Why local food?

- Strong community economies
- More employment
- Ecological sustainability
- Better nutrition & health
- More civic engagement
Economic Impact of 25% Shift

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Local food production – including small scale urban agriculture – can have a significant impact on a local economy, including jobs, wages, total wealth and taxes.
Economic impact of shifting 10% of buying to local sources in a county of 635,000

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF A 10% MARKET SHIFT TO LOCALS

- Additional Output ($ Millions) $137.3 Million
- Additional Employment 1614 Jobs
- Additional Wages ($ Millions) $53.3 Million

SOURCE: Civic Economics, IMPLAN

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