

Hotel chefs embrace local, organic food trend

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An increasing number of hotels are touting restaurants that offer organic and locally grown foods, much in the same way they would promote pillow-top mattresses and in-room wireless Internet.

How California. But hotels eager to please health-conscious and environmentally aware diners stretch beyond the Golden State.

Chef Ryan Hardy, a 2008 James Beard "Best Chef" regional finalist, oversees Montagna inside the swank Little Nell in Aspen, Colo. Last year he purchased a 15-acre farm outside the city and now supplies Montagna's vegetables, pork, eggs and some of its chicken. He also makes his own cheese.

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