

Valentine's Day

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Oh, believe me. We have all been there. It's just a normal day in the office until BAM!, it hits you. Today is Valentine's Day and you forgot to get something for your loved one!

Well Minnesota Grown is here to help. Our gift guide is coming to you early so that you have plenty of time to browse your locally raised or produced items and choose the gift that is "just right" for whomever you have in mind. Follow the links in this article and realize how easy it is to make your Valentine's Day fun and local!

Treat your Valentine to any of the following; you can't go wrong!

Minnesota Grown Cheese

Cheese for Valentine's Day? Yes! Choose fresh, local cheese from one of 17 Minnesota Grown producers in our online Directory and pair with wine for a perfect gift! If you need help choosing the perfect wine and cheese pairing, check out this article from our friends at the Midwest Dairy Association featuring Minnesota Grown member Redhead Creamery, LLC.



Farmstay

This year Valentine's Day conveniently falls on a Saturday. Why not make a weekend of it and go on a romantic getaway? Visit a Minnesota Grown member offering farm stays now, or accompany one of our other gift ideas with a summer weekend reservation. Find the perfect host and discover all that a farm stay has to offer by [searching our online Directory!](#)

Wine

Update a classic Valentine's Day gift by surprising your loved one with a local, Minnesota Grown bottle of wine. This can be paired with local cheese, as mentioned above, chocolates or stand on its own! Search our online Directory today to find a [Minnesota Grown winery or wine producer](#) near you.

Minnesota Grape Growers Association Winery Passport

Even better than a local bottle of wine is a winery passport from the Minnesota Grape Growers Association! Present this passport at any participating wineries throughout the year to redeem your FREE tastings. This passport is valid at a host of wineries throughout the state. Visit the [Minnesota Grape Growers Association website](#) for a list of all participating wineries and to secure your passport!

Minnesota Cooks Calendar

Minnesota Cooks is an educational outreach program of Minnesota Farmers Union that aims to celebrate the many talented local foods-minded chefs and restaurant owners and Minnesota's dedicated farm families. Visit their website to secure your [FREE Minnesota Cooks calendar](#), filled to the brim with beautiful imagery of farm families and tasty recipes and take your Valentine to a [restaurant featuring local foods](#) this holiday!



Locally Grown Flowers

As Valentine's Day approaches, keep [Minnesota Grown](#) flowers in mind as gifts for loved ones! Although many of our Minnesota Grown members are producing cut s in the summer months, many also grow through the year in heated greenhouses. r our label on packaging at the store or ask for locally grown flowers at your florist. last longer, and are sure to please!

Popcorn & a Romantic Comedy

Romantic Comedies are a great option for a movie night with your loved one any time of the year, but they also *scream* Valentine's Day. Pick up some [popcorn](#) from a Minnesota Grown member and make this year all about you and yours with a night in! Note: This option is also great for those of us without a date come February 14th ;)

CSA Share

Now *this* is the gift that will keep on giving! Purchase a CSA share, or a half share (fit for a couple), and your "someone-special" will be reminded of your love with the arrival of every delivery, all season long! Now is the perfect time to [find a CSA producer](#) and shares are going fast. Don't miss out!

Chocolate

This list wouldn't be complete without chocolate. It's practically the sugary mascot of the Valentine's holiday! Minnesota has a variety of chocolatiers that will make your day extra special. [Check out a list here!](#)

Photos in our gift guide are courtesy of [Redhead Creamery, LLC](#), [Moonstone Farm](#), [Minnesota Grape Growers Association](#), [Minnesota Cooks](#), [Winehaven Winery and Vineyard](#), and [St. Croix Chocolatiers](#)