Prairie Heritage Farm

Power, MT

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Meet Your Farmers Courtney and Jacob Cowgill

Location: Power, MT

Year Founded: 2009

Farm Size: Total farm size is 30 acres, with 25 currently in production

Livestock: Heritage, pasture-raised turkeys

Products Available: A variety of vegetables, heritage and ancient grains, and heritage turkeys

Products Sold Through: Direct to consumer through winter and summer CSA shares, direct purchases of heritage turkeys, and wholesale to local businesses Prairie Heritage Farm was started by Courtney and Jacob Cowgill who returned home to farm in Central Montana for the communities that raised them. Prairie Heritage is certified organic and diversified in vegetable production, ancient and heritage grains, and heritage turkeys. Jacob and Courtney not only follow strict organic standards but also experiment with other methods of sustainable agriculture. An example of one of their farming methods is incorporating turkeys into the vegetable garden to help fertilize and as a means for weed and pest control instead of relying on synthetic chemicals. The Cowgills plan to potentially integrate sheep in the future as well to utilize their fertility and weed control.

The Cowgills see the challenges but also the opportunities of farming in Central Montana when trying to expand their market and the demand for fresh, local products. Jacob believes if you're interested in eating locally or sustainable, you need to understand the food system and all of your food choices within that system. He encourages aspiring young farmers to get as much experience as they can and learn from other farmers.