

FAVORITE SOURCES

**COOPER'S OLD TIME
PIT BAR-B-QUE**
Llano, Texas
877-533-5553
coopersbbq.com

There's no need to bother with the grill when Cooper's meats (brisket, two-inch-thick pork chops, hickory-smoked sausage) arrive in the mail, already cooked to perfection over mesquite coals. For those intent on setting up the barbecue, this venerable restaurant also sells seasonings and sauces.

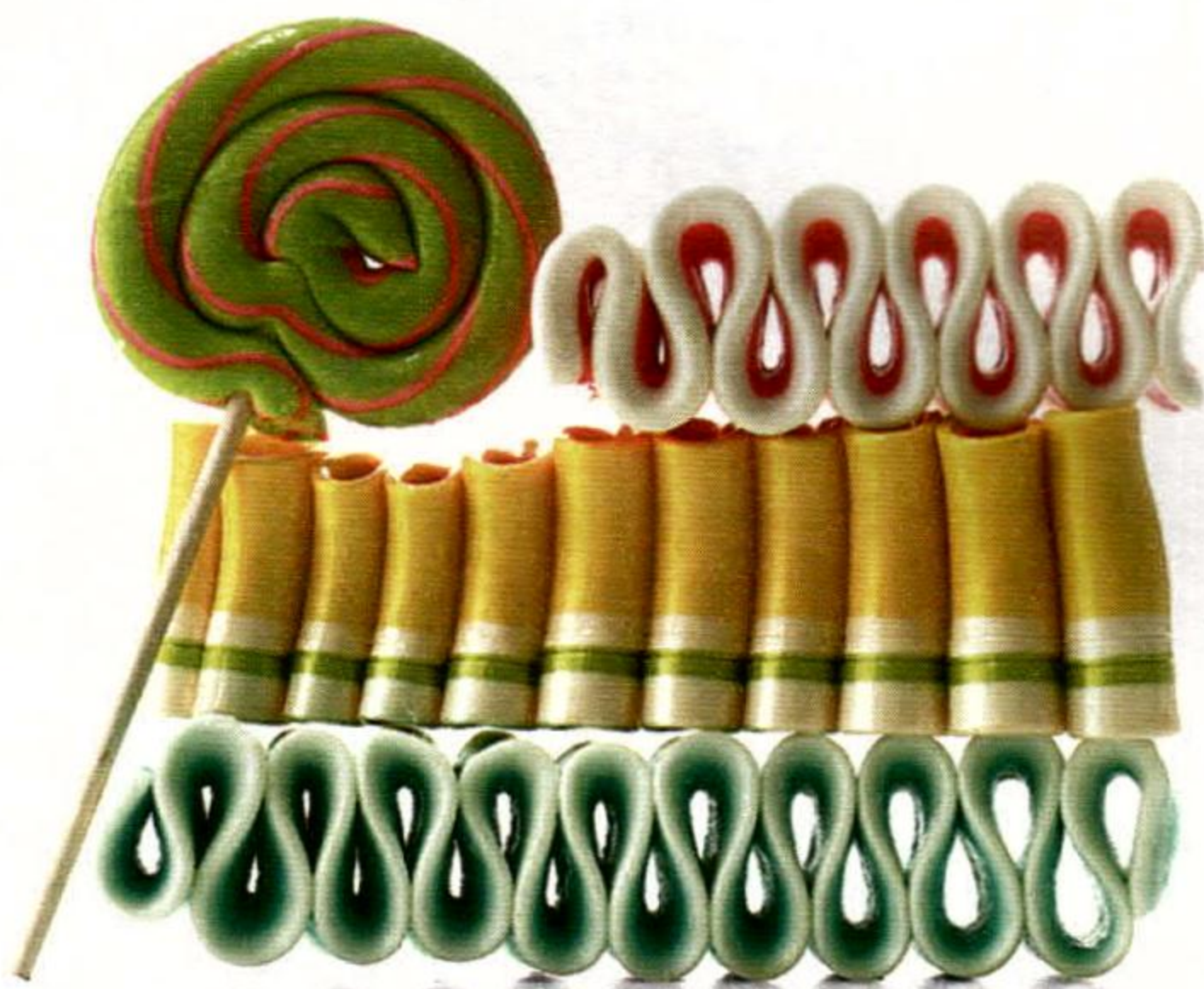


OLD MILL OF GUILFORD
Oak Ridge, North Carolina
336-643-4783
oldmillofguilford.com

This 18th-century water-powered mill stone-grinds grains, many of which are organic. The flours, including whole wheat and rye, are first rate, as are the white grits, above, and cornmeal.

HAMMOND'S CANDIES
Denver, Colorado
888-226-3999
hammondscandies.com

These old-fashioned hard confections, below, are as charming to behold as they are to savor. The ribbon candy comes in a rainbow of hues, and the hand-pulled swirled lollipops vary in weight from one ounce to one pound.



McEVROY RANCH OLIVE OIL
Petaluma, California
866-617-6779
mcevroyranch.com

Six Tuscan olive varieties are grown in Northern California's favorable climate and crushed in an on-site mill to yield artisanal, organic extra-virgin olive oils. The unfiltered oils, which come in alluring corked bottles, are greenish gold and have a fresh, peppery flavor.

RANCHO GORDO
Napa, California
707-259-1935
ranchogordo.com

Dried beans indigenous to the Americas are the specialty of this company, which cultivates heirloom varieties. The legumes are grown in small batches to ensure freshness and can have a graphic beauty, as the black-and-white Vaquero and the mottled Good Mother Stallard, below, do.



**HOLMQUIST
HAZELNUT ORCHARDS**
Lynden, Washington
800-720-0895
holmquisthazelnuts.com

This 80-year-old orchard grows DuChilly hazelnuts, which have an oval shape and are sweeter than typical hazelnuts. Because they lack a bitter skin, the nuts, raw or dry-roasted, are addictively delicious straight from the bag.



**HOG ISLAND
OYSTER COMPANY**
Tomales Bay, California
415-663-9218
hogislandoysters.com

A team of former marine biologists sustainably raise more than 3 million bivalves a year in Tomales Bay. Every Thursday, their succulent harvest—Kumamoto, Atlantic, and extra-small Sweetwater oysters, above, as well as Manila clams—is shipped nationwide.

THE NET RESULT
Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts
800-394-6071
mvseafood.com

Landlocked seafood lovers can enjoy smoked bluefish, scallops, five types of clams, and other fresh catches from this popular fish market on Martha's Vineyard. Prices and availability vary throughout the year, so inquire before planning a mail-order lobster bake.

VOLCANO ISLAND HONEY
Ahualoa, Hawaii
888-663-6639
volcanoislandhoney.com

This rare organic honey, below, derives from a single forest of flowering Kiawe trees on the Big Island of Hawaii. The thick, pale-white honey is unfiltered and unheated during production so that the naturally occurring enzymes and the ethereal floral taste remain preserved.



CHARLES H. BALDWIN & SONS
West Stockbridge, Massachusetts
413-232-7785
baldwinextracts.com

The producers of this stellar vanilla extract, made from an 1888 family recipe, begin with Madagascar Bourbon vanilla beans that are then aged in seasoned oak barrels.



Beverages

BLENHEIM GINGER ALE
Hamer, South Carolina
843-774-0322
blenheimga@aol.com

Flavored with ground gingerroot along with secret ingredients, this surprisingly spicy drink should be sipped, not gulped. Those with adventurous tastes should try Old #3 Hot, above, a powerful concoction topped with a raspberry-hued cap. For more sensitive palates, there's #5 Not As Hot.

AUTOCRAT
Lincoln, Rhode Island
800-288-6272
autocrat.com

Coffee milk, Rhode Island's state drink, owes its popularity to locally made coffee-flavored syrup. The celebrated blend from Autocrat, a family business dating to 1895, captures a welcome balance of bitter and sweet.

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