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Union, OR 97883
541-805-9622 (Call or text before visiting or for a tour)
541-786-3002
granderondemilk.com

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coveascensionsschool.com
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TIPS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Trail takes about 1-2 hours to drive without stops and each location provides a unique visitor experience. From the patchwork of lush farmlands and breathtaking valley views to the crisp, fresh valley air; from delectable fresh-from-the-farm tastes and treats to the scent of mint or the sweet smell of alfalfa, your senses will thank you for the experience.

Union County is comprised of 7 towns and unincorporated communities, all with deep roots in agriculture. La Grande was settled during the Oregon Trail migration as a staging and resting stop for wagon trains before they tackled the difficult climb over the Blue Mountains. Some pioneers recognized the Grande Ronde Valley as prime farmland and planted roots here. In the northern part of the valley, Imbler and Summerville boast deep, rich soil and long histories of agricultural production. Cove has been a fruit production center for over 100 years, while Union is home to a quaint Victorian-era business district and was the original county seat. Elgin to the north and North Powder to the south, lie outside the Grande Ronde Valley, but share its agricultural legacy, dating back to settlement in the 1860s. Long before the arrival of settlers, Native Americans nurtured and harvested nature's bounty of 'first foods.'

As you follow the Farm Trail, watch for signs identifying crops and take note of the many



Platz Family Farm, photo by Janet Dodson

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methods for tilling and irrigating the variety of crops. Farms and ranches in Union County range in size from micro-farms (less than five acres in size and typically found in urban/rural transition areas) to ranches over 31,000 acres. Aided by the mild climate of the valley, crops include: turfgrass seed and Kentucky Bluegrass, peppermint and canola; grain crops such as wheat, oats, and barley; seed potatoes, sugar beets, sunflowers, dry green peas, field corn, garlic, salad greens, sweet cherries; feed crops such as alfalfa and pasture for livestock, and more. You'll see signs celebrating the "Century Farm and Ranch" program – a designation honoring farms and ranches in Oregon which have been continuously owned by a single family for 100+ years.

The La Grande Farmers Market is held every Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning from mid-May through October, in the heart of historic Downtown La Grande. Catch live cooking demos, music and performances, and shop for a variety of fresh meats, eggs, produce, flowers, and local artisan wares.

Once a year, Union County hosts the Union County Farm Crawl – a one-day event when farms, ranches, greenhouses, orchards, and farm stands, around the county are open to visitors, offering fruits and veggies, petting zoos, tours, and demonstrations!

Find out more about the Farm Crawl, as well as other things to do, see, taste, and explore at VisitUnionCounty.org. Check out info on all the farm trails and more at VisitEasternOregon.com.

Interact with Nigerian Dwarf goats, a port-bellied pig, and chickens, then learn about honeybees and beekeeping! The farm sells goats, raw milk, honey, bee products, soap, candles, preserves, eggs, and baked goods. Educational and fun activities for children are by appointment only. Call ahead to schedule a tour, receive expert advice on what to plant and where, and you can purchase native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, and wetland plants.

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thelantworksllc.com

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almostafarmcove.com

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541-910-2444 (Self-serve, 24/7)

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follyfarmoregon.com

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8 Folly Farm
67364 Square Loop
Summerville, OR 97876
541-805-8563
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6 Pick'N Patch
62816 Lower Cove Road
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541-786-2421
facebook.com/PickNPatchFarm

Explore the corn maze and choose from a wide variety of pumpkin patch is part of a large family farm, raising pumpkins and fall decor to take home and enjoy. The family farm uses organic practices to grow vegetables, fruit, and cut flowers. Find their products at the La Grande Farmers Market and at the Liberty Theatre Cafe in Downtown La Grande or call ahead to visit the farm. The farm accepts SNAP payments.

5 Northwest Skillet & Homestead Springs Farm
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northwestskilletco.com

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6372 Starr Lane
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541-786-6015 (Call or text before visiting)

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1 Avella Orchard
2807 North Fir Street
La Grande, OR 97850
541-663-0765 (Call or text before visiting or for a tour)
avellaorchard.blogspot.com

This two-acre heirloom fruit and nut "forest" lies within the city limits of La Grande, where it was created in the 1950s. The 250 unusual, rare, and local pioneer trees include apples, pears, plums, apricots, quince, mulberries, cherries, chestnuts, walnuts, filberts, and almonds.

2 Evergreen Family Farm
62402 Evergreen Road
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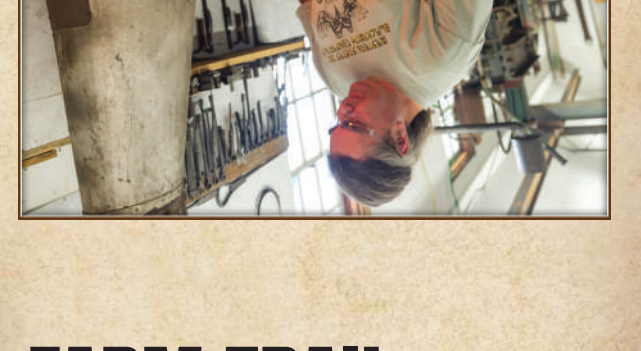
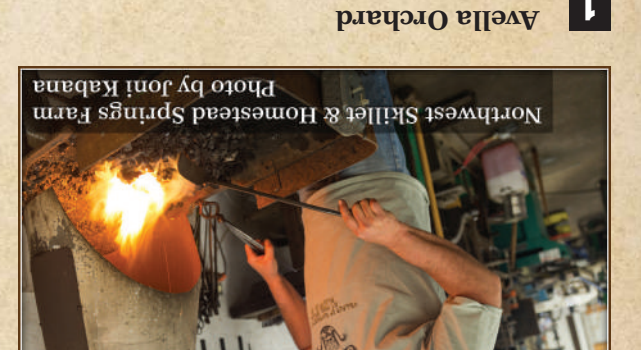
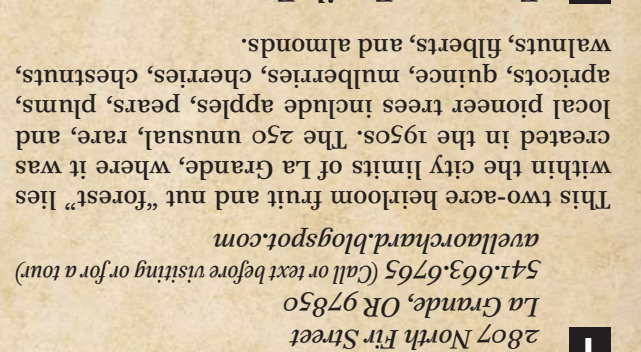
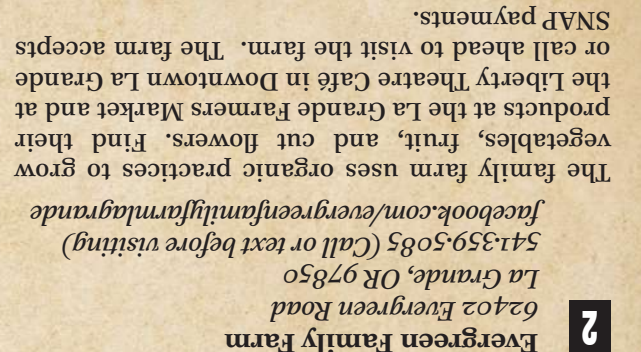
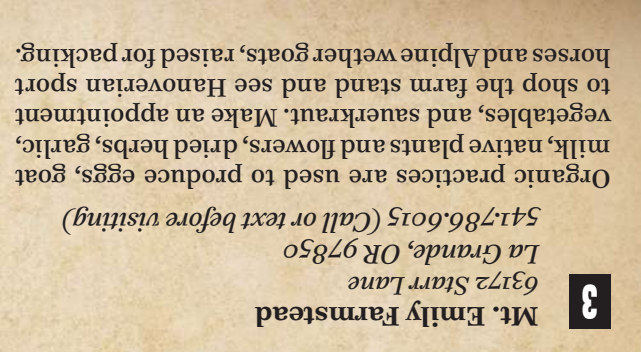
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1393 N Cove St
Union, OR 97883
541.786.5089
Self-serve
dorasgarden.com

This half-acre seed farm also offers a seasonal self-service farmstand right on the Cove-Union highway. You'll be able to purchase eggs, flowers, dried herbs and preserved garden goodies, and a small selection of fresh produce when in season. Garden seeds that are locally adapted to the Blue Mountain ecoregion will be available in packets starting spring 2024. Make sure to say hello to the ducks, chickens, and goats when you stop by! Check out our website or social media (@DorasGardenUnionOR) for current hours before visiting. Open weekends for Summer of '23 and keeping our fingers crossed for more open hours in the future.

18 Hometown Hardware Store
206 South Main Street
Union, OR 97883
541.562.5472

A fun stop, this old-fashioned hardware store has farm supplies, an espresso shop, liquor store and a garden center - complete with plants grown for the area's climate. Stop in and be charmed! *Open daily, Mon - Sat, 8am - 6pm; Sun, 10am - 4pm*

19 Union County Museum
333 South Main Street
Union, OR 97883
541.562.6003
ucmuseumoregon.com

Explore the history of farming and ranching at the Cowboys Then & Now Collection and the Agriculture, Timber & Transportation exhibits. Visit the Livery Station, General Store, period rooms and more, Mother's Day through September. *Seasonal hours, Wed - Sat, 11am - 3pm*

20 Bunchgrass Land & Livestock and the Cottage at Union Meadows
1782 South Main Street
Union, OR 97883
541.805.1124 (Call or text before visiting or for a tour)
beyondorganicbeef.com

This working cattle ranch demonstrates how agriculture can coexist and benefit from good fishery habitat and functional ecosystem. Tours of the restoration projects are available and can be scheduled in advance via email (andrea@holisticmanagement.guide), or when you book a room at the cottage. Exclusively grassfed beef and lamb are grown to enhance the health of the land that creates it and the people who enjoy it. Contact the ranch to tour or to order shares of ranch-produced beef or lamb, processed locally.



Platz Family Farm

21 Platz Family Farm
1624 North First Street
Union, OR 97883
541.562.5072
platzfamilyfarm.com

The whole family gets involved with growing the farm stand's salad greens and asparagus in the spring, a variety of summer fruits, vegetables, and berries, and a bountiful harvest of sweet corn, tree fruits, tomatoes, cukes, beans and a variety of winter squashes. The stand is open May through September and stocks farm fresh eggs, honey, crafts, seasonally available produce grown on the farm, and baked goods. There are often a few animals around to watch and pet - just make sure to ask first! *Seasonal hours, Mon, Wed & Fri, 10am - 6pm; many Sat, 9am - 1pm*



Ladd View Ranch

22 Ladd View Ranch
64280 Hot Lake Lane
La Grande, OR 97850
541.910.8009 (Call or text before visiting or for a tour)
laddviewbabydollsheep.com

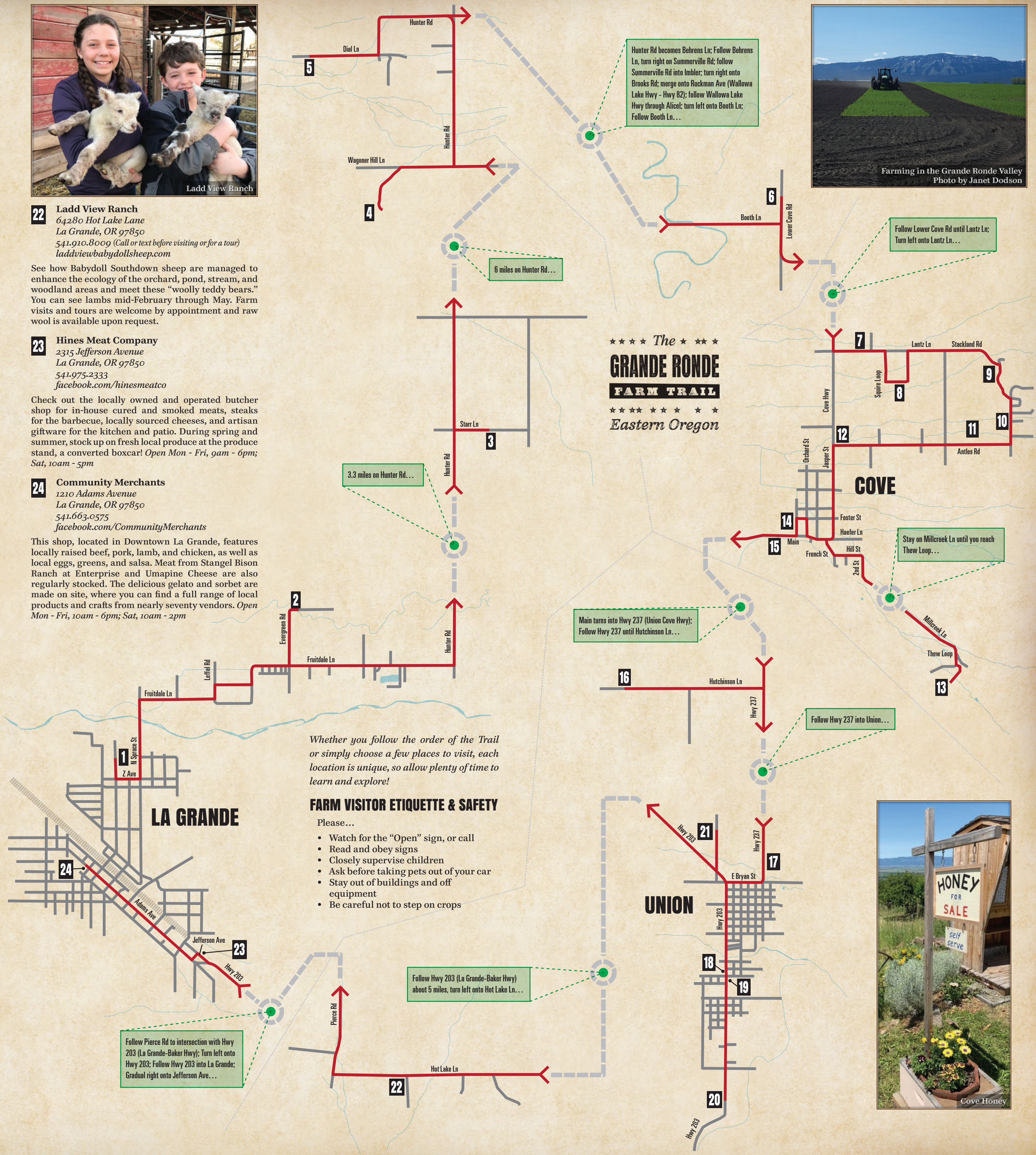
See how Babydoll Southdown sheep are managed to enhance the ecology of the orchard, pond, stream, and woodland areas and meet these "woolly teddy bears." You can see lambs mid-February through May. Farm visits and tours are welcome by appointment and raw wool is available upon request.

23 Hines Meat Company
2315 Jefferson Avenue
La Grande, OR 97850
541.975.2333
facebook.com/hinesmeatco

Check out the locally owned and operated butcher shop for in-house cured and smoked meats, steaks for the barbecue, locally sourced cheeses, and artisan giftware for the kitchen and patio. During spring and summer, stock up on fresh local produce at the produce stand, a converted boxcar! *Open Mon - Fri, 9am - 6pm; Sat, 10am - 5pm*

24 Community Merchants
1210 Adams Avenue
La Grande, OR 97850
541.663.0575
facebook.com/CommunityMerchants

This shop, located in Downtown La Grande, features locally raised beef, pork, lamb, and chicken, as well as local eggs, greens, and salsa. Meat from Stangel Bison Ranch at Enterprise and Umapine Cheese are also regularly stocked. The delicious gelato and sorbet are made on site, where you can find a full range of local products and crafts from nearly seventy vendors. *Open Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm; Sat, 10am - 2pm*



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Whether you follow the order of the Trail or simply choose a few places to visit, each location is unique, so allow plenty of time to learn and explore!

FARM VISITOR ETIQUETTE & SAFETY

- Please...
- Watch for the "Open" sign, or call
 - Read and obey signs
 - Closely supervise children
 - Ask before taking pets out of your car
 - Stay out of buildings and off equipment
 - Be careful not to step on crops



Farming in the Grande Ronde Valley
Photo by Janet Dodson



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