

Food Inventory Methodology: Case Study for Burt County, Nebraska. (A04-francis170927-Poster)

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Abstract:

Agricultural production is a primary income source in Burt County, Nebraska, yet most raw commodities are exported and of the food consumed in the county is imported. This study compared the amounts and types of food produced and the amounts and types of food consumed in the county. Possibilities for import substitution were examined to determine the potential impact on the local agricultural economy. Consumers, agricultural producers, retail storeowners, and restaurant owners were surveyed to gauge their opinions on marketing and purchasing local foods. Residents are favorable to increasing the amount of food that is marketed locally. There is a general consensus that people in the food trade would be interested in local food if consistent and quality supplies were available. Currently, less than one percent of Burt County farmers market their products in the county.

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