



**Helena Local
Application and Questionnaire for New Growers**

Farm/Grower Name: _____

Date of Application: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Farm Location: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

1.) Certified Organic? ____ Yes ____ No

2.) Years Farming? _____

3.) Provide a list of your past and present crops:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4.) Crops planned for the future not listed above?

5.) Please explain your sustainable growing methods:

6.) What is the type of irrigation system you use and what is the source of your irrigation water?

Helena Local is committed to high-quality, sustainable local food. As a Grower for Helena Local, you take the pledge below to grow in this manner, attend meetings from growers, and to allow vetting and site visits as needed.

Helena Local Grower Pledge

- We prohibit synthetic herbicides, insecticides, fungicides on our crops, fields or livestock. We only allow synthetic fertilizers in the case of hydroponics (closed loop grow systems) and where run off mitigation is demonstrated.
- We take responsibility for our soil, water, and air quality with sustainable management practices, including cover crops, composts, crop rotations, mulching, crop diversity, perennial pastures and buffer strips..
- We prohibit chemically treated or genetically engineered seed; we use only organically, sustainably, locally or regionally produced seed whenever possible.
- We expect, unconditionally, that livestock be treated humanely. We use no hormones or antibiotic laces feeds or feeds of genetically engineered origin. We provide consistent access to pasture and fee from organic or sustainable and local or regional sources.
- We follow sanitary post-harvest practices, including proper storage, transport, and use of only potable water for washing.
- We constantly seek to enhance the biodiversity of native species on our land and to continually improve our land stewardship and conservation practices.
- We support and enhance the local economy by selling and buying locally as much as possible.
- We encourage local and seasonal eating to minimize food miles.
- We back the greater organic community and advocate for the ideals expressed in this pledge.
- We participate in our community encouraging and assisting farmers with sustainable practices, helping one another to be better producers and creating fertile ground.
- We are locally owned and operated. We provide safe, healthy working conditions and fair compensation for employees, farm staff and ourselves.

Signature: _____

Please complete this application and submit to:

**Helena Local
PO Box 1341
Helena MT 59624-1341**

We look forward to reviewing your application and to meeting you soon!

Thank you for your interest in Helena Local!

