

# Resource List

## Central Maine Meet the Buyers

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This list is not an exhaustive list of resources nor endorsed by any particular institution.

### **Maine Food Atlas (beta)**

The Maine Food Atlas is an interactive map, created by the Maine Network of Community Food Councils and the Center for Community GIS, featuring data-points of Maine's food system. Maine's diverse food operators—growers, processors, farm to school groups, food security organizations—are encouraged to use the website and put themselves “on the map.” Users can establish free accounts, which allow them to richly describe their work, load photos, and independently manage their postings over time.

[www.mainefoodatlas.com](http://www.mainefoodatlas.com)

### **Plow & Anchor Connect**

An online bulletin board to connect Maine food producers (farmers and fishermen) with bulk food consumers (restaurants, grocers, avid canners, and other bulk consumers).

[www.plowandanchorconnect.com](http://www.plowandanchorconnect.com)

### **Conservation Law Foundation's Legal Services Food Hub**

Free legal assistance for farmers, food entrepreneurs, and the organizations that support them regarding issues such as land acquisition/transfer, estate issues, taxes, contracts, and corporate formation, among others. In addition, the Hub offers educational workshops for farmers and food businesses about common legal issues they may face as they grow their businesses.

[www.legalservicesfoodhub.org](http://www.legalservicesfoodhub.org)

### **Coastal Enterprises Inc. (CEI)**

A private, non-profit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that provides financing, business support and counseling services to small and medium sized businesses in Maine, with sector expertise in farm, fish, and food businesses.

[www.ceimaine.org](http://www.ceimaine.org)

### **Farm to Institution New England (FINE)**

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A six-state network of non-profit, public and private entities working collaboratively to strengthen our food system by increasing the amount of New England-grown and processed food served in our region's schools (Farm to School), colleges (Farm to College), hospitals (Farm to Health Care) and other institutions.

[www.farmtoinstitution.org](http://www.farmtoinstitution.org)

## Heath Care Without Harm

*Healthy Food in Health Care* (HFHC) is a national initiative of Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), developed in conjunction with its member organizations. They work with hospitals across the country to help improve the sustainability of their food services. Founded in 2005, the program provides education, tools, resources, and support to health care facilities, making the connection between the health of patients, staff and community and the food they serve.

[noharm-uscanada.org](http://noharm-uscanada.org)

## Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn (GFCLA)

GFCLA formed in the summer of 2012 to create and support improvements to the food system of the Lewiston-Auburn community. GFCLA aims to educate the public and serve as a forum for discussing issues, foster coordination between sectors in the food system, evaluate and influence policy, and support programs that meet local food needs. Supporting local Farm to Institution efforts in Central Maine is expressly one of GFCLA's current primary objectives.

[www.goodfood4la.org](http://www.goodfood4la.org)

## Maine Network of Community Food Councils

The MNCFC is the state-wide network of Food Policy Councils which includes the Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn. MNCFC's mission is to increase the capacity of local level food system efforts through collaboration, coordination, and resource sharing resulting in sustainable, sovereign food systems across the state of Maine.

<https://sites.google.com/site/mainecommunityfoodnetwork/home>

## Maine Food Strategy

The Maine Food Strategy is an initiative to create a broader and more strongly connected network of organizations, agencies, businesses, and individuals contributing to the food

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system in Maine. The initiative seeks to convene a statewide participatory process that will identify and advance shared goals to support a robust food economy and a thriving natural resource base in our state.

[www.mainefoodstrategy.org](http://www.mainefoodstrategy.org)

## Maine Farmland Trust

Among their many efforts to support farming in Maine, MTF has taken a lead role in the partnership between many organizations (MOFGA, CEI, Farm to Institution New England, Cultivating Community, Environment Maine, and the Legal Hub of Conservation Law Foundation) in the *Harvesting Maine's New Wholesale Opportunities* workshops series - designed to support farms in learning and planning to scale up.

[www.maineFarmlandtrust.org](http://www.maineFarmlandtrust.org)

## Maine Farm and Sea Cooperative

As the nation's first farm-to-institution producer-buyer-distributor-consumer co-op, MFSC is submitting a bid for the 2016 UMaine System Food Service contract on 11/4/15. If successful, this ambitious initiative will drastically increase the demand for Maine-sourced foods. Visit their website to learn more and/or to join.

[www.maineFarmandsea.coop](http://www.maineFarmandsea.coop)

## New England Food Vision

A New England Food Vision proposes changes in food production, distribution, and consumption reaching from the most rural areas to the densest cities-across the entire food system and describes a future in which New England produces at least half of the region's food.

<http://www.foodsolutionsne.org/sites/default/files/New-England-Food-Vision.pdf>