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## Northwest Illinois 2026 Directory

Compiled by the Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance and the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson County

**Purchasing from the local farmers is a great way to support local farmers and promote environmentally friendly practices.**

**Each purchase that you make from a local farmer helps to keep your community connected and thriving.**

**Get to know your local farmer and learn more about how your food is produced.**

<p><b>Ancient Herbs Farm &amp; Apothecary</b> Naturally grown and ethically wild harvested medicinal herbs crafted into potent herbal remedies and delicious teas. Products include: salves, creams, hydrosols, lip balm, herbal teas, face serums and tinctures. Beloit Farmers Market on Saturday from May—Oct or by appointment. Find us at Facebook: Ancient herbs. or www.ancientherbals.com Ancientherbals8@gmail.</p>	
<p><b>AJ's Lena Maid Meats</b> Devin Pax, 500 W. Main Street, Lena, IL 61048. 815-369-4522 AJslenamaimdmeats@mediacombb.net Open Mon-Fri 7-5 pm, Sat 8 am -12 pm. We are a complete processing company with retail sales. Processor for clean boneless venison. A short drive for premium quality. Check us out on Facebook!</p>	M
<p><b>Apple Creek Apiaries</b> Terrence &amp; Nancy Ingram, 8384 N. Broadway Rd., Apple River, IL 61001. 815-594-2592. Honey and beekeeping supplies.</p>	H
<p><b>Argo Acres</b> Dennis and Diane Etnyre, 16295 Argo Fay Route, Thomson, IL 61285, 815-259-2132. argoacre@me.com. Farm stand opens daily July through Nov., except stand opens at 1:00 pm on Sat and closes at noon on Wed while at Lyons Farmers Market in Clinton. Offering beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, and other vegetables. Like Argo Acres on Facebook.</p>	V F

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**Arnold's Farm**

Tom & Jessica Arnold, 997 N. Salem Rd., Elizabeth, IL 61028. 815-858-2407. tom@arnoldsfarm.com Beef, pork, and chicken grown without hormones or antibiotics. Open at the farm by appointment. Northern Illinois and Chicago area delivery service. See our website shopping cart for easy on-line ordering. www.arnoldsfarm.com

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**Arrow Farm Meats, LLC**

Justin and Laura Earlywine, 5626 N Eggert Rd, Rock City, IL 61070 815-275-4247 or 815-990-6040 Offering custom processing of beef, pork and venison. Farm Store on site open Wednesday, Thursdays & Fridays from 11-5 and Saturdays from 9-12. Offering our meat and other local items. <https://www.facebook.com/arrowfarmmeats/> Cash, checks or credit cards accepted.

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**BAliss Farms**

Alisa Carlson, Baileyville, IL  
Women-owned organic farm dedicated to growing premium non-GMO seasonal veg and handcrafted farm goods using sustainable practices. Bringing wholesome freshness to the local community while caring for the land. Items available at JDLF. Facebook at BAliss Farms

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**Breed Farm Sustainable Produce**

Ben and Adriann 8858 N. Rock City Rd Rock City 61070 815-238-9187 BreedFarm@gmail.com  
Facebook:Sustainableproduce  
Offering over 50 varieties of heirloom, non-GMO tomatoes and peppers. We have garlic scapes and many types of hardneck and softneck garlic. A large variety of veg ranging from common staples to the more unique varieties that can be hard to find. Self-serve farm stand on-site, or visit us at the Freeport Illinois Farmers Market on Saturdays from May to Oct

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**Chestnut Cliff Farm**

The Bardell Family Farm since 1839 - located at 2583 US Business 20 East, Freeport, IL We produce grass-fed and finished beef (Highland and Charolais), pasture raised laying hens, maple syrup, kombucha, other nourishing foods, and a diverse array of vegetables. Also sell cut flowers, mushrooms, fresh and dried herbs! Visit us at the Stephenson Cty Farmers Market in downtown Freeport on Saturday mornings or join our CSA for a Wednesday dose of fresh goodness. Call Margaret at (815) 908-1627. or on Facebook, Instagram, or at [chestnutclifffarm.com](http://chestnutclifffarm.com)

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**LOCAL FOOD**

*Eat Local*

Farmer's markets are the best place to access a wide variety of local foods. Nearly every community in Northwest Illinois has one or more markets established. Because market days, times and locations often change within the year, instead of listing each individual market, we urge you to contact the University of Illinois Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS

The US Department of Agriculture Marketing Service and Michigan State University provide a searchable online directory of farmers markets, community supported agriculture (CSA) and on-farm markets at [www.usdalocalfoodportal.com](http://www.usdalocalfoodportal.com)

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<p><b>Weber's Rock Run Ranch</b>          Todd &amp; Valarie Weber Family, Rock City, IL 815-449-2223          valerieweber00@gmail.com          Family farm offering locally grown, farm born and raised prime Red Angus Beef for sale by cut, 1/4, 1/2, and whole. Hamburger by the pound, prime steaks, roasts, and other select cuts. Stock your freezer with prime angus beef. New store locations in Juda, WI. Call ahead orders available for quick pickup. Follow us on Facebook.</p>	M
<p><b>Willow Garlic Growers</b>          Dan Metzger and Joan Rawce, 6410 S Willow Rd, Stockton, IL 61085 815-947-3617 Danmetzger@gmail.com or Joan.Rawcemetzger@gmail.com. Organic garlic (non-certified) with 20 varieties in cultivation - 5 softneck and 15 hardneck</p>	

<p><b>Curran's Apple Orchard</b>          Pat Curran, 6385 Kilburn Ave (IL Rt. 70) Rockford, IL 61101. 815-963-7848. Reduced spray apples, pumpkins &amp; raspberries. Also award-winning cider, Awesome Apple Donuts, fresh baked apple and cherry pies, raw honey, jams, salsas, apple cider vinegar and unique gift items.</p>	F V
<p><b>Dawn An Dusk Farms,</b>          Don and Jordin McLane, 3188 E Liebert Rd, Elizabeth, IL 61028          815 291-8594. Selling lambs and goats to butcher.</p>	M
<p><b>Deerland Dairy</b>          The Graybill Family 3693 N. Dakota Rd. Freeport, IL 61032 815-291-7195. Farmstead whole-milk yogurt, sour cream and buttermilk made with 100% Jersey milk.</p>	D
<p><b>Death Farms Meats</b>          12703 W. Goose Hollow Rd., Polo, IL 61064. 815-440-8290. Reduced antibiotics, pastured pork and beef.</p>	M
<p><b>Dietrich Ranch LLC</b>          Mission: Helping families attain health and healing through nutrient dense, pasture raised meats. Specializing in 100% grass-fed beef, pasture raised pork and chicken. Located north of Mt. Morris, IL. Please visit <a href="http://www.dietrichranch.com">www.dietrichranch.com</a> for information or to place an order. Follow us on Facebook.</p>	M P E
<p><b>Dittmar Farms and Orchards</b>          Michael Dittmar 256 South Grebner Rd, Elizabeth IL 61028 815-218-0597. Family owned since 1854. Visit us on Facebook. Offering sweet corn, raspberries, popcorn, apples and pumpkins. Open from August to October on Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10 - 4.</p>	F V
<p><b>Fairhaven Fruit Farm</b>          Thomas &amp; Genevieve Nedbal, Fairhaven &amp; Creamery Rds., Thomson, IL 61285. 563-213-6134. Apples, cider, honey, caramels &amp; more. Check us out on Facebook @Fairhavenfruitfarm</p>	F H

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<p><b>Freeport Student Garden</b>          1330 S Locust Ave, Freeport, IL 61032, 815-801-0707          fsd145studentgarden@fsd145.org          Student-run farm with mixed vegetables and fruit. On-site self-service farm stand open every week, at the Stephenson Cty Farmers Market May-August, and biweekly CSA. Like Freeport Student Garden on Facebook or follow on Instagram for updates.</p>	<p>V F H</p>
<p><b>Galena Garlic Company</b>          Laszlo Marton, 311 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036 or 318 W. State Street, Geneva, IL 61034. 815-777-9625. Naturally grown gourmet garlic, gourmet chef blends, rubs and seasonings. World's freshest Olive Oils in Balsamics. Call or order on line. www.GalenaGarlic.com.</p>	<p>V</p>
<p><b>Hagemann All Natural Beef</b>          Karl and Tara Hagemann, Leaf River IL 815-238-7045          All beef is born and raised on the farm in Ogle County by 3rd generation Farmers. Beef is free range, pastured, corn-fed, antibiotic free with no added growth hormones. Available in 1/4, 1/2 or whole. Beef will be taken to Johnson's Processing in Chadwick, IL for custom cutting and packaging. Purchase on line at www.hagemannbeef.com/microstore/ or through mail order with form available at our website. Like HagemannBeef on Facebook.</p>	<p>M</p>
<p><b>Harbach's Meats</b>          6444 US Hwy. 20 West, Freeport, IL 61032. 815-232-7807. Beef &amp; pork raised without hormones &amp; antibiotics.</p>	<p>M</p>
<p><b>Harrison Market</b>          Ben Beyer, 9024 Harrison Road, Winnebago, IL 61088          618-967-4729 www.harrisonmarket.com USDA Certified Organic seasonal produce and meats. Open daily from 8-6. Instagram @Harrison_market</p>	<p>V F M</p>
<p><b>Hazzard Free Farm Grains</b>          Andrea (Andy) Hazzard 5111 Ahrens Rd, Pecatonica, IL 61063, 815-289-1431 Stone ground or whole, heirloom cornmeal, grits, popcorn, wheat flours, oats, barley, and rye. Non GMO/Chemical Free. Hazzardfreefarm.com Hazzardfarmgrains@gmail.com shipping available.</p>	

<p><b>Terrapin Orchards</b>          Matt Meade, 1063 US Route 20 E, Elizabeth, IL 61028          815-202-2180          Strawberries available from Memorial day through the end of June. Also have 35 different apple varieties available from August through October. Visit us on Facebook.</p>	<p>F</p>
<p><b>Torkelson Cheese</b>          Hwy. 73 North, 9453 W. Louisa Rd., Lena, IL 61048. 815-369-4265.          www.torkelsoncheese.com. Brick, Muenster, Quesadilla, Apple Jack &amp; Asadero cheese.</p>	<p>D</p>
<p><b>The Loving Seed</b>          Blake Cedergren 2662 Hwy 26, Freeport, IL          Non-profit organization dedicated to sustainable land stewardship practices and building community. Offering a wide variety of herbs, vegetables, and root vegetables. 847- 254-5189 info@thelovingseed.org or on Facebook at The Loving Seed</p>	<p>V</p>
<p><b>The Popper Peeps Farm Stand</b>          Maranda Raymond, 94 S Flack Rd Pearl City IL          Farm stand offering variety of peppers, onions, garlic, and more! Has eggs, both chicken and quail. Find lots of unique homemade goods in the camper farm stand as well! Open dawn to dusk. Facebook at Pepper Peeps LLC , 815-990-2323 or maranda.raymond96@gmail.com</p>	<p>V E</p>
<p><b>Valley Orchard</b>          811 E State Street, Cherry Valley, IL 61016 815-332-9696 Rhubarb and asparagus in the spring, Raspberries (including U-pick) blueberries and tart cherries during the summer with apples, cider, donuts and pumpkins available in the fall. Visit our Farm Store. Like Valley Orchard on Facebook.</p>	<p>F V</p>

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<p><b>Polsgrove Hill Farm</b> Wes and Daniela Polsgrove, Mt Carroll Growing a diverse harvest of vegetables, fragrant herbs, and edible flowers. We prioritize the health of our soil and the natural diversity of our fields to provide produce that is clean, nutritious, and full of flavor. contact us at <a href="mailto:thefarm@polsgrovehill.com">thefarm@polsgrovehill.com</a> At the Mt. Carroll Farmers Market, JDLF Market Store in Elizabeth and online through JDLF. Visit us on Facebook: Polsgrove Hill Farm or <a href="http://www.polsgrovehill.farm/">www.polsgrovehill.farm/</a></p>	V F
<p><b>Ridenour Fine Beef Direct</b> Eric Ridenour, 8859 West Grove Rd., Forreston, IL 61030. 815-938-2466. Beef packages of 50-400 pounds available &amp; delivered. Call for brochure.</p>	M
<p><b>Scotch Hill Farm/Innisfree Farmstay &amp; Retreat,</b> Tony and Dela Ends, 17130 Footville Brodhead Rd. Brodhead WI 53520 608-897-4288 <a href="mailto:scotchhillfarmer@gmail.com">scotchhillfarmer@gmail.com</a>. Certified organic produce, herbs and flowers, eggs and pork. Farmstead goat milk soap and skin care products. Consulting and classes on sustainable living. Call or email for more information. <a href="http://www.scotchhillfarm.com">www.scotchhillfarm.com</a></p>	V P E
<p><b>Sterling Gardens</b> Fred &amp; Charlin Nolan 815-626-6409 Twin City Farmers Market in Sterling year round Sat 8-12. Spring plants available include: wheatgrass heirloom tomato plants, peppers and eggplant. Full line of sustainable produce, including mushrooms and tomatoes. Also honey, fruit and a large selection of organic spices.</p>	V F H
<p><b>Stone House Herb Company, LLC</b> Beth Nagel 4865 S. Bolton Rd, Shannon, IL 61078. 815-291-5503 <a href="mailto:beth@stonehouseherbcompany.com">beth@stonehouseherbcompany.com</a> Medicinal and Culinary herb plants for sale. Our plants are grown with care, without the use of herbicides or pesticides. <a href="http://www.stonehouseherbcompany.com">www.stonehouseherbcompany.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Straddle Creek Gardens</b> Darrin and Lindsay, 25269 Locust, Lanark IL We grow fresh produce, beautiful flowers, and plants with care, quality, and passion for farming. From farm-fresh goodness to fun-on-the-farm events, we're proud to create a place where our community can gather, shop, and enjoy the beauty of the season. <a href="mailto:Straddlecreekgarden@gmail.com">Straddlecreekgarden@gmail.com</a> or on Facebook at Straddle Creek Gardens</p>	

<p><b>Hempstock Pharms</b> Organic cold pressed juices: hemp leaf, silver berry, aronia berry, tumeric root, and ginger root. Unpasteurized sold frozen. Hemp hearts soaked in honey and botanical infused honey. Topicals and tinctures. Mon - Fr from 9 am - 5 pm. <a href="http://www.hempstockpharms.com">www.hempstockpharms.com</a></p>	V F H
<p><b>Hopeview Acres</b> Alicia Glendenning, W Babbs Grove Rd. Pearl City, IL 61062. 815-291-2245. <a href="mailto:Hopeviewacres@gmail.com">Hopeviewacres@gmail.com</a> Offering pasture raised beef, pork, chicken, and eggs. Our made from scratch baked goods include wheat and white breads, cinnamon rolls, tortillas, granola, jams, and jellies, and more. Our produce includes tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, as well as black raspberries, apples, and many different herbs. We also offer beautiful hanging baskets, and seedlings for your garden. We specialize in weedless gardening solutions! You can order online at <a href="http://www.hopeviewacres.com">www.hopeviewacres.com</a> and pick up at our farm or visit us as the Lake Carroll Farmers markets on Saturday from 9 -11 AM. Orders can be placed up until Thursday night for pick up at our farm on Friday from 4-8 PM or Saturday from 9 AM - noon. Call, email, or text us with questions .</p>	V F
<p><b>Howlett Hill Farm</b> Joyce Howlett, 994 N. Ridge Rd., Oregon, IL 61061. 815-734-6648 or 815-670-9832. <a href="http://www.localharvest.org">www.localharvest.org</a> Heirloom tomatoes, farm fresh eggs, vegetables and succulents. 24-hour farm stand</p>	E V
<p><b>Irish Grove Farms Inc.</b> Jackie Batista, 9027 Best Rd, Pecatonica, IL 61063. 815-742-6781. <a href="mailto:Jackie.de.batista@gmail.com">Jackie.de.batista@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.irishgrovefarms.com">www.irishgrovefarms.com</a> Grass-finished beef raised on organically-managed pastures.</p>	M
<p><b>Irish Lady Farm</b> Will Major, 1746 W Oregon Trail Rd, Oregon, IL 61061 630-690-4212 Russian Orloff pasture raised antibiotic-free eggs. Licensed egg seller with farm tours available .</p>	E

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<p><b>Ivan's Farm Market</b> 10620 N. Baileyville Rd., Baileyville, IL 61007. 815-938-3649. Farm stand from mid-July to mid-November. Melons, tomatoes, green beans, cabbage cold crops, gourds, pumpkins, &amp; squash.</p>	V F
<p><b>Janice Kehl</b> 10344 E. Schuler Rd., Stockton, IL 61085. 815-947-2167. Fruits, vegetables, walnuts, hickory nuts, and crafts.</p>	V F
<p><b>Jen's Artisan Bread</b> Bakery located at 105 W Brayton Rd, Mt Morris IL 61054 815-978-3185. Offering a variety of breads made in small batches, hand fermented crafted breads and pastries. <a href="http://jens-bread.com">jens-bread.com</a>/Follow us on Instagram at <a href="https://www.instagram.com/jens_artisan_breads/">jens_artisan_breads/</a> or Facebook at Jen's Artisan Breads.</p>	
<p><b>Jo Daviess Local Foods Collective( JDLF)</b> 2757 W Headquarters Rd, Elizabeth, IL 61028 Helps producers work together to meet the growing demand for local food. Instead of you driving all over the countryside to buy from different farms, we collaborate to bring the food to you. The new store right off Highway 20 makes supporting local and regional producers even more accessible and fun! Year round online market with pick up on Tuesdays (delayed pick up available certain locations) and at local food grocery store open Wed- Fri 10:30-5:30 &amp; Sat 10:30-4:00. <a href="mailto:team@jdlf.org">team@jdlf.org</a> , <a href="http://www.jdlf.org">www.jdlf.org</a> or on Facebook DJLF Collective</p>	V F D E MS H P
<p><b>Kepner's East Chelsea Farm</b> George and Rogene Kepner, 14117 E Chelsea Rd., Lena, IL 61048. Contact us at <a href="mailto:kepnerseastchelseafarm@gmail.com">kepnerseastchelseafarm@gmail.com</a> or 815-291-8383 or 815-291-8484 for more information or to reserve your local farm-fresh meats. Producing high quality PORK since 1872.</p>	M
<p><b>Krogman Homegrown Meats</b> Chad and Julia Krogman 4784 W Valley Rd, Shannon, IL 61078 815-291-2457. Premium meats raised on our family farm - Angus Beef &amp; Duroc-Cross pork available as 1/4, 1/2 or whole meat shares and individual cuts including sausages and smoked meats. Available at our farm store &amp; shipped direct. Store hours, driving directions and online purchasing available at <a href="http://Krogmanhomegrownmeats.com">Krogmanhomegrownmeats.com</a>. Follow us on Facebook &amp; Instagram. Come see where your meat is raised.</p>	M

<p><b>Mad B Honey and Apiary Supplies</b> Jayson DiModica, 2221 N Henderson Rd, Freeport IL 815-908-3506 <a href="mailto:frpt2221@hotmail.com">frpt2221@hotmail.com</a> .Offering honey in all many sizes - 4 oz to 5 lb. Pure raw honey straight from the hive.</p>	H
<p><b>Massbach Ridge Winery</b> 8837 S. Massbach Rd., Elizabeth, IL 61028. 815-291-6700. Estate grown, award winning wines. Open daily year-round. Accessories and gifts also available. <a href="http://www.massbachridge.com">www.massbachridge.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Medearis Apiary</b> Doug Medearis, 10587 Trask Bridge Rd, Pecatonica IL 61063, 815-494-9972. <a href="mailto:susan.medearis@yahoo.com">susan.medearis@yahoo.com</a> Jan-Dec, Mon-Sun 8am-6pm. Honey, beeswax candles, soap, lip balm, and plants. Attend North End Commons Farmers Market and the GPS Farmers Market in Machesney Park</p>	H
<p><b>Middle Sister Farm</b> Elaine Simon, South Beloit, IL Using natural, spray-free growing practices to produce vegetables, herbs, microgreens, &amp; some eggs and honey. Weekly or every-other-week vegetable subscription boxes for pickup from May - Oct at the Beloit Farmers Market on Saturday or Edgebrook Farmers Market on Wednesdays Email: <a href="mailto:elaine@middlesisterfarm.com">elaine@middlesisterfarm.com</a> o Facebook at Middlesisterfarm</p>	V F E H
<p><b>Owl Roost Farm</b> Alo Rosemore and Josey Wingfield, Rockford, IL We're an urban community farm on two acres in the middle of Rockford. We practice agroforestry which means we grown native tree crops together with annual vegetables, fungi, and animals. We're Certified Naturally Grown, which means no herbicides, pesticides or synthetic fertilizers <a href="mailto:owlsroostfarm@gmail.com">owlsroostfarm@gmail.com</a> / <a href="http://owlsroostfarm.com">owlsroostfarm.com</a> / <a href="https://www.instagram.com/owls.roost.farm">instagram.com/owls.roost.farm</a> for details or to arrange a visit</p>	V F E MS
<p><b>Plum River Farm</b> Conrad Iandola &amp; Sonia Nelson, 5886 S. Loran Rd. Pearl City, IL 61062. <a href="mailto:puregrassfedbeef@gmail.com">puregrassfedbeef@gmail.com</a>. We sell 100% grass-fed, pasture-raised beef, by wholes, halves, quarters, or individual cuts. We are open by appointment.</p>	M