

Table Showing Local Caterers with Plant-Based and Animal-Friendly Recommendations but Not Intended to be a Complete List

Caterer	Pig Treatment	Chicken/Egg-Laying Hen Treatment	Notes:
Recommended Caterers if Serve Pork or Egg Dishes and Also with Good Plant-Based Options			
Chipotle https://catering.chipotle.com/	Reasonably certain of no gestation crates	Reasonably certain that not severely confined and slaughter practices improved	“First national restaurant brand to commit to using only responsibly raised meat with some of the highest animal welfare standards.” ¹ “Utilizing standards formalized by the Global Animal Partnership (GAP), Chipotle is requiring its poultry suppliers to comply with practices that ensure the use of slower-growing birds; more space for chickens during production; housing conditions that are conducive to natural behaviors; utilizing slaughtering technology based on controlled atmosphere stunning (CAS) .” ²
Panera https://catering.panerabread.com/	Reasonably certain of no gestation crates	Reasonably certain that not severely confined	“Working with ASPCA to ensure the Five Freedoms ³ for animals used.” ⁴ For the last decade, Panera has only sourced antibiotic-free chicken, and now it’s expanding its requirements across its menu to include 80 percent grass-fed beef, 100 percent gestation crate-free pork products, and 18 percent cage-free eggs. ⁵
Whole Foods https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/departments/catering	Reasonably certain of no gestation crates	Reasonably certain that not severely confined	“In our Meat department, all fresh beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb (except kosher turkey and chicken) must be certified to meet 100+ animal welfare standards by the Global Animal Partnership .” This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef cattle, sheep and goats must spend at least two-thirds of their life on pasture. • No crates, cages or tethers permitted. • Animal producers must meet our standards for how the animals are raised, transported and slaughtered. • A traceable audit system is required that tracks animals from birth to slaughter. • Required inspections for animal welfare at slaughter...⁶
Founding Farmers https://www.wearefoundingfarmers.com/catering/	Likely no gestation crates	Likely no battery cages	Use small family-owned farms. Not clearly devoid of gestation crates or battery cages, but likely that use more traditional methods. “The family farmers of the North Dakota Farmers Union, who collectively own Founding Farmers, are represented on every plate, as are the country’s founding mothers and fathers—who were also farmers. We are a mission-driven, learning organization of like-minded people, individually and collectively committed to creating delicious and sustainable food and drink...” ⁷
Terraine Café (not caterer but delivers) https://www.shopterrain.com/	Likely no gestation crates	Likely no battery cages	Open Table says it serves organic fare. “Terrain Cafe celebrates the cycle of the seasons and the bounty of the land. Using hand-selected local produce, meats and dairy products, our team takes pride in crafting menus from the seasonal harvest of farmers we know and trust.” ⁸

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Recommended Caterers with Several Plant-Based Options but Pork and Egg Dishes Not Clearly Devoid of Unacceptable Confinement			
California Tortilla https://californiatortilla.com/catering/	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	“At California Tortilla, we’re committed to reducing our ecological footprint. Our products are 100% compostable and produced to minimize our impact on the environment. We are constantly exploring new ways that we can have a positive impact on the environment.” ⁹ “We source the best ingredients from local farm to table purveyors.” ¹⁰
Flower Child (Bethesda) https://catering.iamflowerchild.com/	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	“At Flower Child, we make every last bite from scratch, using fresh ingredients from close to home and serving healthy food that takes you to a happy place. That’s our promise to you, whether you’re vegetarian, vegan, paleo, or just hungry.” ¹¹
Subway https://www.subway.com/en-us	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	“Subway is dedicated to sourcing ingredients from environmentally responsible suppliers. Many of these suppliers are family farms that have been committed to environmental stewardship for generations and often use eco-friendly tactics, like fuel-efficient tractors and energy-harvesting solar panels, to manage their farms.” ¹²
Taco Bell https://www.tacobell.com/food/party-packs	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	Unknown but possibly from smaller farms that may use less confined operations	“Taco Bell is actually a leading fast food restaurant with numerous tasty vegetarian options. You can customize any of their menu items by substituting black beans for meat.” ¹²
Other Possible Caterers or Cwith Several Cuisines with Several Plant-Based Options but Little Information on Meat or No Meat			
Blue Zucchini Catering Company https://www.bluezuccinicateringcompany.com/	Unknown	Unknown	May be expensive – seems to cater weddings, etc. Good ratings and sounds like several plant-based options. ¹³
Kosher Kitchen (in Beth Shalome) https://orders.thekosherkitchen.com/	Kosher - No Pork	Likely no battery cages	Animal products are Kosher ¹⁴ and Kosher practices discourage close confinement, ¹⁵ but some argue that these standards are not observed in many cases. ¹⁶
Moby Dick House of Kabob https://www.mobyskabob.com/catering/	Halal – No Pork	Likely no battery cages	No clear statement of certified humane, etc., but meats are Halal ¹⁷ and Halal practices discourage close confinement. ¹⁸
Qdoba Mexican https://www.qdoba.com/catering	Unknown	Unknown	Has catering. Has great vegetarian options but meat sourcing is not clear. ¹⁹
Sheba Ethiopian https://www.shebarockville.com/	Unknown	Unknown	Has on-line menu with platters but I think has to be picked up. Has great vegan and vegetarian options but meat sourcing is not clear. ²⁰
Sisters Thai Potomac https://www.sisterscabinjohn.com/	Unknown	Unknown	Has on-line menu with delivery but no platters. Has great vegetarian options but meat sourcing is not clear. ²¹

