

Why local food?

- Strong community economies
- More employment
- Ecological sustainability
- Better nutrition & health
- More civic engagement



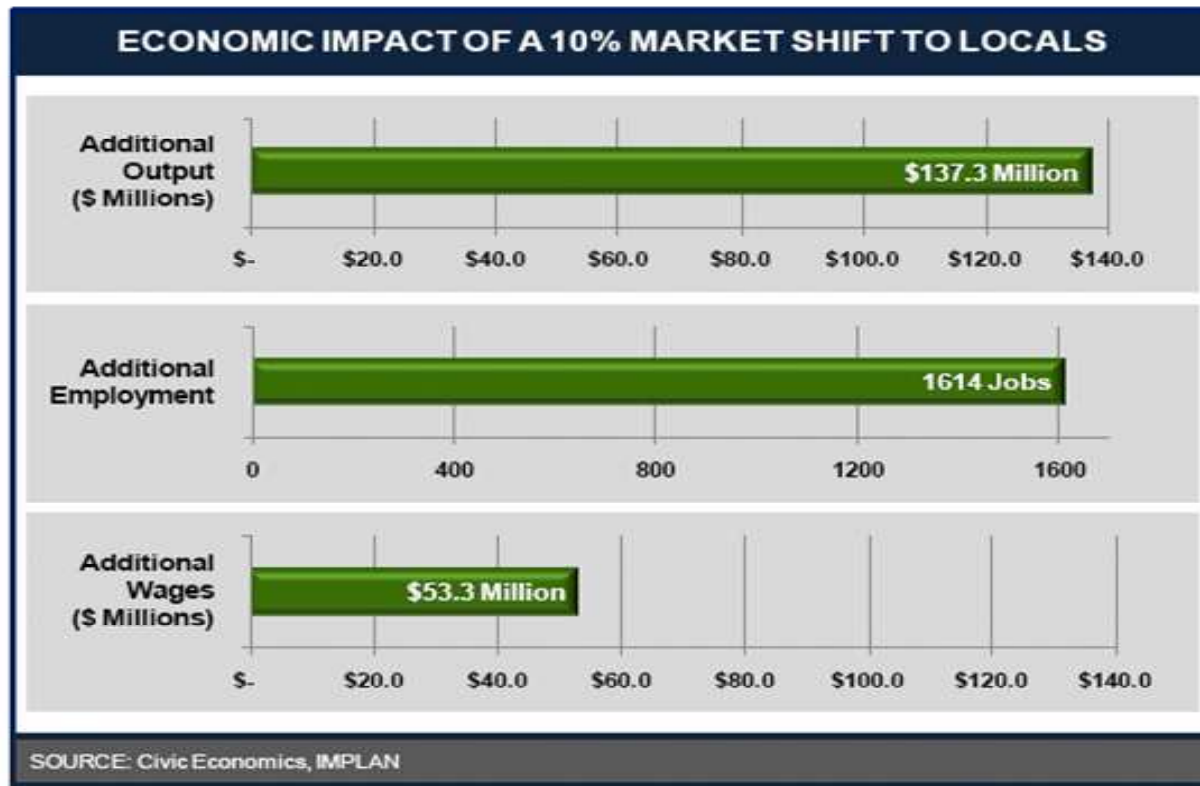
Economic Impact of 25% Shift

	Jobs	Wages	Value Added	Business Taxes
Boulder County	1,899	\$ 80,762,795	\$ 138,320,616	\$ 11,755,657
North Central Colorado	24,037	\$ 987,301,210	\$ 1,643,627,616	\$ 151,762,632
State of Colorado	31,022	\$ 1,306,080,325	\$ 2,199,715,255	\$ 197,981,682

Source: *The 25% Shift: the Benefit of Food Localization for Boulder County*, Michael H. Shuman, 2012

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



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