



SUPPLEMENTAL MODULE SUMMARY

TOPIC:

Regional Food Systems

TITLE:

Regional Food Systems

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the module is to provide an overview of local and regional food systems.

OVERVIEW:

Local food initiatives and regional food systems have grown in popularity across the country in recent years as producers, consumers, communities, and regions respond to perceived business and economic development, health and nutrition, food security, social capital and environmental benefits.

SUMMARY OF TOPICS COVERED:

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- Local/Regional Food Trends
 - Local/Regional Food System Components
 - Farmers Markets
 - Food Hubs
 - Impact of Local/Regional Food Systems on Regions
 - Local/Regional Food Systems Challenges
 - Local/Regional Food Supporting Policies and Programs

WHERE IT MAY FIT IN THE PROCESS:

If food and agriculture is a star or emerging cluster in a region, this session could help identify areas for additional research and the formulation of goals, objectives and plans of action. If this is the case, exploring this session after Session 2 would be a logical fit as it would help inform the asset mapping and goal setting of Session 3.