

Canadian Community Response to Food System Issues

Issues at Local Level

Charitable

Community Development

Social Enterprise, Grant based

Social Enterprise, Market based

Private grassroots / Ethical business

Access to funding & finance

Year-round appeals for donations of cash & food, & volunteer recruitment

Annual government & foundation grant application; volunteer recruitment & supervision

Government & foundation grant application, market sales, & volunteers

Market sales

Hunger due to poverty

Food banks

Local food security groups

Good Food Boxes

Co-operative buying clubs

Surplus food donations

Soup kitchens

Community gardens

School lunch programs

Co-op stores

Cash donations

Gleaning

Community kitchens

Participation on Food Policy Councils

Partnerships with social enterprises

Gleaning

Partnerships with social enterprises

Local Economic Trading Systems (LETS)

Partnerships with social enterprises

Food Policy Councils

Partnerships with social enterprises

Anti-poverty advocacy

Partnerships with social enterprises

Malnourishment due to preponderance of over-processed food

Social marketing campaigns to change eaters' habits

Removal of junk-food vending machines from schools

Good Food Boxes

Marketing food as preventative medicine

School meal programs

Organic pre-school programs

Development of new, healthy products

Cooking & nutrition classes

Healthy snacks in school vending machines

Community kitchens

Healthy snacks in school vending machines

Community gardens

Healthy snacks in school vending machines

Hunger due to natural & unnatural disasters

Crisis response

Local food security groups

Creation & distribution of disaster preparedness kits

Disaster response groups

Disaster preparedness workshops

Local water & emergency food distribution depots

Disaster preparedness workshops

Public awareness campaigns

Disaster preparedness workshops

Peak Oil

Public education by environmental groups

"Buy Local" campaigns

Workshops on chemical-free gardening

Alternative energy strategies

"Chemical Free" growing campaigns

Food Miles social marketing

Food Miles marketing strategies

Authentic place-based & ecological branding

Authentic place-based & ecological branding

Authentic place-based & ecological branding

Food Safety	On-Farm Food Safety training	Hazards Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)
	Anti-GMO movement	Food Safe training
	Demand for GMO labeling	
Farm Income Crisis	Crisis services for farming families	Farmers Markets
		Consumer Supported Agriculture (CSA)
	Partnership with provincial governments to deliver the Agricultural Policy Framework	New "Back to the Land Movement"
		Development of niche products
	Preparation of recommendations for the Canadian Agricultural Policy Framework in 2008	Agri-tourism
	Training in value-added production	New Generation co-operatives in meat processing
		Farmers marketing co-operatives
	Development of community food manufacturing infrastructure	Local initiatives for collective purchase & sale of agricultural inputs
		Values-based branding
		Farm gate sales
	Supply Management	
	Application for government farm subsidies	
High Cost of Agricultural Land	Purchase of farms by charities & educational institutions	Leasing of farm land
		Co-operative farms
	Land trusts	First Nations agricultural businesses
		Farm succession
		Off-farm income
Barriers to Distribution of Local Food	On-line inventories of farmers & products	Urban delivery of organic & local products
		Restaurant & chef promotion of local products
	"Buy Local" campaigns	Marketing of "gastronomic regions"
	"Feast of Fields" fundraisers	Specialty retailers
	Health programs to promote fruit & vegetable consumption	Fair Trade and Trade Fair
	Slow Food Movement	
Agri-food Sector Wages & Working Conditions	"Willing Workers on Organic Farms" (Wwoofers): volunteer organic agricultural labour	
	Training businesses	
	Farm-based rehabilitation programs	

Photo: Laura Berman, GreenFuse Images