Local Purchasing

We source our foods from over 39 different local farmers, growers and distributors. By supporting local farmers and producers we **strengthen our community** by investing back into it. Our local purchasing provides a way to support the Bellingham community as well as surrounding Washington, BC, and Oregon producers, and gives you a connection to the community through awareness of where your food is from. What we source changes seasonally, depending on the product and availability. **Over 23% of our food is sourced locally**, meaning it is grown or produced within 250 miles of the school.

**Some examples include:**

- **Cloud Mountain Farm Center** - Our newest partner
- **Avenue Bread** in Bellingham, makes a wide range of baked goods and sandwiches that are available at all retail locations on campus.
- **The Bagelry** in Bellingham, makes all the bagels available on campus which you can enjoy fresh daily at Zoe's Bookside Bagels, The Underground, and BT Station just to name just a few locations.
- **Tony's Coffee** in Bellingham is the supplier of most of our coffee, tea, and syrups which is served everywhere on campus aside from Starbucks and the VU Cafe!
- **Island Spring Organics** in Vashon produces organic tofu that is featured in many of our vegetarian and vegan meals in our dining commons.
- **Yami and Zoi Yogurt** are both from Auburn Dairy Products which provide a great protein boost for a snack or meal anytime!
- **Erin Baker's Breakfast Cookies** from Bellingham are whole grain, have no preservatives, and are available at all retail locations!

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