

July 30, 2020 Daily Church Email

The Heifer Project has been a mission of First Pres Ely, especially of interest to the children in raising money for livestock starter animals overseas. But, did you know there is an USA branch to their organization?

From their webpage:

Heifer USA supports small-scale farmers to deliver fresh, nutritious food to reliable markets by providing them with training, education, and resources needed to sell their products for a fair price.

Since 2014, Heifer USA has supported more than 2,500 U.S. farming families to build small-scale, sustainable produce and livestock businesses. Its model is made up of three separate entities— Heifer Ranch, Cypress Valley Meat Company, and Grass Roots Farmers' Cooperative. From providing training and education on regenerative agriculture methods to the use of small-scale, safe, sustainable, and humane meat processing methods, these groups support farmers' needs from farm to table. Heifer USA represents an ideal value-chain, where farmers are supported and earn a fair wage, the land is improved, and consumers have access to high quality food to feed their families.

This work is critical to helping small-scale American farmers lift themselves out of poverty.

And, an addendum concerning COVID-19:

As countless Americans are facing sudden job losses, we have donated thousands of pounds of nutritious food to local foodbanks and are proud to be offering employment to food service workers who have lost their jobs. Heifer USA is also working to quickly integrate more small farms into our value-chain system.

That is very cool.

May God continue to bless their work and our connection and commitment with them.

Have a glorious day in Christ,

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