



Growing Local Resource Index

The Growing Local Resource Index provides links to online resources about local and regional food systems, including reports, local and state laws, and sample documents. In most cases these resources are available on the Farmland Information Center (FIC) Web site (www.farmlandinfo.org).

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Food Policy Councils



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SAMPLE DOCUMENTS

Agriculture Enterprise Zones

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AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

[Agriculture of the Middle](#)

National

This national initiative seeks to renew what is being called the “agriculture-of-the-middle.” The term refers to a disappearing sector of mid-scale farms/ranches and related agri-food enterprises unable to successfully market bulk commodities or sell food directly to consumers.

[ATTRA](#)

National

ATTRA – National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, formerly known as Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas, is managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) and is funded under a grant from the USDA’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.

[Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems at the University of Wisconsin](#)

Madison, Wisconsin

The Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS) is a research center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. It is part of the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. The CIAS was created in 1989 to build the University of Wisconsin’s sustainable agriculture research programs that respond to farmer and citizen needs and to help set research agendas.

[Chef’s Collaborative](#)

Boston, Massachusetts (National)

Founded in 1993, Chef’s Collaborative is the leading nonprofit culinary organization that provides its members with tools for running economically healthy, sustainable food service businesses. The collaborative works with chefs and the greater food community to celebrate local foods and foster a more sustainable food supply.

[Community Food Security Coalition](#)

Portland, Oregon (National)

The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) is dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food for all people at all times. CFSC seeks to develop self-reliance among all communities in obtaining their food and to create a system of growing, manufacturing, processing, making available and selling food that is regionally based and grounded in the principles of justice, democracy, and sustainability. The CFSC has over 200 member organizations.



[Community Involved In Sustaining Agriculture](#)

South Deerfield, Massachusetts

Community Involved In Sustaining Agriculture (CISA) links farmers and communities to strengthen agriculture and enhance the economy, rural character, environmental quality, and social well-being of western Massachusetts.

[Cornell University](#)

Ithaca, New York

The Agriculture, Food and Community Partnership integrates and coordinates Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' teaching, research and Extension activities in the areas of small farms, community food systems, community agriculture development and agroforestry.

[Crossroads Resource Center](#)

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Crossroads Resource Center (CRC) compiles and distributes data at the neighborhood level useful for community-based and asset-based initiatives. The CRC also works with other data providers to ensure that accurate data are freely available to community groups.

[Ecotrust](#)

Portland, Oregon

Ecotrust works to create a vibrant regional food system where sustainability is the underlying value of the mainstream food system—the norm rather than the exception.

[Farmers Market Coalition](#)

Martinsburg, West Virginia (National)

The mission of the Farmers Market Coalition is “to strengthen farmers markets for the benefit of farmers, consumers, and communities.”

[Food First](#)

Oakland, California

The Institute for Food and Development Policy, also known as Food First, is a “people’s” think tank. Its mission is to end the injustices that cause hunger, poverty and environmental degradation throughout the world. Food First carries out research, analysis, advocacy and education for informed citizen engagement with the institutions and policies that control production, distribution and access to food.

[Food Roots](#)

Tillamook, Oregon

Food Roots exists to educate, empower and engage the people and communities of the North Oregon Coast to grow a vibrant regional food system that is good for the people, the economy and the land.



[Food Routes](#)

Arnot, Pennsylvania (National)

Food Routes is a national nonprofit 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 to our tables.

[Food Security Learning Center](#)

New York, New York (National)

First launched in 2002, the Food Security Learning Center is run by World Hunger Year, with collaboration from the Community Food Security Coalition and support from the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The goal of the Learning Center is to provide tools to build a truly food secure world that is sustainable and healthy for all people, communities, and the environment.

[Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture](#)

Ames, Iowa (National)

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. Each of the three new research initiatives—marketing and food systems, ecology, and policy—is responsible for its own projects and educational events.

[LocalHarvest](#)

National

LocalHarvest is a nonprofit organization founded in 1998 that maintains an online database of small farms, farmers' markets and other local food sources nationwide.

[Michael Fields Agricultural Institute](#)

East Troy, Wisconsin

Since 1984, the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute has been devoted to developing an agriculture that can sustain the land and its resources. As a public, nonprofit learning center, the institute seeks to revitalize farming with research, education, technical assistance and public policy.

[National Agricultural Law Center](#)

Fayetteville, Arkansas (National)

The National Agricultural Law Center is the only agricultural and food law research and information facility that is independent, national in scope and directly connected to the national agricultural information network. Since 1987, the National Agricultural Law Center has been funded with federal appropriations through the National Agricultural Library, an entity within the USDA Agricultural Research Service of the USDA.



[National Center for Appropriate Technology](#)

National

Since 1976 the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) has been serving economically disadvantaged people by providing information and access to appropriate technologies that can help improve their lives.

[National Conference of State Legislatures](#)

Washington, D.C. (National)

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues. The NCSL is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of state governments before Congress and federal agencies.

[National Good Food Network](#)

Arlington, Virginia (National)

The Wallace Center’s National Good Food Network enables the development of regional “value chains”—new systems of market relationships that include refined processing and distribution infrastructure—to move more good food from farm to table at the regional level and enables regions to improve good food access in all communities throughout the nation.

[Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group \(NESAWG\)](#)

Belchertown, Massachusetts (Regional)

NESAWG’s mission is to strengthen the work of its members by providing active support and assistance in achieving shared food system goals. The NESAWG region includes Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. It is one of five regional sustainable agriculture working groups in the U.S.

[Public Health Law and Policy](#)

Oakland, California (National)

Public Health Law & Policy (PHLP) partners with advocates and decision-makers to help create healthier communities. It provides in-depth research and analysis on legal and policy questions and translates complex information into practical tools such as fact sheets, toolkits and model policies.

[Regional Farm and Food Project](#)

Albany, New York

The Regional Farm and Food Project (RFFP) builds supply and demand for local foods in the Hudson-Mohawk Valley foodshed. As grassroots organizers, the RFFP produces educational programs and advocates for small farms and community food systems. It is an all volunteer organization with no paid staff.



[REAP \(Research, Education, Action and Policy on Food Group\)](#)

Madison, Wisconsin

REAP's mission is to build a regional food system that is healthful, just and both environmentally and economically sustainable. REAP connects producers, consumers, policymakers, educators, businesses and organizations to nourish the links between land and table.

[Roots of Change](#)

San Francisco, California

Roots of Change (ROC) is a collaboration of community, nonprofit, philanthropic, government and business organizations. ROC provides resources to a diverse alliance of leaders and their institutions that are unified by strategy and collaborate in pursuit of a sustainable food system in California by 2030.

[School Food FOCUS](#)

FOCUS is a national initiative that helps large school districts with 40,000 or more students serve more healthful, more sustainably produced and regionally sourced food so that children may perform better in school and be healthier in life. Funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and launched in late 2008, FOCUS works with food service and other stakeholder groups to collect, analyze and use food system data and peer-tested research to spur change in procurement methods. FOCUS supports a network of people who are engaging over 20 large school districts in systems change and also facilitates the sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

[Slow Food USA](#)

Brooklyn, New York (National)

Slow Food USA is a nonprofit educational organization that envisions a future food system based on the principles of high quality and taste, environmental sustainability and social justice—in essence, a food system that is good, clean and fair.

[State and Local Food Policy Project](#)

Des Moines, Iowa (National)

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.

[Sustain](#)

Oak Park, Illinois

Sustain transforms complex issues into compelling projects and campaigns so that the public, media, business and policymakers take action to create a healthy, sustainable society. Through public and private partnerships Sustain encourages sustainable economic development that creates jobs and revitalizes communities in an environmentally sound manner.



[Sustainable Agriculture Education](#)

The mission of Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE) is to develop urban edge agriculture and engage diverse regional populations with the sustainable agriculture movement. SAGE develops projects for public agencies, developers, planners and community groups, and helps inspire informed action through entrepreneurial, collaborative approaches.

[Sustainable Agriculture Research Education](#)

National

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 C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University](#)

East Lansing, Michigan

The C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems began in January 2003 as a vehicle to promote community engagement and scholarly activity focused on community-based food systems.

[The Center for an Agricultural Economy](#)

Hardwick, Vermont

The mission of the Center for an Agricultural Economy (the Center) is to engage agricultural leaders in the emerging 21st century food system to build capacity and inspire the public in supporting and implementing this system.

[The Food Trust](#)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Food Trust's mission is to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food. Founded in 1992, The Food Trust works to improve the health of children and adults, promote good nutrition, increase access to nutritious foods and advocate for better public policy.

[The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture](#)

Poteau, Oklahoma

The mission of the Kerr Center is to assist in developing sustainable food and farming systems.

[The Milwaukee Urban Agriculture Network](#)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Milwaukee Urban Agriculture Network (MŪAN) is a collaborative effort of Milwaukee-area individuals and organizations focused on advancing awareness of, and activities and policies that will promote, the many ways that local production of food benefits a community.

[National Farm to School Network](#)

Washington, D.C. (National)

The overarching objective of the National Farm to School Network is to create a viable and sustainable structure to promote, institutionalize and catalyze farm to school programs as viable models for improving the economic viability of family-scale farmers and child nutrition.



[Urban & Environmental Policy Institute \(UEPI\) at Occidental College](#)

Los Angeles, California

UEPI's mission—to help create a more just, livable, and democratic region—provides the backdrop for a wide range of activities and relationships. UEPI functions both as an academic center with strong community ties and a community-based organization with a strong research and policy development capacity.

[Wallace Center, Winrock International](#)

Arlington, Virginia (National)

The Wallace Center is a nonprofit organization that works with people in the United States and around the world to empower the disadvantaged, increase economic opportunity, and sustain natural resources.

[Value Chains Partnerships](#)

Ames, Iowa

The goal of this program is to foster the growth of value chains that reward small and midsize farmers who follow production practices using the highest standards of environmental and community stewardship.

[White Dog Community Enterprises](#)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The mission at White Dog Community Enterprises is to cultivate a Philadelphia regional economy that is inclusive, just, environmentally healthy and based on local business ownership. White Dog Community Enterprises helps create, strengthen and connect locally owned businesses and farms that provide essential human needs to the region; support minority entrepreneurs in this new economy; and educate the public about the benefits and responsibilities of building a local living economy.