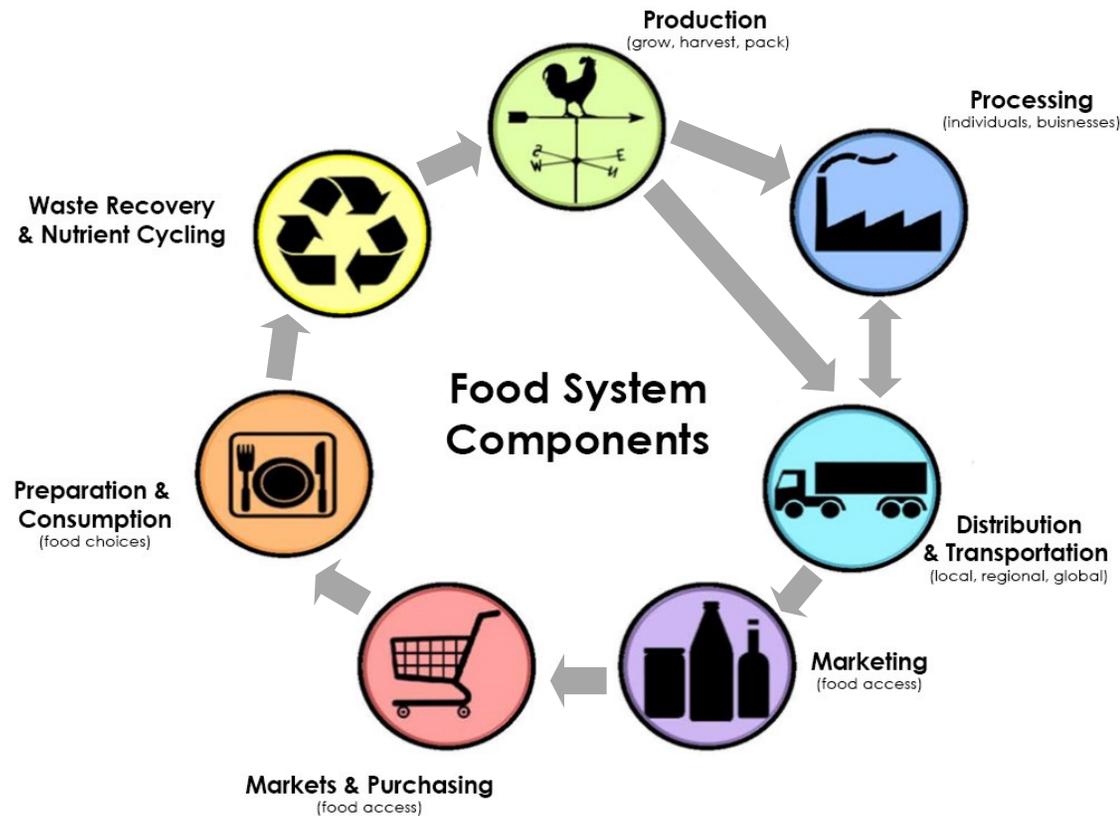


What is a community food system?

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Defined:

A community food system (CFS) is a highly complex, dynamic, and adaptive system that includes the people, land, infrastructure, and interdependent processes of food from farm to table to disposal (i.e., production, distribution, consumption, and waste management).

Different than a “local” food system, a CFS connotes more than geographic location, but rather the collaborative and interdependent relationships that enhance our social, economic, and environmental health of a particular place.

Above graphic adapted from: Shri, C. Center for Environmental Farming Systems; Williams, C. E, What is a Food System? Local Foods Track at Idaho Summit on Hunger and Food Security, October 2014 Invited Presentation; Wilkins, J. and Eames-Sheavly, M. 2011. Discovering the Food System, Cornell University, Departments of Nutritional Science and Horticulture, <http://gardening.cals.cornell.edu/lessons/curricula/discovering-our-food-system/>.