Local Food Resources: Western Wisconsin (by region)

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Common Harvest Farm

“This marks our 19th season of growing chemical-free vegetables and herbs. We are located six miles south of Osceola, Wis., along the bluffs of the St. Croix River Valley. Our farm grew out of a vision of an urban-based peace and justice community that was seeking greater connections to the land by working to create a model of sustainability. As a farm community, we continue to look for ways to nourish ourselves both physically and spiritually through working with the healing properties of nature.

We grow 40+ different vegetables and herbs with an emphasis on the traditional favorites of green beans, potatoes, tomatoes and carrots. We typically deliver for a 20-week season, beginning the middle of June and finishing the season with a fall storage delivery in mid-November. In addition to our regular vegetable share, we offer honey and a fruit share.

We have drop-sites in 13 Twin Cities locations, including seven sites in Minneapolis, four in St. Paul, one in Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park. We have a fall festival each season that includes folk dancing and a potluck. Our members are welcome to visit the farm at any time.

Our members often tell us that the simple act of eating locally is something that gives them hope. Consider joining us in eating well from the goodness and bounty of the earth.”

http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/csa.html#common

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Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA)

Cooperative Educational Service Agencies were created by statute to perform a variety of functions that are educational in nature with a focus on staff and student learning. CESA #11 offers a wide array of educational services to over 50,000 students and approximately 4,000 teachers in the thirty-nine school districts within its boundaries. The agency also offers several regional and statewide services.

730 - Cooperative Bidding/Purchasing,
712 - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD)/Regional Service Network (RSN)

http://www.cesa11.k12.wi.us/

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Crystal Ball Farm Organic Dairy

“Our dairy products and cream line milk are sourced from Crystal Ball Farms in Osceola. The DeRosier family has about 100 Holstein cows and a state of the art bottling facility right on the farm. They control every aspect of the operation, from growing the certified organic crops that feed the cows to washing the returnable glass bottles for reuse. Cream line milk has been pasteurized to kill harmful bacteria, but has not been homogenized, providing you with a healthier, more nutritious product.” Contract with local hospital to provide dairy.

http://www.wifarmfresh.org/farms.cfm?farmID=68

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The Foodlums

Promotes healthy and responsible eating, educates members and others about the benefits of local foods, and helps raise student and community interest in and awareness of food systems.

http://www.foodlums.blogspot.com/

Fresh magazine

An online publication presenting articles about eating locally in Chippewa Valley. Authored by UW – Eau Claire students in Communication & Journalism.

http://www.uwec.edu/cj/FreshMagazine/index.htm

Just Local Food Cooperative

A community supported, worker owned cooperative serving the Chippewa Valley. We will do our best to provide food that is:
- Locally produced or distributed
- Organically and sustainably grown
- Low cost and high quality
- Unprocessed and unadulterated
- Produced or distributed by cooperatives, worker-managed businesses, small businesses and cottage industries
- Grown, produced or packaged in an environmentally beneficial manner
- Not produced or distributed by the exploitation of workers

http://justlocalfood.blogspot.com/
Midwest Organic and Sustainability Education Services (MOSES)
A farmer education and outreach organization promoting organic and sustainable farming. Projects include: the Organic Farming Conference and the Organic University, held annually in La Crosse, WI; The Organic Broadcaster, a bi-monthly newspaper; and The Upper Midwest Organic Resource Directory. MOSES also sells books, has fact sheets, organizes trainings and field days. MOSES serves farmers striving to produce high-quality, healthful food using organic and sustainable farming practices.

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NW WI Regional Food Network
The Northwest Wisconsin Regional Food Network is a grassroots group of local farmers, volunteers and agency staff working together to create a regional food system that connects consumers back to the land and provides locally produced, fresh and nutritious foods to all segments of our community while preserving the region's environment and sustaining the local economy for years to come.

Promotes the Western Wisconsin Farm Fresh Map Atlas; Promotes the Six Rivers Cooperative; Promotes regional CSA’s, Farmers Markets. Food Co-ops & other institutions that source local food; Coordinates educational forums, workshops & other local events; Builds connections & forms partnerships; Advocates for policy that supports local food system development; Supports the Paying it Forward Project and other research and education projects

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Osceola, WI
Located less than an hour from the Twin Cities and nestled in the bluffs of the Saint Croix River Valley, Population: 2600. Working with St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development toward a 4-Season Self-Sufficient community. People in the community involved include: the president and superintendent of the
school board, several banks, the CEO of the hospital, the plant manager of Polaris, the CEO of Northwire, the village chair and admin, the director of the library, and several involved in the Osceola TNS circle.

“We do have a farmer's market every Friday from mid May until mid October. Outside the Village there are 4 CSA farms: Philadelphia Farms, Community Homestead, Common Harvest and Foxtail Farms. Community Homestead & Foxtail also sell at the farmer's market. Also outside of town is Crystal Balls Farms, an organic dairy. I am certain that there are other farms around that sell local products. I know of one location where they raise Highland cattle and sell the meat at specialty stores in the Cities.” – Neil Soltis

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**People's Food Co-op**

A Co-op in La Crosse. Groceries in-store and delivery, Hackberry’s restaurant, vitamins and body care, etc. Cooking and gardening classes. Large focus on local foods; used Cooperative Development Services during expansion.


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**Philadelphia Community Farm**

“Philadelphia Community Farm is a non-profit education and conservation organization located near Osceola, Wisconsin. We are involved in local foods in the following ways:

- We demonstrate community-supported agriculture, celebrating our 20th season in 2009. This fall we offered a pilot "full season share" for $1500 per year for five years.
- Five memberships have paid for a new solar greenhouse, constructed by Roald Gunderson using Whole Tree Architecture that is designed to help us with season extension.
- We offer internships in biodynamic agriculture
- We are demonstrating new models for financing farmland acquisition/expansion and for ensuring affordable ownership of farmland in a pilot project funded by the McKnight Foundation for the Twin Cities Metro area
- Together with Polk County Public Health and the St. Croix Falls and Osceola Schools and Hospitals and area farmers we are forming Farm to Community Co-
A multi stakeholder cooperative to supply local food to area hospitals, schools, restaurants, and citizens. The steering committee is currently working through a strategic plan to launch this cooperative with the help of our local Extension agent, Bob Kazmierski.

- When fundraising is complete, we are remodeling a 1930's dairy barn into a food processing facility/certified kitchen and dining hall to offer cooking classes for our garden members and others interested in working with whole foods. Storage will be in this same building or near by.” – Verna Cragness

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River Country Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D)
Chippewa Valley Buy Local Consortium; Midwest Value Added Conference; Farm Fresh Atlas; NW Regional Food Network; River Country Area Grazing Programs; Bulk Prairie Seed Project

“I am currently working on the Chippewa Valley Consortium which is attempting to form a "coop/llc/non profit" that will essentially source local product from farm through processing and to the end buyer -in this case the end buyer will not necessarily be an individual but a larger more industrial type buyers

--Sacred Heart Hospital is our partner in this project as well as "guinea pig". Their food services folks have been great in helping us determine what is needed in terms of product form ie hamburger in 2.5lbs pkgs versus 5 lbs, product flow and end product size (our chicken growers -normally sell directly to consumer who would like a 5 lb bird--safe food ware used by the hospital will hold smaller portions—so a 3 to 3.5 lb bird quartered works best etc etc.

So far we have been able to work with beef pork chicken and some dairy--

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Six Rivers Cooperative
Provides a wide variety of local food to restaurants, institutions, and local cooperatives and grocery stores in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development

“The SCISCD / Institute is a ‘Think and Do Tank’ that ‘Walks the Talk,’ promoting community solutions based on globally informed leadership in personal, professional and civic life.” Projects include: UWRF / Sodexho / Food Alliance - Locally Sourced Food Service Model for SCD and Osceola Self-Sufficient Energy & Food System; relationship with Dave's Brew Farm.

http://www.uwrf.edu/sustain/welcome.html

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UW Cooperative Extension - Barron and Chippewa Counties

Provides local food & economic development resources for: Grant and Foundation Opportunities, Food systems, Agri-tourism and Marketing, Competitive Grant Projects, Managing Risks Through Peer to Peer Learning Groups: An Asset-Based Approach to Innovation and Growth, and Regulations.

http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/barron/cnred/foodnetwork.html

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UW Cooperative Extension - Pierce County

University of Wisconsin - Extension programs in Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development (CNRED) help Wisconsin communities deal with their own unique challenges - resource constraints, business development, growth management, environmental protection and the quality of life.

http://pierce.uwex.edu/cnred/index.html
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West Central WI Community Action Agency (West CAP)

The Business Development program works with small businesses, new entrepreneurs, and local communities to develop individual business opportunities and support local economic development. West CAP’s Business Development Program has three goals:

• Assisting entrepreneurs in starting or expanding their own small business.
• Providing access to financing for entrepreneurs whose credit needs are not being met.
• Creating a local economic climate in which small businesses can thrive and grow.

The Menomonie Farmers Market provides a direct service to low-income seniors and families. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and the Women, Infants and Children Program vouchers can be redeemed at the market. These USDA programs assist low-income senior citizens and families in purchasing fresh and healthful produce directly from farmers.

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Southern WI

Baldwin Endowment Regional Distribution Project

Led by Ag Innovation Center (AIC) and CIAS. “We are nearing the end of our first year of work on the Baldwin Local Foods project. It has consisted of two areas of work, one being a survey and gathering of national case studies on distribution companies. The other area of work has been to identify and start to map the existing food infrastructure in the state/region.” – Heide Busse

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The Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS) is a research center at the University of Wisconsin–Madison’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. They are part of the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. They were created in 1989 to build UW sustainable agriculture research programs that respond to farmer and citizen needs…and involve them in setting research agendas.

- **College Food Project:** The College Food Project was a study done from 1998 – 2001 to assess the viability of local foods in colleges and universities. CIAS worked with colleges/universities and local farmers across Wisconsin to develop purchasing plans. They also educated students in order to increase the demand for such products. Economic impacts, sample menus, farmer – institution relationships, and fair prices for farmers are studied. Several case studies give examples of successful local food systems in colleges.

- **CSA study:** Beginning in 1993, CIAS has conducted several studies on Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). They focused on organizational requirements in order to address economics, scale, member involvement, and education. Good management, know-how, networking, and outreach were found to be must-haves for a CSA to be successful.

- **Farm Fresh Atlas:** The CIAS is responsible for the Southern Wisconsin Farm Fresh Atlas. This document lists farms, farmers’ markets and other places that sell fruits, vegetables, meats, cheese, milk, eggs, and other locally grown food throughout that region. Online versions for the entire state can be found at http://www.reapfoodgroup.org/atlas/index.htm.

- **Farm-to-School:** Along with the REAP Food Group, CIAS manages the Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch Project. Children from six school districts (27 schools) in Wisconsin receive locally grown food through this program. Professional chefs provide students with hands-on experiences cooking local foods. Via the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant, the schools are able to provide free, healthy, local
snacks to the students. Holiday fundraisers are one way the schools generate support for the farm-to-school programs.

- The local and regional food grant funds a CIAS study to tackle the challenges of distributing local food to mainstream grocery chains. In September, CIAS was part of a collaborative effort to eat locally. The Eat Local Challenge encouraged people to purchase at least 10% of their food from local sources. They also worked with grocery stores and restaurants to purchase local ingredients. The Price Tags/Cost Tags Guide shows the price of different foods if the environmental, social, and health costs were included.
- *The Wisconsin Foodshed* was a newsletter from 1997 – 2000. The issues are still available online and feature articles related to farmers’ markets, community and prison gardens, value-added marketing cooperatives, community food security, and more.

http://www.cias.wisc.edu/

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**Dane County Food Council**  
The Dane County Food Council explores issues and develops recommendations to create an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable local food system for the Dane County region. On October 6th, 2005, Dane County adopted Resolution 90, 2005-06, which created a food council to do the following:

- Support the development of infrastructure and marketing opportunities for local foods  
- Initiate local purchasing in county food service facilities  
- Support development of a Central Agriculture and Food Facility (CAFF) and Public Market  
- Establish a countywide network of farmers markets  
- Support "Entrepreneurial Agriculture" and innovative farmland preservation initiatives  
- Promote the use of local foods to improve health and nutrition

http://www.countyofdane.com/foodcouncil/

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Family Farm Defenders

Family Farm Defenders (FFD) incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1994 and was granted permanent 501(c)(3) status by the IRS in 1999. FFD began as an outgrowth of two national grass-roots campaigns: demanding a national referendum to end the mandatory check-off on raw milk that funds the lobby and propaganda efforts of the corporate dairy industry; and to defend consumer “right to know” in response to the stealth introduction of recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) into the nation’s milk supply.

Our mission is to create a farmer-controlled and consumer-oriented food and fiber system, based upon democratically controlled institutions that empower farmers to speak for and respect themselves in their quest for social and economic justice. FFD has worked to create opportunities for farmers to join together in new cooperative endeavors, form a mutual marketing agency, and forge alliances with consumers through providing high quality food products while returning a fair price to farmers. Resources include: Local food summit conference, Corporate Agribusiness Exposes, and Recipe for Success: Recommendations of the Dane County Local Food Policy Advisory Subcommittee document.

http://www.familyfarmdefenders.org/pmwiki.php/LocalFoodSystems/LocalFoodSystems

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Grow Wisconsin Dairy Team

Created to increase support for growing Wisconsin's dairy industry, the Grow Wisconsin Dairy Team is a joint venture between the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Department of Commerce, UW Center for Dairy Profitability, UW Extension and Wisconsin Technical Colleges.

http://www.growwisconsindairy.org/default.asp

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Home Grown Wisconsin Cooperative

25 family farms of Southeastern and South Central Wisconsin formed a cooperative in 1996 called Home Grown Wisconsin. These farms share common philosophies about farming and eating as well as an order and delivery system that gets food from the farm to your table in less than a day. Hundreds of varieties of Wisconsin's best seasonal produce (including antique and heirloom varieties -- some grown exclusively for our partner restaurants) are delivered year-round.

WI Restaurants served:
Riverwest Food Co-op, 733 E. Clarke St., Milwaukee, WI
Stevens Point Area Co-op, 633 - 2nd Street, Stevens Point, WI
Dream Dance, The Potawatomi Bingo Casion, 1721 W. Canal St., Milwaukee, WI
Restaurant Meritage, 5921 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee, WI
Ristorante Bartolotta, 7616 W. State St., Wauwatosa, WI
Roots, 1818 N. Hubbard, Milwaukee, WI
Trattoria Stefano, 522 S. 8th St., Sheboygan, WI
Il Ritrovo, 515 S. 8th St., Sheboygan, WI
Field to Fork, 511 S. 8th St., Sheboygan, WI

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Local Fare

The UW-Platteville Office of Continuing Education's Local Fare project is dedicated to a regional vision for increasing access to Local Foods in Southwest Wisconsin. Resources include:

- Coordination of educational forums, workshops and other local events
- Distribution of Local Fare "Hot Sheet" to regularly communicate events and opportunities
- Hosting a Regional Local Foods Summit—Bringing people together to share ideas and form a stronger regional network
- Developing a database of local producers, individuals and organizations throughout southwest Wisconsin
- Strengthening relationships between farmers and their communities
- Advocating for and initiating conversations regarding local food issues
- Partnering with other public agencies to meet the emerging needs of local food producers and entrepreneurs
- Assisting producers to access resources to meet the increasing local demand for their products
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**Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition (MACSAC)***

The Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Coalition works to create a sustainable, just, and locally based food system in Southern Wisconsin by promoting and supporting CSA farms and coordinating community and farmer education programs about the benefits of locally, sustainably grown foods.


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**Organic Valley**

Organic Valley is one of the largest producers and distributors of organic fruits, vegetables (in season), dairy, beef, pork, turkey, chicken meat, and chicken eggs in the world. To date, Organic Valley is comprised of over 1000 farmer-owners that specialize in sustainable, organic agriculture practices. The seven original CROPP farms are located throughout southwest Wisconsin, primarily in the Kickapoo River Basin area. Organic Valley’s production base is located throughout the midwest and the continental United States, and range from large farms supported by multiple families and groups of people to small, family owned-and-operated farms.

[http://www.organicvalley.coop/](http://www.organicvalley.coop/)

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**Research, Education, Action and Policy on Food Group (REAP)**

REAP's mission is to build a regional food system that is healthful, just, and both environmentally and economically sustainable. REAP connects producers, consumers, policy-makers, educators, businesses and organizations to nourish the links between land
and table. Involved in: Food for Thought Festival, Farm Fresh Atlas, Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch, Buy Fresh Buy Local

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Savor Wisconsin
On-line directory featuring Wisconsin producers, restaurants, farmers’ markets, agricultural events and Something Special from Wisconsin™ companies. The site is a free marketing tool for promoting Wisconsin’s agricultural businesses. The project has been guided by three entities -- the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), University of Wisconsin-Extension, and the Wisconsin Apple Growers Association (WAGA)

http://www.savorwisconsin.com/

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Slow Food Wisconsin*
“We bring together people interested in experiencing, celebrating and preserving our food traditions. We support artisan producers committed to sustaining the land and who develop products of excellent taste.”

http://www.slowfoodwisconsin.org/

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Something Special from Wisconsin
Marketing tool to promote unique, authentic, Wisconsin products. Since 1983 the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has provided the program to assist Wisconsin companies looking to enhance their brand. Any Wisconsin business, no matter the size, may participate provided that at least 50 percent of their product's or commodity's value added is attributable to Wisconsin ingredients, processing or production activities. Yearly membership fees are based on gross annual sales from the previous year and range from $10 to $200.
UW Cooperative Extension - Emerging Ag Markets Team
The EAM team's mission is to help farmers and communities identify and take advantage of opportunities in new and emerging farm and agricultural markets. Projects of the EAM team include a wide range of educational, product development and market strengthening activities.

The Ag Innovation Center:
- Local & Regional Food System Development
  - Wisconsin Local Food Survey
  - Baldwin Local Food Aggregation and Distribution Project
- Growing Agriculture in the Capital Region
  - Working with Thrive and UW – Cooperative Extension to get more local food into grocery stores

http://www.uwex.edu/ces/agmarkets/aic/

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WI Dept of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
DATCP is the state agency responsible for food safety, animal and plant health, protecting water and soil and monitoring fair and safe business practices. Some resources related to local food are:
- “Got Moo-La?” Booklet: A tool to help small businesses develop and grow their value-added business using money, information, and technical assistance from outside their organization.
- Guide to Working with Food Market Professionals
- Starting a Dairy Goat Business
- Poultry Enterprise Budget (Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems)
• Wisconsin Local Food Marketing Guide: A producer's guide to marketing locally grown food

The Buy Local Buy Wisconsin (BLBW) grant program invites proposals for projects that are likely to stimulate Wisconsin's agricultural economy by increasing the purchasing of Wisconsin grown or produced food by local food buyers. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, groups, businesses and organizations involved in Wisconsin agriculture production, Wisconsin agriculture tourism, Wisconsin retail food establishments or Wisconsin food processing, distribution or warehousing.

http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/mktg/business/business_resources/index.jsp

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Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council

The Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council (OAC) is a private sector body appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to advise agriculture agencies, farmers, processors and consumers on organic agriculture issues. The Advisory Council was established in response to recommendations by the 2004 Governor's Task Force on Organic Agriculture. A cooperating Interagency Team composed of representatives of major state and federal agriculture agencies meets with the Council. The group first met in February 2006.

http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/mktg/business/marketing/val-add/organic/index.jsp

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Fondy Food Center

For the past five years the Fondy Food Center has run the Fondy Farmers' Market. Covering 38,000 square feet and open six days per week, it is the largest market in the Milwaukee area. A capital campaign is under way to fund plans for constructing an Indoor Public Market, to make quality produce available year-round, and a Kitchen Business Incubator, which will serve as a job creation engine for Milwaukee.

http://www.fondymarket.org/index.html

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Growing Power

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities. Growing Power implements this mission by providing hands-on training, on-the-ground demonstration, outreach and technical assistance through the development of Community Food Systems that help people grow, process, market and distribute food in a sustainable manner. Resources include: Food Center, Urban Farm, Rural Farm, School & Community Garden, Youth Corps Training, and Food Policy.

http://www.growingpower.org/Index.htm

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Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, a public nonprofit, acts as a catalytic agent, cultivating agricultural solutions for environmental and social healing. A thought leader for robust, systemic change, Michael Fields engages across sectors combining advocacy and service toward an agricultural system based on economic, environmental and social sustainability. Areas of study include: Crop and Soil Research, Farm & Food Education, Public Policy, Farming Systems, and Urban Agriculture.
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**Milwaukee Urban Agriculture Network***

A resource exchange network that enables advocacy, community building and self-organizing collaboration for Milwaukee’s urban food projects.

http://www.mkeurbanag.org/
Central WI

Central Rivers Farmshed

Central Rivers Farmshed is an organization representing all aspects of the food system whose members are committed to making Central Wisconsin a renowned, local food community. Farmshed works to expand the connection between local residents and their food. We strive to provide opportunities for participation, education, cooperation, and action to support a local food economy in Central Wisconsin.

- Food System Education (many good resources)
- Local Eating
- Farmer Capacity Building
- Local Food Networks (CSA)
- Public Markets
- Nutrition for Learning and Health

http://www.farmshed.org/

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Northern WI

Chequamegon FEAST (Food security, Education, Assess, Sustainable agriculture, and Traditions)

Working together to support a healthy food system in the Chequamegon Bay region of northern Wisconsin: Farmer's Markets listings, March for Food (month long series of events about local food), garden tours

http://chequamegonfeast.googlepages.com

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Price Direct (UW Cooperative Extension – Price County)

The PriceDirect local foods project has received two cycles of funding through USDA-AEE grants. In Phase 1, we identified growers and products, developed and distributed a local foods brochure, conducted educational programs, and provided scholarships to local growers to attend further educational offerings. In Phase 2, we built upon this groundwork to more fully develop the marketing phase. An expanded food atlas was prepared for broader distribution in 2007 and again in 2008. Surveys of commercial and institutional food buyers and growers have shown the need for nutritional education for potential local foods consumers and further direct marketing educational programs for growers. We focused our efforts in this phase of the PriceDirect project on marketing, outreach and education, and partnership building.

http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/price/ag/PriceDirect.html

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**WI - Statewide**

**Eat Local Wisconsin**  
Website for the Eat Local Challenge, but also contains resources on: finding local food, cooking with local food, local food links, and benefits of local eating.

http://www.eatlocalwisconsin.com/

**Farm Fresh Atlas**  
Online guide and print publication that connects consumers to farmer's markets, local farmers, and their sponsors, which include food co-ops, grocery stores, and restaurants. The farms and sponsors listed in the atlas have pledged their commitment to help create a sustainable, regional food system.

http://www.wifarmfresh.org/

**Farm to College**  
The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) has a National Farm to College Program, which works to help farmers, food service personnel, students, faculty and others to establish and maintain farm-to-college programs. Beginning in Fall 2004, CFSC has been working to create a comprehensive list of active farm-to-college programs in the United States and Canada. Wisconsin universities listed on website that have farm to college programs:

- University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI 53706
- University of Wisconsin-Superior Superior, WI 54880
- Northland College Ashland, WI 54806
- University of WI-Stevens Point Stevens Point, WI 54481
- Beloit College Beloit, WI 53511

http://www.farmtocollege.org/

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**Farm to School**  
In order to sustain and build on the momentum created through the National Farm to School Program, over 30 organizations across the nation gathered to explore the opportunities for a collaborative national farm to school structure that strengthens and expands activities in states with existing programs and assist others that do not yet have
programs. Out of this planning process supported by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the National Farm to School Network was born. Eight regional lead agencies and national staff provide free training and technical assistance, information services, networking, and support for policy, media and marketing activities.

http://www.farmtoschool.org/

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Minds @ UW

MINDS@UW is designed to store, index, distribute, and preserve the digital materials of the University of Wisconsin. Several posters about local food systems are stored here.

http://minds.wisconsin.edu/
Minnesota

Cooperative Development Services
Since 1985, Cooperative Development Services has helped existing cooperatives retain their vitality and plan for future growth opportunities. CDS also actively engages with new cooperatives and organizations operating in a cooperative manner to launch new business ventures and plan for long-term viability. Conducted study entitled: Farmer Cooperation in Northwestern Wisconsin: A Feasibility Study for the Northwestern Regional Food Network. (http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/barron/cnred/documents/NorthwestGrowersFeasibilityStudyFinal.pdf)

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Crossroads Resource Center
Crossroads Resource Center compiles and distributes data at the neighborhood level useful for community-based and asset-based initiatives. They also work with other data providers to ensure that accurate data is freely available to community groups. Local food economic analysis of several regions in the United States.

http://www.crcworks.org/rural.html

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Edible Twin Cities
Edible Twin Cities is a quarterly publication that promotes the abundance of local foods in the Twin Cities area and surrounding communities. We celebrate the family farmers, chefs, food artisans, farmers' market vendors and other food-related businesses for their dedication to using the highest quality, seasonal, locally grown products. Their publications include: recipes using local foods, highlights of local farmers, restaurants, food events/festivals, etc.

http://www.edibletwincities.net/

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Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)

From producer to consumer, healthy foods to public health, and policy proposals to new business opportunities. The mini-market project has helped launch a set of small farmers markets, each of which is hosted and managed by a neighborhood-based organization. To further increase food access, all of the mini-markets are authorized to accept WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) food assistance coupons. The mini-markets are also linked with food shelves, to which participating farmers donate fresh produce.

http://www.iatp.org/localFoods/

Land Stewardship Project (LSP)

The Land Stewardship Project (LSP) is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1982 to foster an ethic of stewardship for farmland, to promote sustainable agriculture and to develop sustainable communities. Resources include: Food Alliance Midwest certification, Farm and City Food Connections, Pride of the Prairie (local food at restaurants, institutions, & grocery stores), On Farm Research, Planning & Managing for Stewardship, Farm Beginnings, Agroecology, Federal & State Farm Policy, Local Community Organizing, and Stewardship Science

http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/index.html

Minnesota Grown*

This program is a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the growers and processors who provide quality Minnesota Grown products. It includes nearly 1,000 farmers who grow or raise a wide variety of products.
Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA)

The Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA) is a unique partnership between the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Minnesota; the Sustainers' Coalition, a group of individuals and non-profit organizations; and University of Minnesota Extension. The purpose of MISA is to bring together the diverse interests of the agricultural community with interests from across the University community in a cooperative effort to develop and promote sustainable agriculture in Minnesota and beyond. Projects include: Food and Farm Directories, Farm to School, Marketing Local Food, MN Food Works, Local Food: Where to Find It, How to Buy It (publication)

http://www.misa.umn.edu/Local_Food.html

Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships

Their goal is to increase the production, marketing and sales of locally grown foods in the region through:

- NW RSDP Local Foods Strategic Plan
- www.localfoods.umn.edu
- Home Grown Economy
- Buy Fresh Buy Local
- Growing Up Healthy in the Red River Valley
- Up For Discussion - A New Agrarianism - with Gary Holthaus
- Our Children's Food, Our Children's Landscape
- Together Gardening
- Meet Me in the Garden
- Season Extension
- Revive the Victory Garden
Renewing the Countryside*

Renewing the Countryside is a 501(c)3 non-profit that strengthens rural areas by championing and supporting farmers, artists, entrepreneurs, educators, activists, and others who are revitalizing the countryside through innovative endeavors. We build awareness and support for these initiatives by collecting and sharing stories of rural renewal, providing practical assistance and networking opportunities for those working to improve rural America, and fostering connections between urban and rural people.

http://www.renewingthecountryside.org/

Sow the Seeds Fund

A partnership between IATP and Wedge Co-op. Resources include: "Local Longer" program, season extension resources. Funds raised through Sow the Seeds will be used primarily to support outreach and education among commercial growers, and research into production-related season extension methods that are suited to our region's growing conditions. An Advisory Team including representatives from the Land Stewardship Project, Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Services (MOSES), Coop Partners Warehouse and Rock Spring Farm will help guide Sow the Seeds efforts this year.

http://www.sowtheseedsfund.org/

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Renewing the Countryside*

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Sow the Seeds Fund

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State of the State: Mapping Minnesota’s Local Foods System

“This project seeks to aggregate multiple, existing data sources on local food producers and purveyors and display this information in a GIS-based map.

Goals:
• To provide a snapshot of the location of existing local food systems infrastructure across Minnesota.
• Create a long-term planning and research tool to help stakeholders strategically plan and invest in local food systems projects, infrastructure development, and guide funding.
• Serve as a mapping template for other local foods researchers, regional local foods groups, and others who wish to add more local foods related data.”

Distribution Challenges Survey

“I am in the process of conducting my MS thesis research at the UMN Twin Cities, Dept of Forest Resources with a minor in Sust Ag, where my research focuses on the issues of local foods distribution in MN. For this I am sending out a survey relating to farmers challenges regarding distribution of product to market. I am surveying farmers who sell through many methods, but am only talking to fruit and veg growers to limit the research. I have spoken with many distributors, private and cooperative, and will include summaries with this work, which should be done in spring.”

Heartland Food Network

“I also work for an organization called the Minnesota Project, where I help coordinate the Heartland Food Network, a network of farmers, chefs, and distributors who want to increase the amount of locally grown foods that are available to all Minnesotans.”

Organic Buyers Directory

“Finally, I am starting work on a Organic Buyers Directory with Gigi DiGiacomo at the UMN Applied econ Dept. We will be surveying every buyer of organic foods in MN (produce, grains, meat, dairy, fruit) re: their buying requirements and preferences and compiling this into report. This is just starting, and won't be done for another 6 months or so.”

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Women’s Environmental Institute

The Women’s Environmental Institute at Amador Hill, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is an environmental research, renewal and retreat center designed to create and share knowledge about environmental issues and policies relevant to women, children and identified communities especially affected by environmental injustices; to promote organic and sustainable agriculture skill building and ecological awareness; and to promote activism that influences public policy and supports social change.

North Circle Project
The North Circle Project, now in its third year, is aimed at promoting organic and sustainable farming by opening doors to new markets for locally grown fruit and vegetables.

**Organic Farm School**
A ten week lecture, discussion, and field course on organic food production and agriculture from an environmental, social, and historical perspective, connecting environmental justice with agriculture and food justice. Participants will also have the opportunity to develop practical skills in organic horticulture through hands on workshops at the WEI alternative farm campus and farm field trips.

**CSA**

[http://www.w-e-i.org/](http://www.w-e-i.org/)

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Iowa

Field to Family Project
A Taste of Iowa, Links growers with foodservice staff at ISU's Scheman Bldg, offers an Iowa-grown food menu, Local food task force, hands on training and tech assistance that strengthens local food production

http://www.pfi.iastate.edu/Newsletter/FTF%20Report%2015_2.htm

Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture
The Leopold Center is a research and education center with statewide programs to develop sustainable agricultural practices that are both profitable and conserve natural resources. It was established under the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987 with a three-fold mission:
- To conduct research into the negative impacts of agricultural practices;
- To assist in developing alternative practices; and
- To work with ISU Extension to inform the public of Leopold Center findings.

Performed a study on Iowa and local apple supply.

http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/

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Practical Farmers of Iowa
Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI) is a non-profit, educational organization that began in 1985 and now has over 700 members in Iowa and neighboring states. Our mission is to research, develop and promote profitable, ecologically sound and community-enhancing approaches to agriculture. We carry out diverse programs to assist farmers with both production and marketing needs, to raise public awareness of where food comes from and how it is grown, and to educate youth about agriculture and the environment.

http://www.practicalfarmers.org/

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Outside of the Midwest

ATTRA - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service
ATTRA - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service is managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) and is funded under a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Business-Cooperative Service. It provides information and other technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States. (ATTRA was formerly known as the "Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas" project.) Resources include: sustainable agriculture and organic farming news, events and funding opportunities, in-depth publications on production practices, alternative crop and livestock enterprises, innovative marketing, organic certification, and highlights of local, regional, USDA and other federal sustainable ag activities.

http://attra.ncat.org/

ATTRA - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service
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Bon Appétit Management Company
Bon Appétit Management Company is an onsite restaurant company that provides café and catering services to corporations, colleges and universities, and specialty venues. We have over 400 locations in 28 states. Bon Appétit is committed to buying local, and to highlight this commitment, has created an annual challenge to eat a lunch that is made completely of ingredients from within a 150-mile radius of the café.

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The Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*
The mission of the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (the Center) is to research, develop, and advance sustainable food and agricultural systems that are environmentally sound, economically viable, socially responsible, non-exploitative, and that serve as a foundation for future generations. On the UC Santa Cruz campus, the Center operates the 2-acre Alan Chadwick Garden and the 25-acre Farm. Both sites are managed using organic production methods and serve as research, teaching, and training facilities for students, staff, and faculty.
Community Food Security Coalition

The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) is a North American coalition of diverse people and organizations working from the local to international levels to build community food security.

- **California Food and Justice Coalition**: promotes the basic human right to healthy food while advancing social, agricultural, environmental and economic justice. Through advocacy, organizing and education, we collaborate with community-based efforts to create a sustainable food supply for the residents of California
- **Farm to School**: organizing tools, case studies, funding sources
- **Farm to College**: see separate listing
- **Policy**: seeks federal resources to foster community-based alternatives to the global food system
- **Training and Technical Assistance**: provides technical assistance services to support a wide variety of CFS projects and initiatives, through trainings and workshops, practical publications, mentoring, and other individualized assistance
- **Evaluation Program**: develop evaluation tools and templates specific to community food security projects
- **Food Policy Council**: supports, free of charge, the development and operation of current and emerging Food Policy Councils
- **Healthy Corner Stores Network**: work to promote the sale of healthy, fresh, affordable foods in small, neighborhood stores in underserved communities
- **Community Food Assessment**: clearinghouse for food assessment-related tools and resources

Cornell Farm to School Program*

The Cornell Farm to School Program is supported by Cornell Cooperative Extension and based in the Division of Nutritional Sciences in both the College of
Human Ecology and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Program staff conduct research and share information designed to help extension educators and other community leaders to develop, sustain, and expand connections between New York farms and cafeterias in schools, universities and other institutions.

Program strategies engage stakeholders in addressing converging issues: child and adolescent health, diet and school meal quality, and the sustainability of the food and agriculture system.

http://farmtoschool.cce.cornell.edu/

**Counties and Local Food Systems Report**

This publication contains four methods and case studies for how county governments can support their local food systems:
1. Food Policy Councils
2. Farm to School
3. Infrastructure Development
4. Agriculture Conservation Easements

http://www.naco.org/Content/ContentGroups/Programs_and_Projects/Community_Development/Center_for_Sustainable_Communities/LocalFoodSystems.pdf

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**Films for Thought***

“Films for thought was formed by a small group of citizens taking an active interest in the future of their world. Our main shared interest is food, so there will be many films related to the health and impact of food production and the new American Farmer.”

http://www.filmsforthought.org/index.php

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**Food Routes***

The FoodRoutes Web site is a project of FoodRoutes Network (FRN). FRN is a national nonprofit organization that provides communications tools, technical support, and networking and information resources to organizations nationwide that are working...
to rebuild local, community-based food systems. FRN is dedicated to reintroducing Americans to their food – the seeds it grows from, the farmers who produce it, and the routes that carry it from the fields

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The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture*

The Kerr Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit educational foundation established in 1965 and headquartered near Poteau in southeastern Oklahoma. Its mission is to encourage the development of sustainable food and farming systems.

http://www.kerrcenter.com/

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Local Harvest

“LocalHarvest is America's #1 organic and local food website. We maintain a definitive and reliable "living" public nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets, and other local food sources. Our search engine helps people find products from family farms, local sources of sustainably grown food, and encourages them to establish direct contact with small farms in their local area. Our online store helps small farms develop markets for some of their products beyond their local area.”

http://www.localharvest.org/

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Market Maker

An interactive mapping system that locates businesses and markets of agricultural products in Illinois, providing an important link between producers and consumers.

http://www.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/
The New Farm*

The Rodale Institute®, a global leader in regenerative agriculture, is devoted to innovative agriculture research, outreach and training through The New Farm® programs. At NewFarm.org, the mission is to inform, encourage, equip and inspire farmers with the support they need to take the important transition steps toward regenerative agriculture.

http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/new_farm

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Northwest Earth Institute

The Northwest Earth Institute is recognized as a national leader in the development of innovative programs that empower individuals and organizations to protect ecological systems.

Today, NWEI offers seven study guides for small groups. One of these courses is entitled “Menu for the Future”. It brings the participants through six themes:

- What’s Eating America
- Anonymous Food
- Farming for the Future
- You Are What You Eat
- Towards a Just Food System
- Choices for Change

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Organic Agriculture Information Access*

The Organic Agriculture Information Access is an electronic collection of historic United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) publications related to organic
agriculture. In this collection, there are almost 200 documents published before 1942 (before synthetic chemicals became widely used) that contain state-of-the-art information and data that is still very pertinent for today's agriculture. Access to this data is intended to provide growers with new ideas on crop production without chemicals, as well as help researchers conserve scarce resources by avoiding unintended duplication. This collection is provided by the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC), a part of the National Agricultural Library (NAL), with funding from the USDA National Organic Program and Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. This effort is part of the AFSIC "Organic Roots" project.

http://quod.lib.umich.edu/n/nal/

State and Local Food Policy Project

Drake University Agricultural Law Center in collaboration with non-profit organizations and state and local governments throughout the U.S. has developed an extensive initiative on food and agriculture policy. Through a partnership with the USDA Risk Management Agency and the National Agricultural Law Center, The State and Local Food Policy Project provides resources and support for the development of food policy councils. This site is a clearinghouse of information on the development of food policy councils and features education and outreach materials, reports, and publications.

http://www.statefoodpolicy.org/

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Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education*

Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program. The program, part of USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, funds projects and conducts outreach designed to improve agricultural systems.

http://www.sare.org/

Sustain

Sustain advocates food and agriculture policies and practices that enhance the health and welfare of people and animals, improve the working and living environment, promote equity and enrich society and culture.

- Children’s Food Campaign: Better food and food teaching for children in schools, and protection of children from junk food marketing are the aims of Sustain's high-profile Children's Food Campaign. We also want clear food labeling that can be understood by everyone, including children.

- Eat Somerset: The Eat Somerset project is increasing trading between producer groups in and around Somerset and independent food retailers in the county, and creating new markets in Bristol and Bath.
• **Edible Roof Garden:** Sustain has recently begun to develop plans for an edible roof garden in London, as one aspect of its work to promote urban food growing. We hope that roof gardens, as well as many other community food-growing projects, will contribute to a more sustainable food system for London.

• **Food and Farming Policy:** Sustain encourages integration of sustainable food and farming into local, regional and national government policies.

• **Food and Mental Health:** The project promotes understanding of the links between good diet and mental wellbeing, addressing the many implications of the growing evidence linking what we eat to the way we feel and behave.

• **Food Facts:** This series of short reports on over a dozen different products shows how people’s shopping choices — as well as government policy — can protect the environment, enhance social justice and improve health.

• **Labeling for Sustainability:** Sustain has worked on nutrition and sustainability labeling issues since the alliance was established in 1999, and has recently been involved in the heated debate over carbon labeling.

• **Good Food on the Public Plate:** The Good Food on the Public Plate project builds on the pilot ‘London Hospital Food Project’ and is now working with hospitals and care homes across London and the South East. It is increasing the proportion of healthy and sustainable food in the meals served, thereby improving the well being of patients and staff, and creating reliable markets for local producers. Sustain is also working with Greenwich Cooperative Development Agency, on a project sponsored by the London Development Agency as part of implementation of the London Food Strategy, to provide Good Food Training for London, working with the public sector.

• **London Food Link:** London Food Link runs a network of organizations and individuals with members as diverse as farmers, food writers, caterers and community food projects. London Food Link and its members run projects that help to increase the availability of sustainable food in London, tackle the barriers preventing access to sustainable food for all Londoners, and celebrate and protect London's diverse food culture.

  London Food Link's projects are:
  
  o **Buywell** – a project launched in 2008 as part of the Well London program, to promote food access projects such as food co-ops in low-income areas of the capital.
  
  o **Capital Growth** – the campaign for 2,012 new food growing spaces for London by 2012.
  
  o **Ethical Eats** – a network of London restaurants and catering businesses with an interest in sustainability.
  
  o **Good Food Training for London** - free training to increase the proportion of healthy and sustainable food provided by public sector caterers.
  
  o **Greener Food** - advising businesses on using and promoting sustainable ingredients and practices.
  
  o **Jellied Eel** - the quarterly magazine for Sustainable Food in London.
  
  o **London Food Access Forum** - bringing together organizations and individuals around London trying to improve access to healthy affordable food for people on low incomes.
- Local Food Finder – public and business access to food producers and suppliers in London and the counties surrounding London, including on public land, housing estates and roof gardens.
- Urban agriculture – policy and campaign work to increase the amount of tasty, wholesome and nutritious food grown in urban areas.

- **Making Local Food Work**: Sustain is a consortium partner in a major Big Lottery-funded project to help community enterprises promote local and sustainable food. Sustain is coordinating two strands of work under the Making Local Food Work program, namely:
  - Food Co-ops and Buying Groups, developing a range of resources, such as a toolkit, educational leaflets and marketing materials, to help food co-ops start up or build on their successes.
  - Food Supply and Distribution, working with projects around England to increase and improve the supply and distribution of local, sustainable food.

- **Local Action on Food**: A network that supports local and regional activity promoting healthy and sustainable food. Established in 2008, it represents and helps members of the network, by running projects, organizing events, sharing good practice and offering members other support services.

- **Supermarkets, Health, and Sustainability**: Sustain takes a keen interest in supermarket policies and activities on health and sustainability. These pages record recent activity on this issue.


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**USDA Community Food Security Resource Kit**

This report provides a toolkit of standardized measurement tools for assessing various aspects of community food security: How to Find Money, Technical Assistance, and Other Help to Fight Hunger and Strengthen Local Food Systems.


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