Local Foods Program

The Local Foods Program of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach was created to support resilient food systems and healthy communities in Iowa.

We support youth programming around local foods through our work with FoodCorps, 4-H, FFA and the Iowa Farm to School Network.

We support beginning farmers through on-going peer group facilitation, technical assistance, financial literacy workshops, program design, and economic analysis of farm production and markets.

We help Iowa's food systems practitioners gain skills and knowledge through workshops, field tours, webinars, and networking. We facilitate the Regional Food Systems Working Group, the Iowa Food Hub Managers Working Group, and the Northeast Iowa Farm and Food Network.

Through our Community Food Systems program we support communities across Iowa as they design and implement food systems projects such as community gardens, edible landscapes, indoor farmers markets, and incubator kitchens.

Our staff conducts research and evaluation with diverse partners to measure the impact of local foods on Iowa's economy and quality of life.

Learn more about the ways we help grow local and regional food systems by visiting our website at the link below.

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