

IFM Grower Cooperative Profile- Fifth Season Cooperative



Company Overview

The Fifth Season Cooperative is a multi-stakeholder cooperative made up of producers, producer groups, food processors, distributors, and buyers from the 7 Rivers Region. The members represent all of the key players in the food system at the local level. Their goal is to build a robust regional food system that supports a healthy environment, a strong economy, and thriving communities. The Fifth Season is a vendor for Reinhart Food Service; their products are available to their customers through Reinhart.

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Product

Fifth Season offers local, seasonal produce from both certified organic and conventional farms. They also offer field raised beef and pork which is hormone, antibiotic, and additive free. They carry Westby Creamery and Organic Valley products.

What Buyers Need to Know

- Delivery: Wisconsin
- Minimum purchasing requirement: None
- Wisconsin local foods program: Yes, all product is local
- Traceability: Farm-of-origin identified
- Will find local products for customers that are not currently carried
- Definition of local: Seven Rivers Region (Western Wisconsin, Southeast Minnesota, Northeast Iowa)
- Point-of-purchase materials: Yes
- Standard packaging: Yes
- Produce grading standards: USDA Grade 1 or 2
- Billing: Net-30, credit card, check, cash,
- Liability insurance: Yes
- Food safety: Growers have written food safety plans, follow GAP requirements, and receive training
- Contracts: Available

What Sellers Need to Know

- Minimum requirement to sell: None
- Certifications required: None
- On-farm storage requirements: None
- Liability insurance requirements: None
- Payment for growers: Net-30
- Delivery requirements: Pick-up available
- Standard packaging: Yes
- Produce grading standards: USDA Grade 1 or 2
- Advance notice given: At least 3 days
- Contracts: Available