that has built upon the Gem Community FEAST report and process to promote economic development, community support systems, and civic engagement while focusing on local food systems and food security.

[http://www.idahohunger.org/cultivate\\_idaho.html](http://www.idahohunger.org/cultivate_idaho.html)

## Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Workshops

Educational opportunities for farmers

Idaho Preferred Program

Marketing program for Idaho products

<http://idahopreferred.com/>

Agritourism

U-Pick Directory (undated)

<http://www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/Marketing/Documents/u-pickdirectory.pdf>

Farmers Market Directory (2013)

<http://www.idahoag.us/Categories/Marketing/Documents/2013FarmersMarketGuide.pdf>

Farm to School Program (joint with Dept. of Education) (Ongoing)

Works to incorporate more Idaho products in Idaho schools

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/farmToSchool/>

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## Treasure Valley Food Coalition

Year of Idaho Food (2011)

Awareness campaign focused around local food

Tomato Independence Project (2013)

Local food production/gardening awareness campaign

Farm tours (2009 – 2013)

Goal is to increase awareness and support for local small-scale farms and wineries

## University of Idaho

Ada & Canyon County Extension (Ongoing)

Small acreage oriented programming

Master Gardener and home horticulture programming

Food Safety Advisor program

Rapid Market Assessments (2011 & earlier) (conjunction with Urban Land Institute)

Volunteer based assessment process for farmer's markets designed to count shoppers and collect data on preferences, expenditures, etc.

7 conducted in Canyon and Ada counties in 2011

CCPM conducted more in 2007 & 2009

Treasure Valley Local Share (2011)

Amount of food being produced in the Treasure Valley foodshed that is consumed in Canyon & Ada counties

"Local Market Opportunities for Treasure Valley Farmers: Results of an Institutional Buyers' Survey and Enterprise Budgets" (2013)

Institutional Buyers' Survey

Identified advantages and disadvantages that institutional food buyers face when purchasing local food, and discussed next steps that need to be taken to help mitigate disadvantages and encourage an increased local food economy.

Enterprise Budgets

Five budgets developed to evaluate the economic feasibility of growing products identified as promising in institutional buyers' survey. Crops include apples, leaf lettuce, peppers, strawberries, and tomatoes.

<http://www.uidaho.edu/community-connections/office-of-community-partnerships/publications/research-reports-briefs>

USDA WSARE Grant (Ongoing)

Grant awarded to UI Extension faculty to expand upon previously conducted high tunnel research to enhance the potential of this technology to increase local food production in the Treasure Valley. Work started in June 2013 and will end in May of 2016.

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## Urban Land Institute: Idaho

“Sustaining Agriculture: Measuring Success” (2011)

Goal of the project was to understand existing local agriculture in Ada and Canyon Counties, how to encourage economically sustainable local agriculture and maintain needed resources for agriculture given the pressures of urban growth in the Treasure Valley.

[http://issuu.com/moma\\_design/docs/sustaining\\_agriculture\\_measuring\\_success](http://issuu.com/moma_design/docs/sustaining_agriculture_measuring_success)

## U.S. Department of Agriculture

AgCensus (2007) - next edition expected in 2014

Provides county level data for number of farms, farm size, crops grown, income, and other demographic information

<http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/index.php>

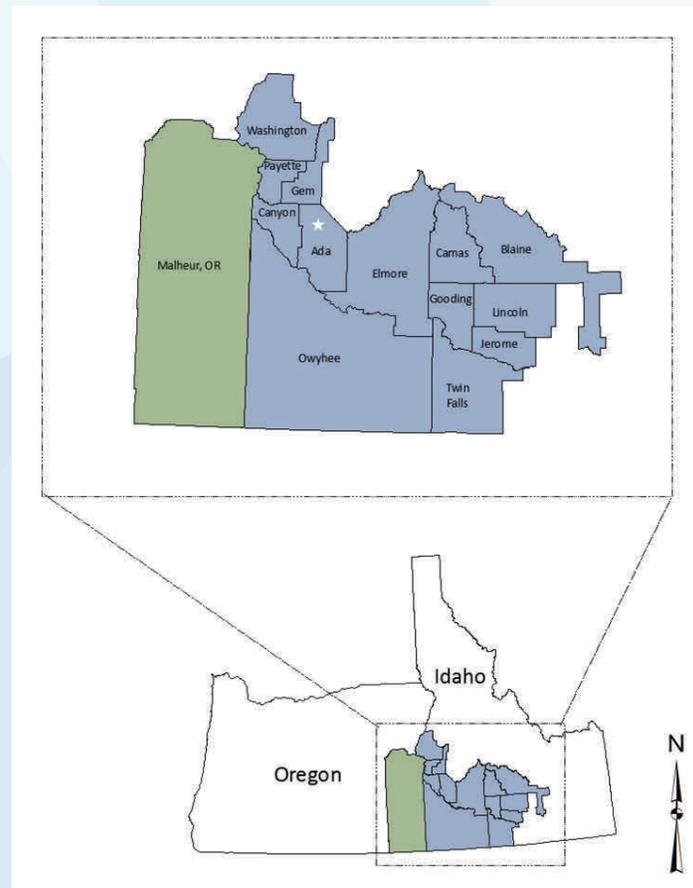


Figure 1. Treasure Valley Food Shed

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