

Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Plan

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 - Description of the current supply chain including produce, meat, dairy, fiber, grains and beverages; and asset maps showing infrastructure sites within the state including co-packing, commercial kitchens, storage and distribution facilities

Sidebars throughout the report will give anecdotes and case studies about obstacles people are facing within the local food system as well as examples of success stories

- Policy and funding recommendations, prioritized, including the educational needs of promoting local infrastructure (supplied by the education committee)

10. Consumer Access to Local and Organic Food and Farm Products

- Current conditions including assets, problems, and obstacles
- Policy and funding recommendations, prioritized, including potential outlets, incentives for institutional buyers, connecting farmers to institutional buyers, educational campaigns, identifying farmers, WIC and food stamp campaigns, promotion of CSAs and farm stands, education on preparing local foods, youth activities, connecting chefs and community hubs, community kitchens and preservation classes, local procurement, connecting farmers co-ops and food deserts, as well as educational campaigns for consumers on the benefits of local foods and sources of local foods (supplied by the education committee)

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Note: Funding recommendations should include, if possible, source of the funding and the revenue stream. Funding recommendations should also look for contradictions where the state is currently providing funding.