

Knowledge/ Experience

What: Farm-to-School in Central MN

Keywords: farm-to-school, local food, economic feasibility, retail / sales opportunities, distribution CAP, model

When/Where: 12/X/2009

Who: Monica Haynes, through CURA's CAP policy makers, farmers & institutions considering involvement in farm-to-XXX

Type:

Why: To analyze broader community economic impacts of farm-to-school programs in the Region Five Development District (Central MN), including potential demand by these programs for locally produced food and farmers' ability to meet that demand. To develop new sector descriptions and modeling assumptions for a formal economic impact assessment.

How: Begins with thorough lit review looking at all angles. Qualitative surveys / interviews with food service directors, growers, and community kitchen directors & "farm-to-school experts" assoc. w/ the U of M. Quantitative economic analysis of various farm-to-school production-demand and pricing scenarios.