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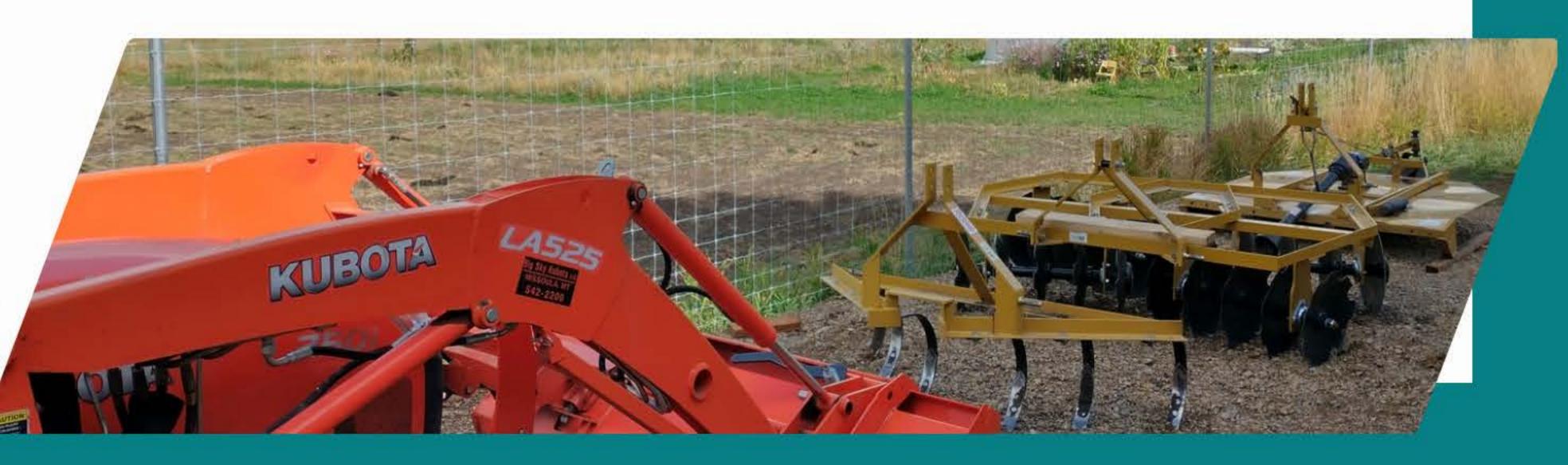
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CRESCENT RIDGE FARM

Michael and Molly Davidson grow a variety of fresh produce and flowers on their family farm. At the onset of the coronavirus health crisis, their growing season was clouded with uncertainty as orders were canceled and/or dramatically reduced. However, as more people recognized the value of having reliable access to fresh, quality food, demand for Crescent Ridge Farm's locally grown products significantly increased in response to COVID-19.

Equipment purchased using coronavirus relief grant funds boosted efficiency at the farm, allowing Michael to cultivate more space in a fraction of the time. This productivity boost made scaling up operations to meet a higher local demand possible. In addition to their sold-out produce and flower shares, plus weekly sales at their local farmers market, the Davidsons also expanded into some new retail, restaurant, and wholesale markets.





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As the only consistent suppliers of fresh, local produce in the Alberton community, Crescent Ridge Farm plays a vital role in strengthening Montana's local food systems and bolstering food security.