

Butte Community Food Systems Survey

Hello Butte and Silver Bow community –

We are a Coalition of community organizations and individuals, supported through AERO's Montana Food Economic Initiative. We want to learn more about how food and food choices impact the communities of Butte/Silver Bow County and surrounding areas, including people who come to Butte to buy food. If you are a resident of Butte Silver Bow County, Anaconda, Twin Bridges, Whitehall, Dillon, Silver Star, Sheridan, the town of Deer Lodge, and Boulder, we want to hear from you!

Some of the questions we are hoping to answer from the results of this survey are:
What do you want to see in your local food system? What is working well? What isn't working well?

Where and how should time, resources, and partnerships be invested to best support our vibrant local food economy?

A strong local food system can:

- Foster profitable agriculture and food businesses,
- Support entrepreneurs in agriculture and food,
- Create new jobs and opportunities,
- Increase access to healthy, nutritious foods for all,
- Support skills in gardening and food preparation,
- Protect soil, water, and air quality,
- Reduce food waste,
- Celebrate diversity of food and agriculture in our community, and
- Empower all to participate in the food system.

To show our gratitude for completing the survey, we are raffling gift certificate worth \$100 to support the Butte Farmers Market. Those who complete the survey will be entered to win.

If you have any questions, please email us at: dsdbfm@gmail.com

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To learn more about the work of the Butte Community Food Coalition, watch our video!



<http://youtube.com/watch?v=mAbFHuxurfk>

Please complete this survey to tell us more about your food system! This survey will may take up to 10 minutes depending on your answers. This survey will be used for informational purposes only within the coalition.

1. If you would like to receive anonymous survey results and be invited to participate in a future Community Listening Session, please provide your email.

Tell us about yourself

2. What is your age range?

Mark only one oval.

- 0-18
- 18-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80-89
- 90 and older

3. What town in Montana do you live in?

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The Coalition wants to understand how you personally experience food in our community - from buying, to cooking, to gardening, to composting.

4. Please select the top three places you get food.

Check all that apply.

- Cafeteria (includes school, workplace, hospital cafeterias)
- Community Supported Agriculture program (weekly/monthly vegetable boxes from a farm)
- Dollar store (Dollar General, Dollar Tree, etc.)
- Farmers' market or farm stand
- Food pantry or Soup Kitchen
- Fast food restaurants (McDonald's, Burger King, etc.)
- Gas station or convenience store
- Food Cooperative or buying club
- Grocery store
- Grow my own
- Hunting/Fishing
- Meal or grocery home delivery (Blue Apron, etc..)
- Meals on Wheels or related social service
- Restaurant, diner, cafe
- Special food stores (bakeries, gourmet goods, etc...)
- Supercenter (Walmart, Target etc...)
- Warehouse Club (Costco, Sam's Club)

Other: _____

5. The Butte Farmer's Market operates uptown on Saturdays starting in May to October. How often do you shop at the farmer's market?

Mark only one oval.

- Weekly
- Every other week
- Monthly
- Every other month
- Rarely (2-3 times per year)
- Once per year
- I don't shop at the Butte Farmer's Market
- Other: _____

6. Please select the option(s) that best describe(s) any reason(s) why you or your household don't always have the kinds of food you want to eat. (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Not enough money for food, gas, or ride fare
- Healthy, culturally relevant, or traditional foods we want are not available in stores or pantries near us
- Not enough time for shopping or cooking
- Too difficult to get to the store
- On a special diet
- No kitchen equipment available to cook with (stove, pots, knives)
- Not able to cook or eat because of health problems
- Not applicable

Other: _____

7. Please select the degree to which you Agree/Disagree with each statement

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I currently garden and know how to grow food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I currently utilize season extension structures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I participate in a community garden.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I raise animals in my yard (e.g., chickens).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know where some of the community gardens are in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I currently hunt or fish for food (deer, rabbit, fowl, walleye, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would like to learn more about how to hunt or fish for my own food, and what regulations/rules I would need to follow.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. If you are not gardening currently, please tell us why not (Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- Don't have space to grow in.
- In a rental or temporary living situation so don't want to start one and have to leave.
- Not sure if the soil is safe to grow in.
- Don't currently have the knowledge on how to garden.
- Don't have the supplies or funding to start a garden.

Other: _____

9. Let's talk cooking - select how much you agree/disagree with these statements.

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I know how to cook.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have enough money to purchase the food I need to cook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have the tools (i.e.knives, pots, pans, stove etc.) I need to cook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I usually have enough time to cook.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would like to learn more about how to cook healthy food.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Where do you get your information about -

10. Gardening resources:

11. Cooking resources:

12. Composting resources

13. Buying local food

14. Within the past 30 days, I threw away food when I didn't/couldn't eat it all.

Mark only one oval.

Often

Sometimes

Never

Other: _____

15. Select reasons why you threw food away (Select all that apply).

Check all that apply.

I bought too much food and couldn't eat it before it spoiled.

I didn't know how to prepare some of the food I purchased.

I didn't have the space or equipment (e.g. freezing, preserving) to safely store it.

Restaurant portions were too big, and I couldn't eat it all.

It was past the "best if used by" date and I threw it away.

The food quality was questionable (i.e. the fruit was bruised).

Other: _____

16. I currently compost at home

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Maybe

Other: _____

17. If my community were to offer a pick-up composting service in my community, I would participate

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, if the program was free
- Yes, even if there was a small fee
- No
- Other: _____

18. Do you support the use of public land for food production?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, if used by a private business.
- Yes, if used by a non-profit.
- Yes, if used for community gardens.
- Other: _____

Next, we want to understand your priorities for improving the food system.

The Coalition has identified some goals to improve the local food system, but we need your help prioritizing what to work on first.

19. Which of the proposed food plan goals below do you think are most important to THE COMMUNITY? (Pick your top 3)

Check all that apply.

Increase local food production (more fruits, vegetables, meats, etc. produced by local farmers or in gardens)

Protect natural resources (food production practices that protect soil, air, and water)

Increase access to healthy food (making it easier for community members to find and afford healthy food they want to eat)

Reduce food waste (composting, food recovery, and other means to avoid food being thrown out)

Foster social equity (food system policies and programs that consider race, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, etc.).

Grow our regional economy (support and build local food-related businesses-farms, restaurants, grocery stores, food manufacturers, etc.)

Build upon our community's cultural food traditions (celebrating and growing the diverse food cultures in our community)

Support community health and wellness(providing healthy food, nutrition education, cooking classes, etc.)

Other: _____

20. What would you like to see more of your local food system?

21. Anything else that you'd like to share with us?

22. If you would like to be entered into the raffle to win the \$100 gift certificate to be used at the Butte Farmers Market, please include your name and a good phone number to reach you at below:

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