LOCAL FOOD MARKETS
IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
AN MSU PRODUCT CENTER SURVEY
HOW DO YOU DEFINE LOCAL?

- Within 50 Miles: 11
- Within 400 Miles: 4
- The State of Michigan: 32
- Other: 9
HOW DO YOU DEFINE LOCAL?
“OTHER” RESPONSES

• 100 mile is typically the standard - where is that choice?
• Depends on the product. I tend not to use the word. I strive to be part of the community I live in.
• 100-200 usually from within the state
• Depends on the product. Sometimes the distance of "local" has to vary.
• 100 is the standard
• 100 miles and/or from state of MI
• Within 100 miles of my business
• Within 250 miles of each store
• Within 5 miles of my business
HOW MUCH LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE DO YOU PURCHASE ANNUALLY?
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR OVERALL PRODUCE PURCHASES CONSIST OF LOCAL PRODUCE?
LOCAL FOOD PURCHASES BY VOLUME

HOW MUCH LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE DO YOU PURCHASE ANNUALLY?

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<th>Percentage</th>
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What percentage of your overall produce purchases consist of local produce?

- 76-100%
- 51-75%
- 26-50%
- 11-25%
- 0-10%
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<td>There are quality issues with locally produced products.</td>
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<td>Locally produced products are not supplied consistently.</td>
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<td>My supplier does not handle locally produced products.</td>
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WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS THAT PREVENT YOU FROM BUYING MORE LOCALLY PRODUCED PRODUCTS?

“OTHER” RESPONSES

• They are not grown in this climate.
• What I want is not available.
• Poor marketing information in local availability.
• All my ingredients are dried spices.
• Seasonality.
• Produce not always available year round.
• Enough variety available.
• Michigan climate. (ex: bananas).
• Aldi, my local grocery store carries very little Michigan grown produce, In fact, a sign that indicated Michigan-grown apples, was not Michigan grown.
• They are in short supply during the Winter months.
• Can not supply year round.
• Trucking logistics
• Is the produce marked in stores grown in Michigan?
WHAT TYPES OF LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUYING?
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“OTHER” RESPONSES

• Berries.
• None.
• Onion, peppers.
• Berries
• Beets, cucumbers, Hungarian banana peppers, asparagus, beans, cauliflower, pearl onions.
• Fruit & vegetable concentrates & purees.
• Herbs.
• Potatoes.
• Fruit.
• Greens in the winter, more grains, onions and garlic in large volume.
• Russet potatoes, Yukon potatoes.
• Fruit, flour, spices.
• Sugar, flour, milk.
WHAT TYPES OF LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUYING?
“OTHER” RESPONSES

• Anything local and in season.
• None.
• Berries, herbs.
• Anything locally produced. Herbs, grapes, squash, tomatoes, strawberries.
• Berries.
• All types.
• All.
• Potato
• Potatoes, tomatoes, garlic, eggplant, green peppers, onions, yellow squash, zucchini, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries.
• Potatoes.
• Potatoes, onions, peas, zucchini.
• All.
WHAT TYPES OF LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUYING?

“OTHER” RESPONSES

• Anything I can.
• Pears, hazelnuts, chestnuts.
• Asparagus, pickles, cabbage, cauliflower.
• Onions, cabbage, asparagus.
• Corn
IN WHAT FORM DO YOU NEED THE PRODUCE?
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“OTHER” RESPONSES

• None.
• Canned or put into products like jam.
• Frozen cut.
HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY BUY YOUR LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE?

- Direct from a Farmer: 40
- Distributor - General Bid: 3
- Distributor - RFP: 0
- Distributor - Whatever is available: 16
- Other: 16
HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY BUY YOUR LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE?

“OTHER” RESPONSES

• None.
• Whole Foods-type markets – would prefer more organic produce locally.
• Co-Op.
• Broker.
• Vegetable or fruit processor (as ingredient)
• None.
• Eastern Market.
• We are also growers.
HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY BUY YOUR LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE?

“OTHER” RESPONSES

• Local markets.
• Broker by contract or Open Market.
• Grocery store.
• Cross-docked through a number of brokers.
• Amish roadside stands in the Thumb.
• Store.
• Farm stands in rural areas.
WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS DO YOU OPERATE?

- Food Processor: 19
- Food Retailer: 7
- Restaurant / Distributor: 4
- Wholesaler / Distributor: 5
- Institutional Buyer: 2
- Other: 26
WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS DO YOU OPERATE?

“OTHER” RESPONSES

- Catering.
- Catering service.
- Organic skincare, using botanicals and locally grown beeswax.
- Natural skincare.
- Grocery delivery business.
- Personal chef.
- Cottage industry baker, spice rubs, jams.
- Farm-raised wool, wool items, herbs, soap.
- Spice mix.
- Farm and consumer
- Personal buyer.
- Making and distributing gluten-free baked goods. Looking to expand product line.
WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS DO YOU OPERATE?
“OTHER” RESPONSES

• Grower, shipper, distributor.
• Farmers’ Market.
• Farmers’ Market.
• Manufacturer.
• Bakery.
• Urban Farmer.
• I don’t. It’s my own home.
• Food producer.
• Nonprofit organization.
• Organic producer on 370 acres. Wheat, corn, soybeans & black beans.
• Community garden.
• Caterer.
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT FOR YOU TO PROMOTE LOCALLY PRODUCED PRODUCTS IN MAKING SALES TO YOUR CUSTOMERS?