

Bats in the Pantry

Bats protect, pollinate, and preserve foods and spices we need and enjoy.

1. Bats protect food by eating the bugs and pests that consume the crops we need.

2. Bats pollinate fruits and vegetables when they fly from plant to plant spreading the pollen that sticks to their bodies.

3. Bats preserve food by dispersing seeds. When a bat eats fruits then poop out the seeds, they are preserving plants, trees, and food sources.

This is a short list of foods that include plants available thanks to the assistance of bats. Take a look in your pantry to see which of these items you use. And don't forget to thank the bats.

	oats 1		figs 3
	agave nectar 2		rice 1
	peas 1		dates 2
	berries 1		tomatoes 1
	guava 3		vegetable oils 1
	cloves 2		apples 1
	vanilla 2		coconut 2
	peaches 1		wheat flour 1
	corn 1		papaya 2
	bananas 2		avocado 1; 2
	asparagus 1		beer (barley & hops) 1
	carrots 1		mangoes 3
	cocoa 3		beans 1
	potatoes 1		coffee 1; 2; 3