#### Industry Profile

# Agriculture & Food Products









### Success Stories

#### 307 Meat Company

is a processing plant and boutique butcher shop located in Laramie, Wyoming. Kelsey Christensen, a Wyoming native and former manager of the University of Wyoming meat lab, founded 307 Meat in 2019 with the goal to serve the rancher and provide the highest quality of service possible under USDA certified inspection.

#### **Mountain Meadow Wool**

is a family-operated mill in Buffalo, Wyoming dedicated to supporting local ranchers and committed to revitalizing the American wool industry through eco-friendly operations. Each product, including their signature Mountain Merino wool, is traceable to its ranch of origin, and offers unparalleled comfort, enjoyment and quality.

#### Wyoming Hunger Initiative

Facing the challenges of increased need and increased uncertainty requires creative thinking. Food from the Farm + Ranch, a program of the Wyoming Hunger Initiative, is designed to utilize Wyoming products to combat food insecurity. There is no better time to recognize Wyoming producers while meeting the increase in needs across the state. As a producer herself, Wyoming First Lady Jennie Gordon's vision for the Wyoming Hunger Initiative was to encompass a component of agriculture that would be part of the solution to food insecurity in our state.



### MAKING BUSINESS HAPPEN



business-friendly tax climate

- NO corporate or state income tax
- NO inventory, franchise, occupation, or value-added taxes
- LOW property and sales taxes



**30.2 million acres** used for farming and ranching

**1**st in average size of farms and ranches in the US

**3rd** in wool production in the US

# WYOMING



#### Access to Markets

#### 9 commercial airports

and Wyoming is close to international airports in **Salt Lake City, Denver, and Billings.** 

#### Cross-continental interstates

Two cross-continental interstates – I-80 and I-90 – plus I-25, which stretches from near the northern border of the state to New Mexico.

#### Class 1 railroads

Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific

**11,307,444 customers** live within 8 hours of Wyoming.

# Why Wyoming

## **Diverse Business**

Wyoming has a **diverse** profile of businesses within the ag industry. From **beef and lamb producers to local brewers, distillers and coffee roasters**, our rural communities support these thriving businesses.

Local farmers grew **hemp** for the first time across the state in 2020, helping to diversify the production and **value-added** ag economy.

**Innovative tech** companies are also cropping up across the state, working very closely with the **University of Wyoming**.

#### Support and Industry Training

Wyoming's seven community colleges located across the state offer a wide array of programs that serve the needs of agriculture and food processing businesses including agri-business, farm and ranch management and beef production. Community colleges work diligently with local businesses to help provide training programs that bolster the talent of their workforce.

Pending approval, Manufacturing Works will offer regional technical assistance grants to beef processors.

The Wyoming Asia Pacific Trade Office (APTO), housed in the Taipei World Trade Center, works to make connections between food buyers in the Asia Pacific Region, and producers in Wyoming. **Wyoming beef, distilled spirits, beer, and cereal products** can all be found at various locations in Taiwan, a direct result of the work of the APTO.

#### - Favorable culture

Wyoming enjoys easy access to **year-round recreation opportunities** and wide-open spaces. Here, the **great outdoors and economic opportunity** go hand-in-hand, making some places in Wyoming ideal spots for a burgeoning **Agri-Tourism** industry.

#### **Available Workforce**

The Wyoming Workforce Development Training Fund offers Training Grants of up to \$1500 per employee per year. Find out more by visiting wyomingworkforce.org/businesses/wdtf.

To see how Wyoming might be a great fit for your business, visit www.WhyWyoming.org.

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