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## **Good Food Media Network Releases 2019 Good Food Restaurants™ List**

***-Corresponding Economic Report Reveals \$213.5 Million Impact  
Made by Chefs' Sustainable Purchasing Practices-***

**DENVER (October 16, 2019)** –The Good Food Media Network today released its annual [Good Food 100 Restaurants](#) list, an annual rating and economic analysis offering insight into the business and purchasing practices of chefs and restaurants and their commitment to good food and sustainable sourcing.

“Our goal is to promote transparency and empower people to be aware of where their food is coming from while recognizing the chefs and restaurants who are consciously committed to building a better food system. Every menu choice and good food purchase that chefs and restaurants make affects each link in our food chain as well as state, regional and national economies,” said Sara Brito, co-founder and president, Good Food Media Network. “We are proud of the participating 2019 chefs and restaurants who are leading the way with transparency and catalyzing change among their colleagues and guests.”

Key findings of the economic impact analysis include:

### **Overall Impact**

- Overall domestic food purchases for the participating 137 restaurants totaled \$100.7 million.
- Restaurants reported spending \$66.3 million on domestic good food, which translates to a \$213.5 million economic impact on the national good food economy, indicating that every dollar spent on good food purchases had triple the impact on the local, state and national economies.
- The 137 responding restaurants represented every region of the United States with Colorado and California leading the good food movement with the most participating restaurants.

### **National Good Food Purchases**

- The 137 participating restaurants reported 67% of national food purchases were good food purchases. The percentage of good food purchases was greatest for participating Specialty Grocer/Lunch Counter and Other (Catering, Quick Service, and Meal Delivery Service) restaurants with 95% each, followed by Fine Dining restaurants (88%) and Fast Casual (86%).
- Nationally, restaurants reported the greatest percentage of good food purchases in the Fish and Seafood (85%) and the Meat and Poultry (83%) segments.

### **Regional Good Food Purchases**

- Compared to total purchases, a greater percentage of regional purchases were good food purchases (89%), with all restaurant types except for Food Service reporting over 90% of total purchases as good food purchases. Regionally, restaurants reported the greatest percentage of good food purchases in the Fish and Seafood (100%) and the Meat and Poultry (97%) segments.
- Regions that reported the highest percentage of good food purchases included the Plains region (92%) and the New England region (88%), with the Great Lakes region only reporting 38%.

### **Business and Labor Practices**

- Nearly every responding restaurant reported recycling (94%), and eco-friendly paper products and carryout containers (93%) were a part of their sustainable practices.
- Three out of four restaurants reported composting, using eco-friendly cleaning supplies, using CFL or LED lighting and tracking food waste.
- Over 78% of responding restaurants reported providing access to health insurance to employees, some of which exclusively offer benefits to management.
- 87% of the responding restaurants have an official sexual harassment policy in place.

Corresponding with the economic analysis is the [Good Food 100 Restaurants list](#), carefully curated based on the quantitative measurement of participating restaurants' self-reported annual food purchasing data. Restaurants are rated with two to six links—symbolizing links in the food chain—based on the percent of total good food purchases. These purchases support state, regional and national good food producers and purveyors.

“Be it food waste, climate change, worker welfare, our food system needs an overhaul starting from production all the way to consumption. The time to act is now and we are proud to be a part of this cultural and culinary conversation,” added Brito.

The Good Food 100 Restaurants analysis was conducted by the Business Research Division (BRD) of the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado Boulder and verified by NSF. The 2019 Good Food 100 list was published with the support of the James Beard Foundation, the 2019 featured non-profit partner.

For more information on the full economic impact analysis and 2019 Good Food 100 Restaurants list, please visit the Good Food 100 Restaurants [website](#).

About Good Food 100 Restaurants The Good Food 100 Restaurants™ is an annual list of restaurants that educates eaters and celebrates restaurants for being transparent with their business and purchasing practices. Carefully curated.



## 2019 PARTICIPANTS

RESTAURANT	REGION	RATING	RESTAURANT	REGION	RATING
ANNETTE	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	PAT'S TAP	Plains	★★★★
BAR SOTANO	Great Lakes	★★★★	PRAIRIE PLATE RESTAURANT	Plains	★★★★
BARBETTE	Plains	★★★★	PREUX & PROPER	Far West	★★★★
BASTA	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	RED STAG SUPPERCLUB	Plains	★★★★
BEAST + BOTTLE	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	RESERVE WINE & FOOD	Great Lakes	★★★★
BELLINA ALIMENTARI	Southeast	★★★★	RIOJA	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
BILLY D'S FRIED CHICKEN	Southeast	★★★★	RONIN FARM & RESTAURANT	Southwest	★★★★
BIRCHWOOD CAFE	Plains	★★★★	ROOT DOWN DIA	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
BISTRO VENDOME	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	SABA RESTAURANT	Southeast	★★★★
BLACKBELLY	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	SABIO ON MAIN	Far West	★★★★
BOOK CLUB	Plains	★★★★	SALT & TIME BUTCHER SHOP AND SALUMERIA	Southwest	★★★★
BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	SANTO	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
BOUQUET RESTAURANT	Southeast	★★★★	ST. KILIAN'S CHEESE SHOP	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
BREAD & PICKLE	Plains	★★★★	STOIC & GENUINE	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
BRIDGES CRAFT PIZZA AND WINE BAR	Great Lakes	★★★★	TABLES	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
BUTTON & CO. BAGELS	Southeast	★★★★	THE BIRD	Plains	★★★★
CAMPO AT LOS POBLANOS	Southwest	★★★★	THE BREADFRUIT & RUM BAR	Southwest	★★★★
CART-DRIVER	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	THE FARMER'S HAND	Great Lakes	★★★★
CEDAR'S CAFE	Southeast	★★★★	THE GREY PLUME	Plains	★★★★
CHOOK CHARCOAL CHICKEN	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	THE HERBFARM RESTAURANT	Far West	★★★★
COOHILLS	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	THE KITCHEN BISTRO - CHICAGO	Great Lakes	★★★★
COPERTA	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	THE KITCHEN RESTAURANT GROUP	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
CORRIDA RESTAURANT	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	THE MARKET PLACE RESTAURANT	Southeast	★★★★
CRESS RESTAURANT	Southeast	★★★★	THE ORDINARY	Southeast	★★★★
CRESTED BUTTE'S PERSONAL CHEFS	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	THE REGIONAL	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
CURATE	Southeast	★★★★	THE WALRUS AND THE CARPENTER	Far West	★★★★
DIANE'S MARKET KITCHEN	Far West	★★★★	THOMPSON HOUSE EATERY	New England	★★★★
EDEN EAST FARM & RESTAURANT	Southwest	★★★★	TINY DINER	Plains	★★★★
EGG	Midwest	★★★★	TOPOLOBAMPO	Great Lakes	★★★★
EUCLID HALL BAR AND KITCHEN	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	TRATTORIA NO. 10	Great Lakes	★★★★
EVOO	New England	★★★★	ULTREIA	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
FARM BURGER	Southeast	★★★★	VESTA	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
FARM RUNNERS STATION	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	WESTERN DAUGHTERS BUTCHER SHOP	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
FARM SPIRIT	Far West	★★★★	XOCO	Great Lakes	★★★★
FIG	Southeast	★★★★	626 ON ROOD - SEASONAL AMERICAN DINING & WINE BAR	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
FNB RESTAURANT	Southwest	★★★★	AOC	Far West	★★★★
FOLK	Great Lakes	★★★★	BAROLO GRILL	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
FOODUCOPIA	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	COMMON ROOTS CAFE	Plains	★★★★
FORTUNA CHOCOLATE	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	FLAGSTAFF HOUSE RESTAURANT	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
FRENCHISH	Southwest	★★★★	FOREIGN & DOMESTIC, AUSTIN	Southwest	★★★★
FRESH THYMES EATERY	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	LARDER BAKING COMPANY	Far West	★★★★
FRONTERA GRILL	Great Lakes	★★★★	LUCQUES	Far West	★★★★
FRUITION RESTAURANT	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	MATTISON'S RESTAURANTS	Southeast	★★★★
GIGI'S CAFE	Plains	★★★★	NEXT DOOR AMERICAN EATERY	Great Lakes	★★★★
GRANA WOOD FIRED FOODS	Far West	★★★★	SAFTA RESTAURANT	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
GRAND CENTRAL BAKERY	Far West	★★★★	SIENA TUSCAN STEAKHOUSE	Plains	★★★★
GRAND CENTRAL BAKERY	Far West	★★★★	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - ARIZONA	Southwest	★★★★
GREENFARE ORGANIC CAFE	Southeast	★★★★	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - CALIFORNIA	Far West	★★★★
HAYMAKER RESTAURANT	Southeast	★★★★	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - COLORADO	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
HEDGE ROW AMERICAN BISTRO	Great Lakes	★★★★	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - TEXAS	Southwest	★★★★
HEIRLOOM RESTAURANT	Southeast	★★★★	TAVERN	Far West	★★★★
HELL'S BACKBONE GRILL & FARM	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	THE DURHAM HOTEL	Southeast	★★★★
HOTEL VERMONT	New England	★★★★	THE GROVE CAFE & MARKET	Southwest	★★★★
IDA B'S TABLE	Midwest	★★★★	TIME MARKET	Southwest	★★★★
INDIGENOUS	Southeast	★★★★	UC DAVIS HEALTH	Far West	★★★★
K RESTAURANT	Southeast	★★★★	WOODBERRY KITCHEN	Midwest	★★★★
KITCHEN TABLE	Plains	★★★★	BIN 707 FOODBAR	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
LANTERN	Southeast	★★★★	EPIPHANY FARMS RESTAURANT	Great Lakes	★★★★
L'OCA D'ORO	Southwest	★★★★	KOKO HEAD CAFE	Far West	★★★★
LSG CULINARY INC DBA GOOD CHOICE KITCHEN	Midwest	★★★★	TACOPARTY GRAND JUNCTION	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
MAGPIE CAFE	Far West	★★★★	URBAN FARMER RESTAURANT DENVER	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
MERCANTILE DINING & PROVISION	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	CURED RESTAURANT	Southwest	★★★★
MILLER UNION	Southeast	★★★★	GARDENS OF SALONICA; NEW GREEK CAFE & DELI	Plains	★★★★
MOSQUITO SUPPER CLUB	Southeast	★★★★	THE 502 BAR & BISTRO	Southeast	★★★★
MULVANEY'S B&L	Far West	★★★★	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER CAMPUS DINING SERVICES	Rocky Mountain	★★★★
NEXT DOOR AMERICAN EATERY	Rocky Mountain	★★★★	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DINING	Great Lakes	★★★★
NEXT DOOR AMERICAN EATERY	Southeast	★★★★	RED PEPPER TAQUERIA	Southeast	★★★★
NOURISH CHARLOTTE	Southeast	★★★★	SAINT STEPHEN*	Southeast	★★★★
NOVEL RESTAURANT	Plains	★★★★			

\*Saint Stephen was not yet operating at the time of the survey, but provided qualitative responses to the survey.

based on the quantitative measurement of chefs' sourcing data, the Good Food 100 spotlights those that are building a better food system by supporting every link of the food chain: the environment; plants and animals; farmers, ranchers and fisherman; purveyors; restaurants; and eaters. The Good Food 100 is produced and published by the Good Food Media Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to educating eaters by cultivating a conversation and community around the people and businesses changing the food system for good. For more information, please visit [www.goodfood100restaurants.org](http://www.goodfood100restaurants.org). Follow Good Food 100 Restaurants on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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