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## **Good Food Media Network Releases Annual Good Food 100 Restaurants™ List and Industry Impact Report**

***-\$208.2 Million Impact Made by Chefs' Sustainable Purchasing Practices-***

**DENVER (September 21, 2020)** –The Good Food Media Network today released its 2020 [Good Food 100 Restaurants List and Industry Impact Report](#), offering insight into the business and purchasing practices of chefs and restaurants and their commitment to good food and sustainable sourcing. The report is based on annualized food purchases and practices from the previous year.

A total of 131 restaurants from around the United States participated in the fourth annual Good Food 100 Restaurants. The survey found that overall, the economic contribution of food purchases by the participating restaurants totaled \$264.5 million in 2019, of which \$208.2 million in economic benefits was derived from good food purchases.

“Restaurants are the heart and soul of our communities, and the backbone of our local and regional economy. While 2020 brought with it an unprecedented pandemic and set of challenges, it also made many more people realize that we’re all connected: no one link in the economy and food chain can truly be healthy until every link in the economy and food chain is healthy,” said Sara Brito, co-founder and president, Good Food Media Network. “We’re proud to have many returning restaurants on this list and welcome new ones into our good food community, as we all continue to support the mission that for food to be truly good, it must be good for all.”

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.



# 2020 PARTICIPANTS

RESTAURANT	REGION	RESTAURANT	REGION
626 ON ROOD	Rocky Mountain	HOTEL VERMONT	New England
ALL DAY	Southeast	INDIGENOUS	Southeast
ANNETTE	Rocky Mountain	INN AT SHELBURNE FARMS	New England
AOC	Far West	LANTERN	Southeast
BAR MELUSINE	Far West	LINGER	Rocky Mountain
BAR SANTO	Great Lakes	L'OCA D'ORO	Southwest
BARBETTE	Plains	LUCQUES (NOW CLOSED)	Far West
BARGELLO	Southeast	MAGPIE CAFE	Far West
BAROLO GRILL	Rocky Mountain	MATTISON'S FORTY-ONE RESTAURANT	Southeast
BASTA	Rocky Mountain	MERCANTILE DINING & PROVISION	Rocky Mountain
BEAST + BOTTLE	Rocky Mountain	MILK & HONEY	Plains
BILLY D'S FRIED CHICKEN	Southeast	MILLER UNION	Southeast
BIRCHWOOD CAFE	Plains	MOSQUITO SUPPER CLUB	Southeast
BISTRO SHIRLEE	Far West	MULVANEY'S B&L	Far West
BISTRO VENDÔME	Rocky Mountain	NEXT DOOR AMERICAN EATERY - COLORADO	Rocky Mountain
BLACKBELLY	Rocky Mountain	NEXT DOOR AMERICAN EATERY - ILLINOIS	Great Lakes
BOOK CLUB	Plains	NOSTRANA	Far West
BORDER GRILL DOWNTOWN	Far West	NOVEL RESTAURANT	Plains
BORDER GRILL MANDALAY BAY	Far West	OPHELIA'S ELECTRIC SOAPBOX	Rocky Mountain
BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT	Rocky Mountain	PAT'S TAP	Plains
BOUQUET RESTAURANT	Southeast	POSANA RESTAURANT	Southeast
BREAD & PICKLE	Plains	PRAIRIE PLATE RESTAURANT	Plains
BRUTØ	Rocky Mountain	RED STAG SUPPERCLUB	Plains
BUBBYS PIE CO INC.	Midwest	RESERVE WINE & FOOD	Great Lakes
BUTTON & CO. BAGELS (NOW CLOSED)	Southeast	RIOJA	Rocky Mountain
CAMPO AT LOS POBLANOS	Southwest	RIVER AND WOODS	Rocky Mountain
CART-DRIVER	Rocky Mountain	RONIN FARM & RESTAURANT	Southwest
CAVALRYMAN STEAKHOUSE	Rocky Mountain	ROOT DOWN	Rocky Mountain
CEDAR'S CAFE	Southeast	SABA	Southeast
CHATTERBOX BREWS	Plains	SABIO ON MAIN	Far West
CHOOK CHARCOAL CHICKEN	Rocky Mountain	SAFTA RESTAURANT	Rocky Mountain
CLOCK TOWER GRILL	Midwest	SALT & TIME BUTCHER SHOP AND SALUMERIA	Southwest
COPERTA	Rocky Mountain	SANTO	Rocky Mountain
CORINNE'S PLACE	Midwest	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - ARIZONA	Southwest
CRESS RESTAURANT	Southeast	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - CALIFORNIA	Far West
CRESTED BUTTE'S PERSONAL CHEFS	Rocky Mountain	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - COLORADO	Rocky Mountain
CURATE	Southeast	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - NORTH CAROLINA	Southeast
CURED RESTAURANT	Southwest	SNOOZE AN AM EATERY - TEXAS	Southwest
DECCA	Southeast	SPUNTING	Rocky Mountain
DEEP DIVE	Far West	ST. KILIAN'S CHEESE SHOP	Rocky Mountain
DRY STORAGE	Rocky Mountain	STOIC & GENUINE	Rocky Mountain
EDEN EAST FARM & RESTAURANT	Southwest	THE BIRD	Plains
EGG RESTAURANT	Midwest	THE BREADFRUIT & RUM BAR	Southwest
EL FIVE	Rocky Mountain	THE GROVE CAFE & MARKET	Southwest
EPHAPHY FARMS RESTAURANT	Great Lakes	THE HERBFARM RESTAURANT	Far West
EVOO	New England	THE KITCHEN BISTRO - COLORADO	Rocky Mountain
FARM BURGER	Southeast	THE KITCHEN BISTRO - ILLINOIS	Great Lakes
FIG	Southeast	THE MARKET PLACE RESTAURANT	Southeast
FLORIOLE BAKERY & CAFE	Great Lakes	THE ORDINARY	Southeast
FNB RESTAURANT	Southwest	THE REGIONAL	Rocky Mountain
FOLK	Great Lakes	THE WALRUS AND THE CARPENTER	Far West
FOREIGN & DOMESTIC	Southwest	THE WHALE WINS	Far West
FRASCA FOOD AND WINE	Rocky Mountain	THE WOLF'S TAILOR	Rocky Mountain
FRENCHISH	Southwest	THIRD WAVE CAFE & WINE BAR	Southeast
FRESH THYMES EATERY	Rocky Mountain	THOMPSON HOUSE EATERY	New England
FRONTERA GRILL	Great Lakes	TINY DINER	Plains
FRUITION RESTAURANT	Rocky Mountain	TOPOLOBAMPO	Great Lakes
GARDENS OF SALONICA	Plains	TWENTY FIVE LUSK	Far West
GIGI'S CAFE	Plains	UC DAVIS HEALTH	Far West
GRANA WOOD FIRED FOODS	Far West	ULTREIA	Rocky Mountain
GRAND CENTRAL BAKERY - OREGON	Far West	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER CAMPUS DINING SERVICES	Rocky Mountain
GRAND CENTRAL BAKERY - WASHINGTON	Far West	VESTA (NOW CLOSED)	Rocky Mountain
GREENFARE ORGANIC CAFE	Southeast	VITAL ROOT	Rocky Mountain
HAYMAKER RESTAURANT	Southeast	WILLMOTT'S GHOST	Far West
HEDGE ROW AMERICAN BISTRO	Great Lakes	XOCO	Great Lakes
HELL'S BACKBONE GRILL & FARM	Rocky Mountain		

Additional key findings of the Good Food 100 Restaurants economic impact analysis:

- The 131 respondents represented a total of 260 individual restaurant locations.
- The majority of responses came from restaurants in three states—Colorado (29%), Minnesota (8%), and California (8%).
- Total food purchases for the 131 participating restaurants was \$87.1 million in 2019. Approximately 41% of total purchases were made in state, while 55% were made in the region (includes state and regional purchases). Domestic good food purchases totaled \$64.5 million, with 47.6% made in state and 63.3% made in the region.
- Over 49% of participating businesses reported being owned or co-owned by a female or minority, and over 41% reported having a female Executive Chef, Culinary Director, CEO, or owner.
- Restaurants noted other sustainable practices within their businesses. Nearly every responding restaurant reported recycling (92.4%) and using eco-friendly paper products and carryout containers (92.4%) was part of their sustainable practices.
- When asked about the most common challenges facing their employees, the most commonly cited challenge was finding affordable housing, with 82% of responding restaurants. Healthcare costs were the second most commonly cited challenge (71%), followed by transportation costs (47%), childcare costs (28%), and commuting time (21%).

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 conversation around good food and the 2020 Good Food 100 Restaurants list and economic assessment, will continue throughout the remainder of the year with a series of virtual Eat. Drink. Think. discussions featuring culinary industry leaders, esteemed chefs, producers and purveyors.

Learn more about the 2020 Good Food 100 Restaurants list, economic assessment and Eat. Drink. Think. virtual event series on 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 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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