

Appendix G: References

USDA Know Your Farmer Know Your Food

The **Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food** initiative is a USDA-wide effort to carry out the Department's commitment to strengthening local and regional food systems. The Know Your Farmer Know Your Food website provides a "one stop shop" for resources, from grants and loans to toolkits and guidebooks, from agencies and offices across the Department. The website also contains the Know Your Farmer Know Your Food Compass Map, which shows efforts supported by USDA and other federal partners as well as related information on local and regional food systems.

- <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/knowyourfarmer?navid=KNOWYOURFARMER>

Farmers' Markets General

USDA National Farmers Market Directory

Provides members of the public with convenient access to information about U.S. farmers' market locations, directions, operating times, product offerings, and accepted forms of payment.

- <http://search.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/>

USDA's "National Farmers Market Manager Survey"

Nearly 1,300 farmers' market managers responded to this national survey conducted in 2006.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5077203&acct=wdmgeninfo>

USDA's "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) at Farmers Markets: A How-To Handbook"

This 2010 report from USDA describes how farmers' markets can accept SNAP benefits. SNAP is the federal government's nutritional assistance program. It was formerly known as food stamps.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5085298&acct=wdmgeninfo>

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's "Sharing the Harvest: A Guide to Bridging the Divide between Farmers Markets and Low-Income Shoppers."

This 2012 report from ASAP describes strategies for bridging the divide between farmers' markets and low income shoppers.

- <http://asapconnections.org/local-food-research-center/reports/>

USDA's "Connecting Local Farmers with USDA Farmers Market Nutrition Program Participants"

This 2010 report from USDA describes how providing transportation can help low-income individuals overcome barriers to accessing farmers markets.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/farmersmarkets>

Farmers' Markets Management

Oregon State University's "Understanding the Link Between Farmers' Market Size and Management Organization."

This report, supported by the USDA, explored internal management issues of farmers' markets and describes tools that can help make farmers' markets sustainable.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5071342>

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's "25 Best Practices for Farmers' Markets."

This report describes 25 best practices in the areas of management, regulations, risk management, food safety, improving vendor sales, and marketing/outreach/promotion/social media.

- <http://asapconnections.org/tools-for-farmers/hosting-a-farmers-market/farmers-market-makeover/>

Food Hubs

USDA's "Moving Food Along the Value Chain: Innovations in Regional Food Distribution"

This 2012 report from USDA examined eight case studies of food value chains and provides some practical lessons about the challenges they face and lessons learned.

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateA&navID=WholesaleandFarmersMarkets&leftNav=WholesaleandFarmersMarkets&page=FoodHubResearchReleasesBlogs&description=Food%20Hub%20Research,%20Releases,%20Blog%20Posts,%20and%20Articles>

USDA's "Regional Food Hub Resource Guide"

USDA released this primer on food hubs and the resources available to support them in 2012.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5097957>

Michigan State University's and Wallace Center's "State of the Food Hub – 2013 National Survey Results"

This survey of more than 100 food hubs across the United States quantifies the scope, scale, and impacts of local food hubs.

- <http://www.wallacecenter.org/resourcelibrary/state-of-the-food-hub-2013-national-survey-results>

Wholesome Wave's "Food Hub Business Assessment Toolkit"

The toolkit provides tools to assess a food hub businesses' readiness for investment.

- <http://www.wholesomewave.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/HFCI-Food-Hub-Business-Assessment-Toolkit.pdf>

Community Kitchens

Culinary Incubator’s Community Kitchen Database

This site provides a description and interactive map of community kitchens across the United States.

- <http://www.culinaryincubator.com/maps.php>

Community Gardens

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Community Gardens Website

- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthtopics/healthyfood/community.htm>

Vermont Community Garden Network’s Garden Organizer Toolkit

- <http://vcgn.org/garden-organizer-toolkit/>

Community Food Stores

Kansas State Best Practice guide for starting a community store

- http://www.ruralgrocery.org/bestpractices/What_is_a_Community_Store.pdf

Friendly City Food Coop, member owned food store in Harrisonburg, Virginia

- <http://friendlycity.coop/about-us/our-story/>
- The Community Store in Saranac Lake
<http://www.community-store.org/>

The Chequamegon Food Co-op is a member-owned corporation in Ashland, Wisconsin

- <http://www.chequamegonfoodcoop.com/co-op/about/>

Farm to School

USDA’s Farm to School Website

USDA provides information on its website about Farm to School programs and how to get one started in your community.

- <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities>
- <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school>

Land Use

American Planning Association’s (APA’s) “Zoning for Urban Agriculture”

The APA in 2010 prepared an article on urban agriculture zoning in its March 2010 *Zoning Practice*.

- <https://www.planning.org/zoningpractice/2010/pdf/mar.pdf>

American Planning Association's (APA's) "Zoning for Public Markets and Street Vendors"

The APA also prepared an article on zoning for public markets in its February 2009 *Zoning Practice*.

- <https://www.planning.org/zoningpractice/2010/pdf/mar.pdf>

Other

CDC's Report "Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity in the United States"

Report documenting strategies to implement for obesity prevention.

<http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/resources/recommendations.html>

Food Value Chains: Creating Shared Value to Enhance Marketing Success

The report provides an overview of how food value chains are initiated, structured, how they function and the business advantages and challenges of this approach.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateA&navID=FoodValueChainsPageWholesaleAndFarmersMarkets&rightNav1=FoodValueChainsPageWholesaleAndFarmersMarkets&topNav=&leftNav=WholesaleandFarmersMarkets&page=FoodValueChains&resultType=&acct=wdmgeninfo>

Wholesale Markets and Facility Design

Provides technical assistance and support to customers regarding the construction of new structures or the remodeling of existing ones. These facilities include wholesale market, farmers markets, public markets, and food hubs.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateN&navID=WholesaleandFarmersMarkets&leftNav=WholesaleandFarmersMarkets&page=WFMWholesaleMarketsandFacilityDesign&description=Wholesale%20Markets%20and%20Facility%20Design&acct=facdsgn>

Organic Agriculture

USDA is committed to helping organic agriculture grow and thrive. This is a one-stop shop with information about organic certification and USDA-wide support for organic agriculture.

- www.usda.gov/organic

Fruit and Vegetable Audits

Audits for Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Practices can help producers access commercial markets by verifying that fruits and vegetables are produced, packed, handled, and stored in the safest manner possible to minimize risks of microbial food safety hazards.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateN&page=GAPGHPAuditVerificationProgram>

USDA Certification for Small and Very Small Producers of Grass-fed Beef and Lamb

Allows small and very small-scale producers to certify that their animals meet the requirements of the grass-fed marketing claim standard, helping them differentiate themselves and communicate value to their customers.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/GrassFedSVS>

Local and Regional Market News

Provides reports on local and regional food outlets, providing producers and consumers with instant access to prices from farmers markets, farmers' auctions, food hubs, and direct-to-consumer sales, providing support to even the smallest farmers and producers.

- <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/MarketNewsLocalRegional>