

Sustainability Values in Local Food Systems Worksheet

Sustainability values can be used in many ways in strengthening your local food system. You can use them to identify new partners, to help search for “whole solutions” that solve one problem without creating others, and to aid in identifying your community’s priorities. This worksheet is one way to start thinking of your food system in terms of what values people are looking for.

Sustainability Values	Which are most important to you?	Who is this important to in your community? Other comments?
ECONOMIC		
Productive		
Profitable		
Fair for producers		
Fair for consumers		
Good for communities		
ENVIRONMENTAL		
Conserving of air/soil/water		
Restorative		
Wildlife-friendly		
Biodiverse		
Energy-conserving		
Climate-friendly		
Local		
Organic		
Preserving of open space		
Preserving of farms & ranches		
Seasonally appropriate		

Main Topic	Which are most important to you?	Who is this important to in your community? Other comments?
SOCIAL		
Healthy		
Safe		
Nutritious		
Fresh		
Enjoyable		
Culturally appropriate		
Accessible to all		
Affordable		
Food Secure		
Rewarding		
Community-based		
Fair to all		
Generous (reciprocity)		
Self-sufficient		
Beautiful		
Humane		
Traditional		
Sacred		
Sovereign		
Other Values?		