Discussion Guide for Understanding Your County Food Systems Profile

These worksheets are designed to help you better understand the data in your county food systems profile. Review each section of the profile data for your county and consider the questions below. You may want to take a few moments to review regional indicator maps available at http://foodsystems.wisc.edu and http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas/

What does this data say about your county’s...

Food access?

Food assistance?

Health?

Local and direct markets?

Processing and distribution?

Production agriculture?
What surprised you about your county’s profile?

Are there relationships between indicators in the profile?

How is your county similar or different from the region?

What has changed over time in your county? What has stayed the same?

What areas of the food system are most developed in your county? Why?

What areas of the food system are underdeveloped in your county? Why?

What don’t you know about your county’s food system from this profile? How might you find this information?

What groups, organizations, programs, or departments support the developed or underdeveloped aspects of your county’s food system?

Who should be involved in the food system that isn’t already involved?

How will you use this information? Who else might use it?