Canning and preserving in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, established in 1931 to ensure that Wisconsin's nearly $2 billion agriculture sector continues to operate fairly and efficiently, offers a variety of programs to help farmers sell their products and provides consumer protection by regulating food safety, quality and labeling. Wisconsin is one of the leading agricultural states in the United States, which makes it an ideal place for preserving and canning. With the right tools, techniques, and knowledge, anyone can create delicious, homemade canned goods that will last for months, if not years. In this article, we'll explore the art of canning and preserving in Wisconsin, from selecting the right fruits and vegetables to storing your canned goods properly.

An example of the offerings at Kenosha's Ellis Mae's. Photo courtesy of Ellis Mae's Country Canning & Baking.

1. Chip Magnat Salsa

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Chip Magnat is based in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and offers a variety of homemade salsas, jams, jellies, relish, and more. Magnat's products are made with fresh, local ingredients and are perfect for snacking or gifting.

2. Always & Forever Pickles

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Always & Forever Pickles is located in Door County, Wisconsin and offers a variety of homemade pickles, relishes, and preserves. They use fresh, locally-sourced ingredients to create their products.

3. Prosecutore's Salsas

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Prosecutore's Salsas is located in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin and offers a variety of homemade salsas, relishes, and preserves. They use fresh, locally-sourced ingredients to create their products.

4. Storandt Farms

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Storandt Farms is located in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin and offers a variety of homemade salsas, relishes, and preserves. They use fresh, locally-sourced ingredients to create their products.

5. Flyte Family Farms

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Flyte Family Farms is located in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin and offers a variety of homemade salsas, relishes, and preserves. They use fresh, locally-sourced ingredients to create their products.

Fiscal Fact

Declining births may worsen Wisconsin's worker shortage

Declining birth and fertility rates are especially important for Minnesota. According to the state's recent history of net out-migration, since the mid-2000s, Wisconsin has lost more residents to migration than it has gained. Together, these trends could add to the state's future labor challenges. The most recent state projections suggest Wisconsin’s working-age population (20-64) will decline by 0.2 percent between 2010 and 2020, while the retirement-age population will nearly double. But these estimates may be too optimistic, since they assume the state will set nearly 500,000 Wisconsin residents through migration and that annual births will rise. This information is a service of the Wisconsin Policy Forum, a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to providing non-partisan, non-biased analysis of public policy issues.