

Local Food Systems for Extension Agents Course - 2015

Module 2 - The Bottom Line: Economic Opportunities & Challenges of Local Food Systems

Supporting Assignments

1. Boys, K. A., & Hughes, D. W. (2013). *A regional economics-based research agenda for local food systems*. Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development, 3(4), 145–150. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2013.034.012>
2. Bregendahl, C. and Enderton, A. 2012 *Economic Impacts of Iowa's Regional Food Systems Working Group*. Leopold Center: Iowa State University. October, 2013. <http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/pubs-and-papers/2013-11-2012-economic-impacts-iowas-regional-food-systems-working-group.pdf>
3. Matteson, Gary. 2012. *The Emergence of Retail Agriculture*. The Voice of Agriculture. April 2. <http://www.fb.org/index.php?action=newsroom.focus&year=2012&file=fo0402.html>
4. Meter, K. (2011, January). *Learning how to multiply*. Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development, 1(2): 9–12. http://www.agdevjournal.com/attachments/article/149/JAFSCD_Meter_Column_2_Multipliers_Jan-2011.pdf
5. Bowen, B. 2014. *Growing a Healthy Economy with Local Foods - 6 Steps to Success Toolkit*. Review and be familiar with toolkit. <http://communitydevelopment.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/GHELF-Toolkit.pdf>
6. Watch webinar recording. Bowen, B. 2015. *Basic Business Models for Local Food Value Chain Businesses*. March 11. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb2XyNzVffQ>
7. Articles suggested for optional evening discussion.
 - a. Clancy, K. and Ruhf K. 2010. *Is Local Enough? Some Arguments for Regional Food Systems*. Choices. 25 (1). http://www.choicesmagazine.org/magazine/pdf/article_114.pdf
 - b. Lusk, J. and F. B. Norwood. 2011. *The Locavore's Dilemma: Why Pineapples Shouldn't Be Grown in North Dakota*. Library of Economics and Liberty. <http://www.econlib.org/library/Columns/y2011/LuskNorwoodlocavore.html>
Read article in preparation for evening discussion, Day 1.

Module Moodle Forum Questions

1. Are agriculture and/or local foods incorporated in the local economic development conversation in your community? If so, how? If not, why do you think that is?
2. What are your perceptions about the economic, social, and environmental impacts food systems have in your communities?