

Southeast COLORADO



Welcome

Welcome to Southeast Colorado Rich in History and Heritage! Take a glance into the small towns that make up the rural communities along the major passages of Southeast Colorado. There are many historic and recreational opportunities to experience along this journey through our portion of the West. From birding and sight seeing tours to hunting, fishing, & boating on our waters, Southeast Colorado has enough abundant resources to accommodate most any traveler!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TOURISM

www.secoloradoheritage.com
www.coloradobirdingtrail.com

Colorado Division of Wildlife

www.cpw.state.co.us
SE office 719-336-6600

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SEBREA Southeast Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction
www.sebrea.biz

Baca County Economic Development

719-353-2244 www.bacacountyco.gov

Bent County Development Foundation

719-456-0452 www.bentcounty.org

Crowley County Economic Development

719-267-5555 www.crowleycounty.net

Kiowa County Economic Development

719-438-2200 www.kcedfonline.org

Otero County Economic Development

719-384-6977 www.oterogov.com

Prowers County Development

719-336-2384 www.procolorado.org

CAMPO

LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 287

If you are leaving the State of Oklahoma driving north on U.S. Hwy 287, Campo is the first town in Colorado. A scene from the 1982 movie, "Savannah Smiles", was filmed in Campo. Though the town's size has decreased, the spirit has not. It is a friendly town that welcomes new businesses and residents to the area.

ATTRACTIONS



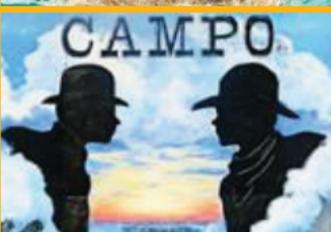
In Town - Wayfinding signs, Tourist and History info in the park, Campground, Indoor swimming pool.



Hiking, Camping, & Exploring - Picture Canyon, Hope Canyon, Carrizo Canyon



Birding & Wildlife - Comanche National Grasslands



EVENTS

JUNE Miss Watermelon Pageant
Fireman's Auction

JULY Watermelon Festival



(719) 787-2416

www.bacacountyco.gov

**LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 287**

SPRINGFIELD

Take a break in Springfield, just miles from Picture Canyon, Carrizo Canyon and Two Buttes Reservoir. Baca County is home to 5 birding trails with over 400 species of birds. WPA sites, the Santa Fe Trail, public pool and movie theatre with digital projection. We invite you to explore Baca County!

ATTRACTIONS

Outdoor Recreation - Picture Canyon (hiking, camping, rock art, rock formations, picnic tables & restrooms, no drinking water), Carrizo Canyon (hiking, camping, picnic tables & swimming area), Two Buttes Reservoir & Black Hole (swimming, boating, fishing & camping), Turks Pond (fishing, non-motorized boats and picnic tables), Seasonal Hunting and Guided Hunts are available in the County. Prairie Dog Hunting can happen year round with property owner permission.

Main Street Walking Art Sculpture Tour

Tours - (Reservations needed) Country Lollipops, Canyon Journeys, and Kirkwell Cattle Drives



EVENTS



JUNE Springfest Music in the Park

JULY Fireworks Celebration

AUG Baca County Fair & Rodeo

Parade & Free BBQ

Moon Man Car Show

OCT Pumpkin Shine &

Chili Cook-off

NOV Holiday Bazaar/Fairgrounds

Santa Arrives/Free Movie

(719) 523-4528

www.springfieldcolorado.org

LAMAR

LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 287
& U.S. HWY 50

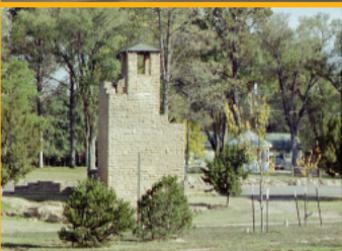
Lamar offers rural family living at its best.

Solid family values still prevail in this community, with numerous events and activities scheduled throughout the year. Whether you enjoy outdoor activities, community concerts or a relaxed shopping atmosphere, our friendly community welcomes you.

ATTRACTIONS



Historic Train Depot - Lamar's Train Depot is on the National Historic Register and is the only Train Depot with an antique Steam Engine Locomotive and an antique water tower and windmill. The Depot is home to the Colorado Welcome Center and the Lamar Chamber of Commerce.



Zebulon Pike Tower - This tower is located in the city's Willow Creek Park and is a WPA structure documenting where Pike's expedition was camped.



Bi-Centennial Park - This park was dedicated in 1976 and features an original Justin Young bronze statue and a mural.

Big Timbers Museum

EVENTS

FEB High Plains Snow Goose Festival

SE Colo. Arts Council Art Shop

APR Dudes & Dames Square Dance

Revue; Denim & Lace Square

Dance Revue

MAY Cinco de Mayo Celebration;

Lamar Days; Car Show & Rod Run

JULY Hotter than Hell Music Festival

AUG Prowers County Sand & Sage Fair & Rodeo

SEPT 911 Tribute; Fly-In at Airport; Fall Festival

OCT LCC Frontier History Encampment; Oktoberfest

DEC Parade of Lights; Candy Cane Festival



(719) 336-4376

www.ci.lamar.co.us

**LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 287**

WILEY

The town of Wiley is named after W. M. Wiley, who was a resident of Holly, Colorado and the president of Holly Sugar Company. 100 years ago there was a population of 95 in Wiley and today there are 493 residents. Many of the original buildings are still standing in Wiley, including the Wiley Rock School which is in the National Historic Register.

ATTRACTIONS

Attractions - Ideally situated near eastern Colorado's largest bodies of water, Wiley is a small town with lots of outdoor activities. John Martin Reservoir State Park, the area's largest body of water, is a short drive west. There are sports placid waters, campgrounds and other family-friendly activities. Just north of town is Queens State Wildlife Area, popular with waterfowl viewers, especially during winter migrations.



EVENTS



JUNE Wiley Hay Days

AUG Prowers County Sand & Sage Fair & Rodeo



(719) 829-4974

www.townofwiley.com

EADS

**LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 287 &
STATE HWY 96**

Eads is the county seat of Kiowa County located at the junction of U.S. Hwy 287 (Ports to Plains Highway) and State Hwy 96 (Trans-Continental and Prairie Horizons Bicycle Trail). Friendly folks, a brand new Cobblestone Inn and a quiet slice of country life.

ATTRACTIONS



Kiowa Creek Natural Area - An oasis getaway on the plains - 8 acre fishing pond, walking trail, wildlife habitat and a historical interpretive barn.

Horseshoe Park - Impeccably kept horseshoe park recreation area that also features shuffleboard courts and a checker board.



Crow Luther Cultural Events Center - A newly renovated historic theatre that is proud to show first-run movies - adjoining buildings will eventually house a catering kitchen and a meeting room with more to come as the 3-building renovation continues.

Eads Roadside Park - Clean restroom area with an interpretive map and kiosks highlighting for our visitors the attractions in our 6 county southeast Colorado area.



Kiowa County Museum - A look at the past and present of Kiowa County, open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site - Eads is a Gateway Community to the site located east of Eads commemorating the event near Chivington that occurred 150 years ago.

EVENTS

- JULY** Maine Street Bash
- SEPT** Kiowa County Fair
- NOV** Weisbrod Hosp. Christmas Bazaar
Sand Creek Healing Run
- DEC** Eads Fire Dept. & Chamber of
Commerce Chili Supper
(arrival of Santa Claus)



Kiowa Creek

natural area

(719) 438-2200 www.kiowacounty-colorado.com

LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50

HOLLY

Recreation opportunities are abundant in the Holly area. The local school district which provides a wide variety of student activities and athletic events. Town residents enjoy the availability of parks and ball fields, tennis courts, swimming pool, playgrounds, hunting and fishing, a movie theater, a youth center, a senior and community center. We offer organized recreation programs and leagues.

ATTRACTIONS

Historic Train Depot - This historic Holly Depot has been restored and now houses the Town of Holly offices. The depot is in the National register of Historic Sites.



EVENTS



JUNE Holly Bluegrass Festival

SEPT Holly Rhythm & Ribs



(719) 537-6622

www.prowerscounty.net

GRANADA

LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50

Granada sits about 19 miles east of Lamar, just across the line separating Kansas and Colorado. Irrigated farming dominates the scene, but this town is most remembered as a Japanese relocation camp during World War II.

ATTRACTIONS



Camp Amache - The site of the World War II Japanese relocation camp is located just outside Granada. Local high school students work on restoration projects at this site as part of their high school curriculum. The cemetery is partially restored and other structures are in the planning stage.



EVENTS

- FEB** Granada Pride Committee Pancake Supper
- JUNE** Granada/Bristol Days
- SEPT** Granada Pride Committee Steak Dinner and Barn Dance



(719) 734-5411

www.sebrea.biz

**LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50**

HASTY

Hasty Colorado is the gateway to the John Martin Dam and John Martin Reservoir State Park. Travelers can enjoy camping year round and spend days fishing, hiking, bird watching or just relaxing at the numerous developed campsites. Bent County is home to a variety of prairie wildlife, and over 400 species of birds have been documented here.

ATTRACTIONS

John Martin Reservoir State Park - Camping at campground with hookups and restrooms. Fishing, boating, swimming.

Lake Hasty

Hunting - Check with Division of Wildlife

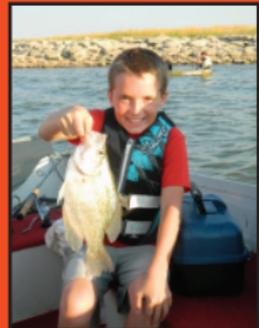
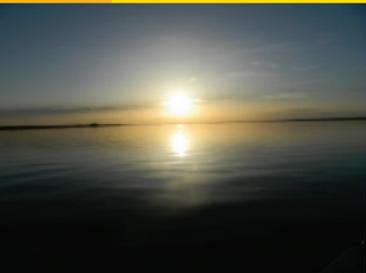


EVENTS

MAY Bent on Birding Festival

JULY Bent County Fair

SEPT Hasty Days



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LAS ANIMAS

LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50

Situated on the high plains, where the Arkansas and Purgatoire Rivers meet, Las Animas is rich in history, and is also well known for its outdoor opportunities, including fishing, hunting, birding and hiking.

ATTRACTIONS



Bent County Courthouse - Built in 1888, completely restored, the stately building is the oldest, continuously used courthouse in the State of Colorado.

Bent County Fairgrounds & Pavilion

Bent's Old Fort - (12 miles west of Las Animas)

John W. Rawlings Heritage Center - The museum has an extensive permanent collection and special exhibits.

Las Animas/Bent County Golf Course - A 9-hole, Par 3 course.

Boggsville Historic Site - The first non-fortified settlement in Southeast Colorado

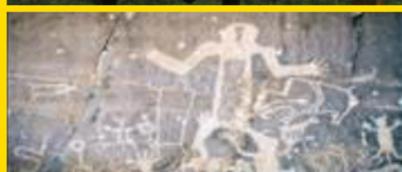
John Martin Reservoir State Park - Boating & Fishing

Adobe Creek Reservoir (Blue Lake) - Boating & Fishing



EVENTS

- FEB** Chili Cook Off
- APR** Santa Fe Trail Days
- MAY** Bent on Birding Festival;
All-Class Reunion
- JUN** Andrew Ricken Car Show
- JULY** Bent County Fair;
Kid's Quarters at Bent's Old Fort
- OCT** "Paint the Plains" 5K;
Harvest Show
- NOV** Craft Fair
- DEC** Parade of Lights



(719) 456-0422

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**LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50**

LA JUNTA

La Junta is located along the Arkansas River at what once was the junction of the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail and the Trappers Trail into the mountains and gold camps of Colorado. The name La Junta means "the junction" in Spanish. Native Americans, Spanish explorers, trappers, gold seekers, immigrants, settlers, farmers and ranchers are the colorful mix of cultures that make up present day La Junta.

ATTRACTIONS

Koshare Indian Museum & Dancers - The Koshare Indian Museum was built and supported through the efforts of Boy Scout Troop 232 who continues to dance their way to fame in feathers and paint.

Bent's Old Fort - This reconstructed trading post located on the Santa Fe Trail was the last United States outpost before crossing the Arkansas River and entering New Mexico.

Otero Museum - Dedicated to preserving history and heritage, the modern visitors are treated to a glimpse of La Junta's exciting past.

Comanche National Grassland - 443,764 acres of range land and 300 different species of birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

Picketwire Players - Performing community theater since 1968.

Otero Junior College - Founded in 1941 the college is located on a 40 acre campus and is one of the finest community colleges in the State of Colorado.



EVENTS



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| DEC-JAN | Koshare Winter Show |
| MAR | Frontier Skills Days; Farm Days |
| APR-OCT | Wakeup Breakfast |
| MAY | Cinco De Mayo; Barn Dance |
| JUN-JUL | Koshare Summer Dances |
| JUL | COCO Century Bike Ride |
| JULY-OCT | Farmer's Market |
| AUG | Kid's Rodeo, Ark Valley Fair |
| SEPT | Early Settler's Day |
| OCT | Chuckwagon Cookoff |
| DEC | Dickens Fest |

(719) 384-5991

www.visitlajunta.net

ROCKY FORD

LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50

Sweet Melon Capital of the World, Est. 1887. "Once a meloneer, always a meloneer." In 1978, G.W. Swink began the tradition of Watermelon Day, sharing his crop with a train passing through. Watermelon Day and the Arkansas Valley Fair celebrate the area's history and sweet produce. The Grand Theatre is the longest-running movie theatre in the state.

ATTRACTIONS



Rocky Ford Historical Museum/Carnegie Library

Historic Train Depot & Visitor Center

Rocky Ford Golf Course

Babcock Park & Rocky Ford Swimming Pool

The Grand Theatre of Rocky Ford



EVENTS

- MAR** Annual Awards Banquet
Fireman's Ball
- APR** Rocky Ford All School Arts
Festival
- MAY** Triathlon
Al Kaly Circus
Junior Rodeo (CJRA)
- JUN** Cruisin' Into Summer
- JUL** 4th of July Fireworks Show
Kids & Pets Parade
Farmer's Markets
- AUG** Arkansas Valley Fair Parade
Horse Races/ Calcutta
Watermelon Day
- OCT** The Coffee Shop/Main Street Festival
- NOV** Arkansas Valley Balloon Festival
- DEC** Madrigal Singers
Christmas Parade of Lights



(719) 254-7414

www.rockyfordcolo.com

**LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50**

MANZANOLA

Manzanola is a quiet agricultural community nestled in the heart of the Lower Arkansas Valley. Manzanola is well known for: The National and State recognized Historic Train Depot; The Armory – which is one of the few remaining in Colorado; The “Dry” Archaeology dig south of town; antiques; locally grown watermelon and cantaloupe and other types of produce; and is one of the filming sites of the Charles Bronson movie, “Mr. Majestic”.

ATTRACTIONS

1895 Manzanola Hotel - The Hotel has recently been renovated and is now the Hotel St. Jean Antique.

1912 State & National Historic Santa Fe Train Depot - The Train Depot now serves as the Town Hall and the Depot Park is located right outside of the building.

1919 Manzanola Armory

Bauserman's Farm Market

Granny's Attic Antique Store

Justin Vasquez Veteran Memorial Park

Shirley Ann's Pickles & Preserves - This is the site of the Majestic Bar.



EVENTS



- MAR** Courtney Williams Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- APR** Lion's Club Annual Pancake Supper
- MAY** Spring Festival
Justin Vasquez Memorial Poker Run
- SEPT** SOCO Farm Services Coalition Picnic with Band
The Annual Walk for Rita

(719) 462-5544

www.oterogov.com

FWLER

LOCATED ON
U.S. HWY 50

Fowler lies at the western edge of Otero County. Founded in 1900, the quaint town boasts of friendly businesses and residents. The Fowler Historical Museum contains information and artifacts from Fowler's earliest history including an original log cabin home. During the summer, enjoy Fowler's swimming pool or relax with nine holes of golf at Cottonwood Links

ATTRACTIONS

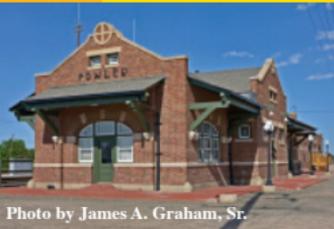


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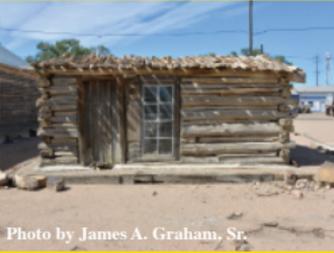


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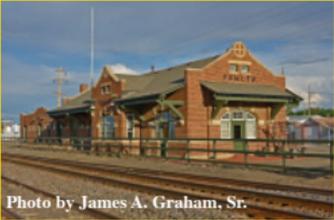


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Fowler Historical Museum

Fowler Public Library

Gerard Park

Fowler Swimming Pool

Cottonwood Links Golf Course



EVENTS

JUL Missouri Day

SEPT Fall Festival



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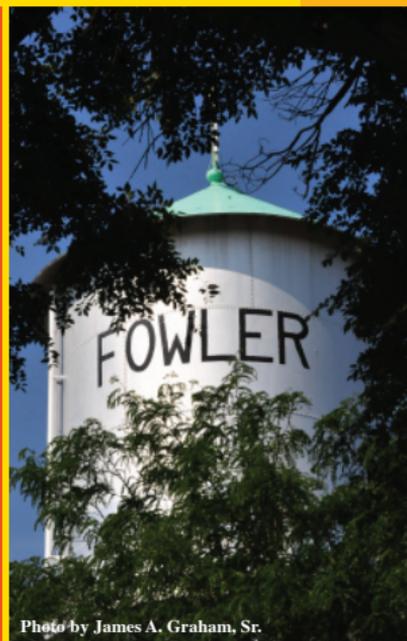


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(719) 263-4461

www.fowlercolorado.gov

**LOCATED ON
STATE HWY 96**

SHERIDAN LAKE

Sheridan Lake is located near the Kansas border on State Hwy 96. Sheridan Lake is a friendly homespun community providing visitors with opportunities for unique experiences.

ATTRACTIONS

Woelk Museum - A privately owned museum on Colorado Highway 96 that gives visitors a look into the past of the east end of Kiowa County..

Kiowa Albright Center - This versatile community center houses a unique 3-lane bowling alley on the second floor, pool tables, meeting room, Sheridan Lake Post Office, a playground and basketball courts.

Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site - Sheridan Lake serves as a Gateway Community for the Sand Creek site located west of Sheridan Lake, commemorating the event near Chivington that took place 150 years ago.



EVENTS



SEPT Kiowa County Fair



www.kcedfonline.org
www.secoloradoheritage.com

(719) 729-3519 www.kiowacounty-colorado.com

HASWELL

LOCATED ON
STATE HWY 96

Haswell, established in 1908 has several points of interest. Including the Nation's Smallest Jail, the Paul Plishner Radio Astronomy and Space Sciences Center, as well as Adobe Creek Reservoir to the south of town. Heritage tourism, birding, bicycling, water sports, fishing, astronomy, amateur ham radio and camping are just some of the activities you could participate in within our community.

ATTRACTIONS



Nations Smallest Jail

Adobe Creek reservoir (Blue Lake) - Boating and camping

Birding - There are hundreds of species of birds in the SE Colorado area.



EVENTS

The name Haswell came from "has a well", pointing out a site where an earlier traveler could obtain water, thus the name Haswell. Population 84 in 2014

www.kcedfonline.org

www.secoloradoheritage.com



(719) 436-3346 www.kiowacounty-colorado.com

**LOCATED ON
STATE HWY 96**

SUGAR CITY

Sugar City at one time was the only independently owned sugar operation in the United States that employed 1200-1500 people at the time. Sugar City is now a quaint and quiet little town.

ATTRACTIONS

Lake Meredith - The lake is very close by with fishing, camping, hiking, biking, swimming, jet skiing and boating.

Birding - Birding is fantastic in SE Colorado

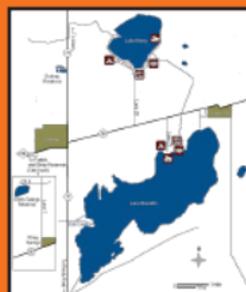
Café in Town



EVENTS



DEC Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Santa visits



www.secoloradoheritage.com

(719) 267-3729

www.crowleycounty.net

ORDWAY

LOCATED ON
STATE HWY 96

Welcome to Ordway! We are a small rural town located in the Southeast corner of the state. Ordway was established in 1890. The names of three prominent citizens were thrown in a hat, and the name of George N. Ordway, a Denver Businessman and early settler was drawn.

ATTRACTIONS



Way Finding Kiosk - History and other information can be found at the entrance of the town.

Lake Henry - Fishing, camping, biking and birding

Lake Meredith - Fishing, camping, biking and birding

Ordway Reservoir - Fishing, camping, biking and birding



EVENTS

JUL Crowley County Days and Car Show

OCT Oktoberfest



www.secoloradoheritage.com

(719) 267-3134

www.crowleycounty.net

**LOCATED ON
STATE HWY 96**

CROWLEY

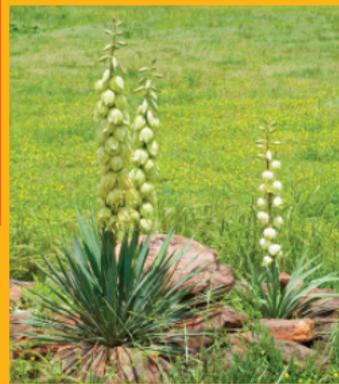
In the youngest of the four sister towns, you will find peace and quiet. The town of Crowley was named after State Senator John H. Crowley who was instrumental in the formation of Crowley County. Started by a gentleman and farmer by the name of A.J. Bowers, Crowley has protected a rural way of life and economy, still based on integrity and caring for one another. The town of Crowley is at the junction of Hwy. 96 & Hwy. 207.

ATTRACTIONS

Crowley County Heritage Center - In the town of Crowley we do have the Crowley County Heritage Center. This is the old 1914 Crowley Grade School. The building is a community center on the upstairs level and downstairs is the county museum and the office for the Town of Crowley.

Hunting and Fishing - Check with the Division of Wildlife.

Lakes - There are several lakes within 15 miles, fishing and boating available.



EVENTS



JUL Crowley County Days
Parade, BBQ, Mud Races & Rodeo



www.secoloradoheritage.com



(719) 267-3384

www.crowleycounty.net

OLNEY SPRINGS

LOCATED ON
STATE HWY 96

Olney Springs became a town in 1912 and is the western gateway to Crowley County. It is close enough to surrounding towns for amenities but far enough away for serenity and room to grow.

ATTRACTIONS



Veterans Memorial

Ponds - 2 ponds west of town for fishing and camping.

Birding - There are hundreds of species of birds in SE Colorado



EVENTS

- JUL** Crowley County Days
- DEC** Chili Supper
- Parade of Lights
- Santa Arrives on a Firetruck
(The Saturday before Christmas)

www.secoloradoheritage.com



www.crowleycounty.net

WAYFINDING HISTORY AND HERITAGE INFORMATIONAL KIOSKS



ONE PANEL KIOSK

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-  THREE PANEL KIOSK
-  FOUR PANEL KIOSK
-  FIVE/SIX PANEL KIOSK
-  G GATEWAY INSTALLATIONS WITH REGIONAL MAP
-  * PANEL LOCATED IN GOBBLER'S KNOB

Map Courtesy of CDOT

FARMER'S MARKETS

FARM STANDS

BACA COUNTY

Jett's Farm Fresh

1481 Main Street (at railroad tracks)
Springfield, CO 81073
(719) 523-0112
May – December
Thursday – Saturday 9am – 6pm

OTERO COUNTY

Bauserman's Farm Market

11786 E. U.S. Hwy 50
Manzanola, CO 81058
719-462-5508

Colorado Produce

21501 U.S. Hwy 50
Rocky Ford, CO 81067
719-254-3376

Hanagan Farms

Hwy 50 and Rd. 24,
about 1 mile west of Swink
(719) 384-5067
July – October, Daily 9am – 6pm

Knapp's Farm Market

29742 Hwy 71, Rocky Ford
(719) 254-6265
July – October, Daily 8am – 7pm

Larsons Garden

5060 U.S. Hwy 50
Fowler, CO 81039
719-263-4414

Lindahl Family Farm LLC

207 N. Main Street Rocky Ford
(719) 469-1894

Lusk Farms

26020 W. U.S. Hwy 50
La Junta, CO 81050
719-384-6200
Mid July – Mid October,
Daily 8am – 7pm

Mills Bros. Farm Market

16831 W. U.S. Hwy 50
Rocky Ford, CO
(719) 254-6154

O'Neal Produce LLC

17037 Hwy 50, Rocky Ford
(719) 254-3381
August – May
Monday – Saturday 8am – 5pm

Sacketts

20277 E. U.S. Hwy 50
Rocky Ford, CO 81067
719-254-6559

Shane Farms

33481 State Highway 194
La Junta, CO 81050
(719) 384-5028

Smith's Corner

U.S. Hwy 50 and Market Street
Rocky Ford, CO 81067
July 1 – October 15, Daily 8am – 7pm

VanHooks Fruit Stand

1410 East 3rd Street
La Junta, CO 81050
719-384-4922

PROWERS COUNTY

Colorado Gardens

Hwy 50 just west of Lamar

Grasmick Produce

210 E Goff Ave
Granada, CO 81041
(719) 734-5422

Hanagan Farms

807 E. Olive
Lamar, CO
July – October, Daily 9am – 6pm