

California K-12 School Plant-Based Products & Vendors

See below for a list of climate-friendly, plant-based school food vendors available for California schools.

Friends of the Earth does not endorse any of these products. We are providing this list to make it easier to find plant-based ready-made products for school districts that require these products. For school districts with cooking capabilities and enough staffing, scratch-cooked meals using whole and minimally processed foods can be a healthier, more affordable alternative to processed plant-based options that may include unhealthy additives and unnecessary fillers. Depending on kitchen facilities, staff limitations, student acceptance and other factors, schools must do what is feasible for them; and both freshly prepared and pre-made plant-based products are a positive alternative to industrially produced meat.

This list contains non-GMO plant-based products that are minimally processed and use mainly whole, organic ingredients. For more options, please visit Balanced's [Plant-Based Product Directory](#). For a deeper dive into the nutrition and processing considerations associated with plant-based foods, Friends of the Earth refers to Eat REAL's developed [guidance document](#) for K-12 school foodservice professionals.

Interested in getting connected to these vendors?

Email Friends of the Earth's Climate-Friendly School Food Program Plant Based Consultant:

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Alternative Proteins (Chicken, Sausage, Meatballs, Tofu etc.)



Adda Veggie

Website: <https://www.addaveggie.com/>

K-12 Sell Sheet: [Adda Veggies - OneDrive \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Products can be used as a patty, crumble, meatloaf, etc.

- Original Blend
- Chipotle Adobe
- Indian Masala Blend

*Based and operated in the SF Bay Area

*Gluten-Free

*Minority/Woman owned

*Non-GMO

*Products are shelf stable (18 months)

*Distributed by US Foods, Gold Star Foods, Sysco



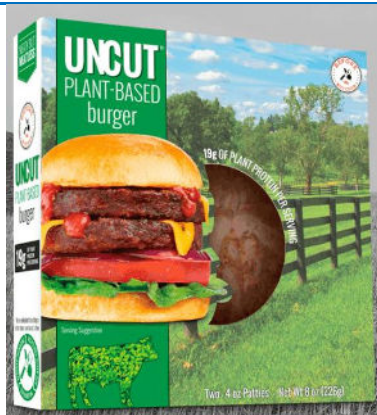
American Bean LLC

Website: <https://americanbean.com/>

- Black Bean Burger Patties
- Falafel Nuggets
- White Bean Puree
- Crispy Yellow Split Peas (BBQ, Sea Salt, Jalapeño)
- Falafel Stix & Falafel Tots
- Garbanzo bean Wonton Noodles

*Non-GMO

*Allergen Free



Before the Butcher

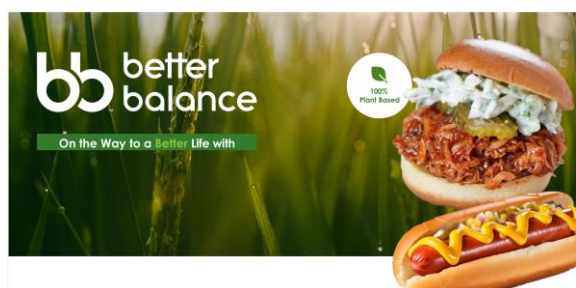
Website: [Before the Butcher \(btbfoods.com\)](https://btbfoods.com)

- Plant-Based Taco Beef Crumbles
- Plant-Based Chorizo
- Plant-Based Sausage Breakfast Patty
- Plant-Based Burger Patty
- Plant-Based Chicken Shreds
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage Crumble

*Based in San Diego, CA

*All Products are Non-GMO

*Gluten-Free



Better Balance

Website: <https://www.betterbalancefoods.com/>

- Plant-Based Hot Dog
- Plant-Based Shredded Meat
- Plant-Based Grounds
- Plant-Based Sour Cream
- Plant-Based Cheese Sauce

*Most products are sourced from pea protein

*High in protein and Non-GMO

*Gluten free and soy free hot dog

*Received 2024 Award from Expo/West for "Best Plant-Based Hot Dog"



Better Chew

Website: <https://eatbetterchew.com>

- Plant-Based Shredded Steak
- Plant-Based Shredded Chicken
- Plant-Based Ribs
- Plant-Based Macaroni and Cheese

*All products have only 6-7 ingredients

*Distributed in California Bay Area

*Minority owned and operated

*Non-GMO ingredients



BountiFoods

Website: <https://www.bountifoods.com/index.php>

- Plant-Based Chicken Leg
- Plant-Based Burger
- Plant-Based Nuggets
- Plant-Based Crab Cakes

*Based in California Bay Area

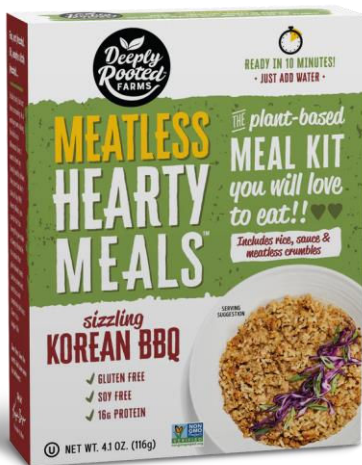
*Women founded

*Non GMO

*Allergen free

*Works with Sysco and Goldstar

***Product Formulation Statement on all products**



Deeply Rooted

Website: www.eatdeeplyrooted.com

- Plant-Based Protein Crumbles (Korean BBQ, Italian, Mexican seasoned)

*Soy Free

*Gluten Free (GF)

*High in Protein

*Woman owned and operated

*Products are shelf stable (18 months)



Dr. Praegers Sensible Foods

Website: <https://drpraegers.com/foodservice/>

- Black Bean Quinoa Burger
- Broccoli Littles (GF)
- Chickenless Tenders, Chickenless Nuggets, Chickenless Strips
- Vegan Burger
- Vegan Breakfast Sausage
- Vegan Meatballs (GF)
- Shelled edamame

***All products listed above CN Labeled**

*All products listed above are non-GMO

*Certified Kosher



Don Lee Farms

Website: <https://www.donleefarms.com/plant-based-meat-protein>

- Better Than Beef Crumble (Certified Organic), Sweet Potato and Sunflower Seed Burger (Certified Organic, GF), Chipotle Black Bean Burger (*CN Labeled, Certified Organic, GF)
- Cauliflower Bites (Certified Organic, GF), Veggie Bites (Certified Organic, GF)
- Chickpea, Lentil, and Curry Bowl (Certified Organic), Organic Superfoods Veggie Bowl (Certified Organic)

*California owned and operated

*Non-GMO



Ground Pro Crumbles

Website: [GroundPro - Savor the Flavor \(firstproteins.com\)](https://www.firstproteins.com/groundpro)

- Meatless Lentil Crumbles
- Shelf stable – 18 months
- Reconstitutes with water
- Can be used in tacos, tostadas, nachos, marinara sauce, lasagna

*Non-GMO

*Organic

*No MSG

*Only 8 ingredients



Hungry Planet

Website: <https://www.hungryplanetfoods.com/food-service/>

- Plant-Based Beef Classic Patty, Plant-Based Beef Premium Patty, Plant-Based Chipotle Chicken Patty
- Plant-Based Beef Meatballs, Plant-Based Ground Beef
- Plant-Based Crab Cakes, Plant-Based Crab - Ground
- Plant-Based Pork Gyoza, Plant-Based Pork Thai Meatballs, Plant Based Pork Ground Chub
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage Crumble, Plant-Based Italian Sausage Chub, Plant-Based Italian Sausage Meatballs
- Plant-Based Crispy Fried Chicken, Plant-Based Grilled Chicken Strips, Plant-Based Grilled and Diced Chicken, Plant-Based Ground Chicken
- Plant-Based Chorizo Chub

*Non-GMO

*Product Formulation Statement for Italian Sausage Crumble



Rebellyous

Website: <https://rebellyous.com/>

- Plant-Based Kickin' Tenders
- Plant-Based Kickin' Patties
- Plant-Based Kickin' Nuggets

*All products equal 2 M/MA

*Product Formulation Statements available

*Non-GMO

*Women-founded and operated

Spent Yeast +
Spent Beans

2-ingredient
meat



Sustainable Meat

With a meaty taste

Planetarians

Website: <https://www.planetarians.com/>

- Planetarians Savory Strips
- Versatile product – can be chopped or ground or used whole

*8 ingredients total

*Non-GMO, based in San Francisco CA

*More protein than beef, more fiber than an apple

*Ready to heat and serve

*Product Formulation Statement available



North Coast Seafoods

Website: <https://www.northcoastseafoods.com/>

- Kelp Burgers
- Kelp Meatballs

*Non-GMO, Climate-Friendly

*Meatballs 2 MA, burgers 1.5

*Massachusetts based; working with CA distributor-Goldstar

*Product Formulation Statements Available



The BE Hive

Website: <https://thebehive.com/>

- Bacon
- Chipotle Chorizo
- Pepperoni
- Italian Crumbles
- Deli Sliced Roast Beef
- Deli Sliced Turkey

*Vegan – made with Seitan (all products)

*All products are non-GMO

*Based in Nashville, TN – works with Sysco

*Versatile storage and cooking methods

*Product Formulation Statements in process



Tofurky

Website: <https://tofurky.com>

- Plant-Based Turkey Deli Slices
- Plant-Based Shredded Cheddar
- Plant-Based Shredded Mozzarella
- Plant-Based Hot Dogs
- Plant-Based Pepperoni Slices
- NEW Plant-Based Cream Cheese

*100% GMO – Soy Free

*Based in Oregon – works with Sysco and Goldstar

*Invests in animal welfare and environmental initiatives

*PFS's available on all products



Alicia's Tamales Los Mayos

Website: <https://www.aliciatamaleslosmayas.com/>

- Vegan Veggie Tamale
- Pumpkin Mole Tamale
- Black Bean Tamale
- Mushroom Tamale

*Plant-based options

*Sustainable business practices

*Local, organic ingredients

Breakfast Vendors



Nature's Fynd

Website: [Nature's Fynd - Fungi-Based Foods for Optimists \(naturesfynd.com\)](http://naturesfynd.com)

- FY = Fungi-based protein
- Meatless Breakfast Patties – original and maple
- Dairy-Free Cream Cheese (Original, Chive & Onion)
- PB Individual Yogurt – peach, strawberry, vanilla

*Low Fat

*Non-GMO



Zero Egg

Website: <https://zeroegg.com>

- Zero Egg Liquid (Frozen bag)
- Zero Egg Patty

*No Cholesterol

*Non-GMO, Gluten-Free

*Free of Preservatives

*California based



The Vegg Scramble

Website: <https://thevegg.com/nutritional-facts/>

- Vegan egg yolk (GF) (liquid)
- Vegan egg replacer for baking (liquid)

*No added fillers

*Non-GMO



Three Little Birds

Website: <https://www.threelittlebirdsshop.com/>

Granola:

- Apple Crisp
- Cranberry Crunch
- Banana Chocolate Chip

*Woman-owned

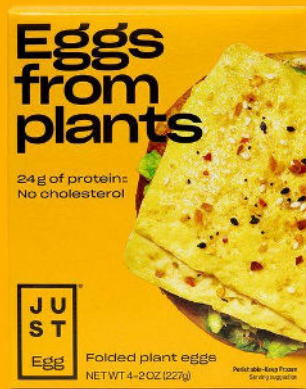
*Free from all top 12 allergens

*Available in 1.25 oz single serve packets or 20 lb bulk bags

*Non-GMO

*No Oils

*Only 2g Sugar



Just Egg

Website: <https://www.ju.st/eat>

- Eggs from Plants- versatile eggs
- Just Egg Folded- ready made
- Breakfast Burritos

*Non-GMO

*Plant-based

*Cholesterol-free

*No artificial flavors

Cheese



Daiya Foods

Website: www.daiyafoods.com

- Plant-Based Parmesan shreds, Cheddar shreds, Mozzarella shreds, Mexican 4 cheese shreds, Spicy Monterey jack shreds, Cheddar slices, American slices, Smoked Gouda Slices, Mozzarella slices, Swiss slices, Provolone slices, Mozzarella sticks, Cheddar sticks
- Plant-Based plain cream cheese, Strawberry cream cheese, Chive and onion cream cheese
- Plant-Based cheddar style cheese sauce and alfredo style sauce
- Plant-Based salad dressings: DF Honey Mustard, DF Creamy Italian, Homestyle Ranch, Creamy Caesar, and Blue Cheese.
- Plant-Based Fiesta Breakfast Burrito, Homestyle Breakfast Burrito, Santa Fe Burrito, Santiago Burrito, Tex Mex Burrito, Tuscan Burrito
- Plant-Based Vegetable Crust Pizzas: Italian Herb and Cheese, Meatless Pepperoni Style with Jalapenos, and Mediterranean.

*All Products Gluten-Free (GF)

*Lactose-Free

*Non-GMO



Upfield

Website: <https://www.upfield.com/>

- Plant-Based Cheese: shredded, slices, blocks, cream cheese
- Plant-Based Whipping Cream

*Non GMO
 *Allergen Free
 *Sustainable
 *Manufacturing GFSI certified
 *Factories are zero waste to landfill

Dressings



Follow Your Heart

Website: <https://followyourheart.com>

- Ranch Salad Dressing
- Thousand Island Salad Dressing
- Cesar Salad Dressing
- Blue Cheese Salad Dressing
- Creamy Avocado Oil Ranch Salad Dressing
- Honey Mustard Salad Dressing

*Gluten-Free (GF)
 *Non-GMO



Daiya Foods

Website: www.daiyafoods.com

- Homestyle Ranch Salad Dressing
- Creamy Cesar Salad Dressing
- Blue Cheeze Salad Dressing

*All products Gluten-Free (GF)
 *Lactose-Free
 *Non-GMO



Primal Kitchen

Website: <https://www.primalkitchen.com/>

- Plant Based Ranch Salad Dressing
- Plant Based Cesar Salad Dressing

*No Artificial Sweeteners

*Certified Gluten Free

*Made with Avocado Oil



Hidden Valley

Website: <https://www.hiddenvalley.com/>

- Plant Powered Ranch Salad Dressing
- Plant Powered Spicy Ranch Salad Dressing

*Gluten-Free (GF)



Healthy Choice

Website: <https://www.healthychoice.com/>

- Creamy Italian Salad Dressing
- Garden French Salad Dressing
- Greener Goddess Salad Dressing
- Creamy Balsamic Salad Dressing

*No Soy



*No Added Sugars



Mother Raw

Website: <https://motherraw.com/>

- Mediterranean Salad Dressing
- Lemon Garlic Salad Dressing
- Cesar Salad Dressing
- Japanese Salad Dressing
- Ranch Salad Dressing
- Greek Salad Dressing
- Italian Salad Dressing
- Roasted Garlic Salad Dressing
- Lemon Tahini Salad Dressing
- Balsamic Salad Dressing
- Poppy Seed Salad Dressing
- Smoky Chipolte Salad Dressing

	<p>*Organic *Non-GMO *Gluten-Free (GF) *Soy and Canola Free</p>
	<p>Walden Farms Website: https://waldenfarms.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thousand Island Salad Dressing • Ranch Salad Dressing <p>*Gluten-Free (GF) *Kosher</p>
	<p>Simple Truth Website: https://www.kroger.com/b/simple-truth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Based Ranch Salad Dressing • Plant Based Cesar Salad Dressing • Plant Based Spicy Ranch Salad Dressing <p>*Non-GMO</p>

Tofu

	<p>Hodo Foods Website: https://www.hodofoods.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tofu All Day Egg Scramble (Certified Organic), Tofu Mexican Egg Scramble (Certified Organic) • Thai Curry Tofu Nuggets (Certified Organic), Tofu Chinese Five Spice Nuggets (Certified Organic) • Tofu Veggie Burger (Certified Organic), Tofu Cajun Burger (Certified Organic) • Tofu Spicy Yuba Noodles (Certified Organic) • Soy Milk (Certified Organic) <p>*All Products Gluten-Free (GF)</p>
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- *Minority-owned
- *Non-GMO
- *Operated out of Oakland, CA



Franklin Farms

Website: <https://www.franklinfarms.com/>

- Tofu Veggie Burgers
- Veggie Meatballs
- Seitan, Tempeh, Water-Packed Tofu, Tofu Bites, Fusion Tofu (Curry, Italian, Mediterranean) and other Tofu products
- Plant-Based Breakfast Patties and Links
- Chickpea Tofu

- *Non-GMO
- *California based

Breads, Beans, Pastas



The Bean Story

Website: <https://beanstory.co/>

- Beans: Black, Calypso, Garbanzo, Heirloom Mixed, King City Pink, Old Indian, Peruano, Crimson, Rio Zape, Tiger's Eye, Cranberry

- *Single-Origin
- *1% For the Planet
- *Recyclable Packing
- *100% Organic- All grown in the US
- *Partnered with farms committed to growing organically and regenerating the land



Better Bean

Website: <https://www.betterbeanco.com/>

- Cuban Black Beans
- Refried Black Beans
- Chipotle Bean Dip
- Refried Red Beans
- SW Pinto Beans
- Three Sisters Chili
- Better Baked Beans

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannellini Beans • PDX Hummus • PDX Hummus 2GO <p>*Non-GMO *Gluten Free *Soy-Free *Nut-Free *Vegan *Northwest sourcing</p>
	<p>Dos Pisano's Bakery Website: Dos Pisano's (dospisanos.com)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Grain French Croissant • Baked Plain Bagel • Parisian Sourdough Baguette • "Sicilian Style" Pan Pizza Focaccia • Sliced Whole Grain Sourdough Bread • 10" Whole Grain, Non-GMO Flour Tortilla • "Pasta Kits" in progress – local WG pasta, homemade marinara • Pre-made Bean and Rice Tamales – ready to serve <p>*Preservative Free, Non-GMO *PFS's on all products – all products credit as a 2.0-2.5 Grain *Sysco and Daniellsen Distribution *Produced in Northern California</p>
	<p>Dr. Schar USA, Inc. Website: www.drschar.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegan breads, rolls, and buns <p>*Gluten-Free (GF) *Non-GMO</p>
	<p>Honore Farm and Mill Website: https://honoremill.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White quinoa • Artisan whole wheat berries for salads and sides • Cracked artisan wheat berries for salads and cereals • Artisan stone-milled 100% whole grain flour for muffins, pasta, biscuits, rolls and quick breads <p>*Heirloom grain varieties - durum Hourani, Sonora, Red Fife and Rye *Founded in Marin County, California. Women owned and operated *Non-GMO *Organic *High protein content</p>



The Only Bean

Website: [The Only Bean | Organic High Protein Pasta & Healthy Snacks](https://www.theonlybean.com/)

- Edamame Spaghetti, Black Bean Fettuccine, Soy Spaghetti
- Crunchy Roasted Edamame Snacks (sea salt, sriracha, and buffalo ranch)

- *Organic
- *Woman owned
- *Non-GMO
- *Gluten-Free (GF)
- *Minority-Owned
- *High Protein Content



Woodles

Website: <https://www.getwoodles.com/>

- Whole Grain-Rich Ramen noodle
- Protein-fortified noodle option
- Ready to serve packaged ramen
- *Kosher/Halal

- *Non-GMO
- *High Protein content option
- *Produced and packaged in Saluda, South Carolina (short, low emissions supply chain)



Farmer Mai

Website: <https://www.farmermai.com/about>

- Integration of grains into farm systems
- Wheat, Rye
- Stone-milled flour production

- *Woman-owned
- *Minority-owned
- *Supports racial and gender equity

Other



AshaPops

Website: <https://ashapops.com>

- AshaPops Waterlily Seed Snacks (Flavors are: Chili, Turmeric, Himalayan Sea Salt and Vegan Cheese)

*All Products have only 6-7 Ingredients
 *All Products Gluten-Free (GF)
 *Based in Los Angeles, CA
 *Minority-owned
 *Non-GMO
 *Smart Snack Compliant



Aveyo Avocado Mayo

Website: aveyolife.com

- Plant Based Avocado Mayo (Chipotle and Original flavors)

*8 ingredients or less
 *Preservative Free
 *Non-GMO



Bob's Red Mill

Website: <https://www.bobsredmill.com/>

- Almond flour, rye flour (Certified Organic), whole wheat flour (Certified Organic)
- Dry milk powder, egg (non-dairy) powder (GF)
- Oatmeal (Certified Organic), muesli (Certified Organic), red quinoa (Certified Organic), tri-color quinoa (Certified Organic), kamut (Certified Organic), sorghum, buckwheat (Certified Organic), millet, bulghur, farro (Certified Organic), pearl barley, grain teff
- Whole grains and beans soup mix, red/brown/petit lentils, mung beans, cannellini beans, split peas, chickpeas, lima beans, wild and brown rice mix
- Chia seeds (Certified Organic), flax seeds (Certified Organic), pumpkin seeds (Certified Organic)

*Gluten-Free (GF) line available
 *Non-GMO
 *100% Employee-owned



Flavor Temptations

Website: <https://flavortemptations.com/>

Indian Spice Kits and Sauces:

- Indian Masala Curry Sauce and Garam Masala Spices
- Curried Potatoes Spice Kit
- Chicken Tikka Masala Spice Kit
- Beef Vindaloo Spice Kit
- Chana Masala Spice Kit
- Butter Chicken Spices

* Organic, vegan, non-GMO, gluten-free



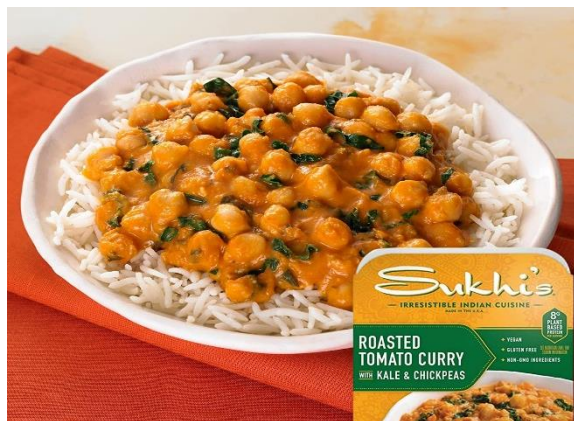
Follow Your Heart

Website: <https://followyourheart.com>

- Vegan eggs (liquid)
- Plant-Based Salad Dressings: Ranch, Caesar, Thousand Island
- Veganaise (Mayonnaise Substitute)
- Plant-Based Cheese

*Gluten-Free (GF)

*Non-GMO



Sukhi's Gourmet Indian Food

Website: <https://sukhis.com>

- Dal Saag (GF), Chana Masala (GF)
- Lentil Kale Dal (GF), Butternut Squash Dal (GF), Cauliflower Lentil Dal (GF)
- Madras Potatoes (GF), Madras Vegetable Curry (GF)
- Lemon Rice (GF), Basmati Pilau (GF)
- Large Potato and Mixed Vegetable Samosas
- Tikka Masala Sauce (GF), Mango Chutney Salad Dressing (GF), Cilantro Chutney Salad Dressing (GF)
- Classic Curry Paste (GF), Tikka Masala Paste (GF), Madras Curry Paste (GF), Vindaloo Paste (GF), Tandoori Marinade (GF)
- Kale and Chickpea Tomato Curry (GF)

*Based in South San Francisco, operated in California

*Minority-owned

*Non-GMO, except Kale and Chickpea Tomato Curry



Snacktivist Foods

Website: <https://snacktivistfoods.com/>

Baking Mixes:

- Plant Protein Pancake and Waffle Mix (GF)
- Artisan Bread Mix (GF)
- Rosemary Garlic Focaccia Mix (GF)
- Dark Chocolate Brownie Mix (GF)
- Cookie Base Mix (GF)
- All-purpose Flour
- Turmeric Falafel Mix

Frozen:

- 12" WG Pizza Crust
- Vegan Brownie Bites
- Vegan Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

*Woman-owned, B-corp food brand

*Free from all nine allergens

*Non-GMO



Curry Fresh

Website: <https://www.curryfresh.com/>

- Green Curry Paste
- Yellow Curry Paste
- Masala Paste
- Red Curry Paste
- Panang Curry Paste
- Massaman Curry Paste
- Lemongrass Paste

*Handcrafted in CA with local ingredients

*Vegan

*Gluten free

*Farm-to-table

*Zero preservatives



Big Sandy Organics

Website: <https://www.bigsandyorganics.com/>

- Kracklin' Kamut Ancient Grain (wheat snack)
 - Sea salt and churro flavors

*Locally grown and sourced

*Organic

*Non-GMO



International Food Solutions

Website: <https://internationalfoodsolutions.com/>

- Asian Food Solutions
 - Cauliflower Rice
 - WG Nested Yakisoba Noodles
 - Chow Mein Crispy Noodles
 - Vegetable Egg Rolls
 - Vegetable Fried Rice
- Comida Vida
 - Cilantro Lime Brown Rice
 - Yuca Fries
 - Plantains

*Culturally diverse

*Plant-based options

To see more offerings, visit the Plant-Based Product Directory at <https://www.balancedlunchtray.com/directory>