

# 959 Lane 11H, Powell, WY

## Background Information

Northwestern Wyoming's dry, arid climate lends itself to successful organic production in that disease control is not as intensive as it can be in wet, humid areas of the country. Additionally, while there are insects to control, insect diversity in this climate is minimal compared to other areas. Chickens are a great way to control insects in the area without the use of pesticides. A growing interest in local food production, organic production, and area grassroots organizations supporting local foods and farmer's markets can be found throughout the area. This property is has not been "certified organic", however the information below would assist a buyer interested in going through that process.

### Pesticide & Fertilizer Application History of Current Owner

- *NO pesticides* applied since my arrival in 1972
- *NO herbicides* applied since my arrival in 1972
  - \*\* **exception:** Roundup used sparingly around the white posts along the county road (appx 1/2 gal per year) and this **limited to one area** practice was **discontinued appx 7 years ago** when I started the chicken operation.
- *NO commercial fertilizers* ever used
- My "fertilizers" for my garden are ALL "organic" and for the last four years haven't used much of those as my beds are rich with organic home grown compost which is made on site:
  - Bone meal
  - Blood meal
  - Fish meal
  - Greensand
  - Home grown compost consisting of organic plant material, chicken bedding.
    - \*\* **exception:** I have used straw from my neighbor who uses pesticides because there was absolutely NOTHING else to be found in this entire area and the poultry had to be taken care of. (I have since found a source of natural straw and hay in Basin where I have been hauling it in.)

For this area, it is as "organic" as it will ever get for literally YEARS to come. I advertise as between 5 and 10% non organic to cover this. The exposure to anything non-organic is very limited.

Reiteration: I am no longer using straw or hay from the neighbor, but hauling in natural straw/hay from Basin and have been since I found them at an "hopeful organic" meeting last year.