

Food Security Assessment

1. What community do you mainly serve? How long have you been serving that community? In what capacity do you serve said community?

2. What do you think is the biggest issue surrounding food security?
Rate the following topics on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the smallest issue and 5 the largest).
 - a. Transportation:
 - b. Lack of access:
 - c. Lack of knowledge about food assistance programs:
 - d. Expense:
 - e. Not interested in buying local:

3. A high percentage of Montana produce is sent out of state. Why do you think these products/produce are sent out rather than staying in Montana to feed our residents?

4. Does your community have a farmer's market?
Is it well attended?
Do you attend and/or participate yourself?

5. Have you noticed a shift in your community towards using more local products (ex. Meats, vegetables, fruits, grains)?

6. Are you aware of any shifts in your community's school system towards participating in such programs as Farm to School or Farm to Cafeteria?
Does your school system already participate in such programs?

7. How long have you personally been farming?
Do you have any other family members in farming?
If so, who and where?

8. What is your main crop? (If you do not have a one primary crop, move to the next question)

9. What crops and animals do you grow and/or produce? Please list them.

10. How many acres do you have?

11. Where do you sell your products?

Do you sell your produce at the local farmer's market?

If you answered No to #11, please state why.

Please choose an option for how you sell the majority of your produce:

- a. Your own store
- b. Corporation
- c. Sell it to a co-op
- d. Other:

If you answered yes to #11, how long have you been selling at your local farmer's market?
And at which market?

12. Who do you sell most of your produce to? (Please circle one)

- a. Local consumers
- b. Restaurants
- c. Corporations
- d. Schools
- e. Other:

13. Have you noticed rising prices in your inputs over the past year (ex. seeds, soil, compost/manure, chemicals and fertilizer)?

14. Do you feel most of Montana's agriculture is being shipped out of state? What market and/or company purchases your produce/products? Where is it located?