

What's Next?

the Biggest little Farm

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Types of sustainable agriculture:

- Permaculture- designing agricultural systems to enhance resilience and diversity based on observations of natural ecosystems
- Intercropping- planting more than one crop in a field at once in order to improve the soil quality ie: planting nitrogen-fixing beans in a field with corn in order to provide nutrients for the growing crops
- Crop rotation- planting something different
- Cover crops- crops that grow low to the ground and have broad leaves, protecting the quality of the soil ecosystem and preventing erosion.
- Biomimicry- in agriculture, creating a farm to as closely resemble a whole functioning ecosystem as possible, taking lessons from observations in the natural world
- Organic- a certification or set of principles to avoid the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM)- the use of cultural, mechanical, biological methods of pest control in order to limit the use of chemical pesticides

How to help:

- Shop local, organic farms
 - Use the [Colorado Farm Fresh Directory](#) to find farms in your area. This comprehensive guide lists the contact information, the types of produce available, whether it is organic, and if the farmer attends farmers' markets
 - Visit these Eagle County Farmers' Markets: [Vail Farmers' Market & Art Show](#), [Edwards Farmers' Market](#), [Minturn Market](#), & [Basalt Sunday Market](#).
 - Check out Walking Mountains' [Sustainable Food Map](#)
 - Look out for the [Colorado Proud](#) logo to find local produce at the grocery store
- Start a backyard compost pile to promote healthy soil
 - Use this [guide](#) for backyard composting in Colorado

- Sign up for Vail Honeywagon's commercial composting service and gain access to the community compost drop-sites for \$12 per month

- Purchase compost in bulk (5 yards or more) at Honeywagon's location in Wolcott or in smaller quantities (5-gallon bucket to pickup truckload) from the Wildflower Farm in Edwards.
 - For current operating hours contact Vail Honeywagon at 970.476.3511 or vailhoneywagon.com and/or the Wildflower Farm at 970-926-5504 or info@thewildflowerfarm.com.

- Consider planting your own vegetable garden
 - Get started with this high-altitude [garden guide](#)

- Raise hens and/or livestock if you have the land and time
 - Check your county and municipality's laws on raising backyard animals

- Buy seasonally appropriate foods and produce
 - Use this [seasonal food guide](#) to discover what is available when

- Consider limiting your consumption of meat and other animal-based products unless they are locally and ethically sourced