

Perspectives On Gardening: Food for Thought

Resources list: March 2016

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Trends and Innovations in small/grassroots agriculture

Food Hubs Growhaus.org, Thesourcedenver.com

School Gardens: farmtoschool.org, coloradofarmtoschool.org

Denver 20/20 <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/office-of-sustainability/2020-sustainability-goals.html>

Denver Urban Gardens Dug.org

Community Gardens

Summit County: summitgardennetwork.org, highcountryconservation.org

Grand County: www.grandcommunitygardens.org/

Urban Homesteading: Fort Collins, Denver, Colorado Springs

Denver sustainable food policy council, denversfpc.com

Colorado Preservation, Inc. coloradopreservation.org

CSAs: farmshares.info

Specific Gardening Topics

Worms <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/worms/basics.html>

High Tunnels and Front Range fruit research.

<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/boulder/horticulture/pdf/Andy%20Hough%20slides.pdf>

Andy Hough. Excellent presentation

Seed Saving

Seed Savers Exchange. Comprehensive seed saving book. Suzanne Ashworth Seed to Seed

Garden Seed Inventory by Seed Savers Exchange

Native Seed/SEARCH. nativeseeds.org. Native American crops of the desert SW USA

Rareseeds.com. One of the largest most comprehensive heirloom and open pollinated seed sources

Season extension. Author Eliot Coleman, Four-Season Harvest, and Winter Harvest Handbook

An excellent website and mountain gardening testimonial: <http://gardening.coloradohighaltitude.com>

The Culinary Arts

Quinoa. Google.

Strawberry seeds. thestraberrystore.com and many others. Grow from seeds or plants.

Wild strawberry growers in Europe: <http://www.arzagot.eu/en/production.html>.

My favorite gooseberry var. is Hinnomaki Yellow, but try others. Lots of good one, and many I haven't tried.

Black Currant. Gwen's Buffalo or clove currant (black currant) *Ribes aureum*. Widely available

Edible Flowers. Wide selection at Johnny's Seeds in Maine.

Good perennials in the veg garden: Asparagus, chives, mint, sorrel, rhubarb, berries, garlic (sort of a perennial)

Organic Fertilizers

CSU Extension Report Google: CMG GardenNotes #234 (then, search #234)

Soil report: Probably not uniform across Estes Valley but at Stanley Park: pH 6.6. Low organic matter of 3.2%, low N & P. All else is good.