

Food Hub Survey Results

Food Hubs Add Value for Producers and Community

We sent a survey to food producers, processors, distributors involved in local and sustainable food across Ontario, Canada.

We heard back from 187* operations connected to food hubs.

Food hubs are actual or virtual spaces that collect and distribute food to processors, retailers, restaurant and/or consumers.

Food hubs can also provide space for other activities including food preparation, handling, processing, education and/or training.

*Our overall sample was 187; response rates for each question may be lower or slightly higher

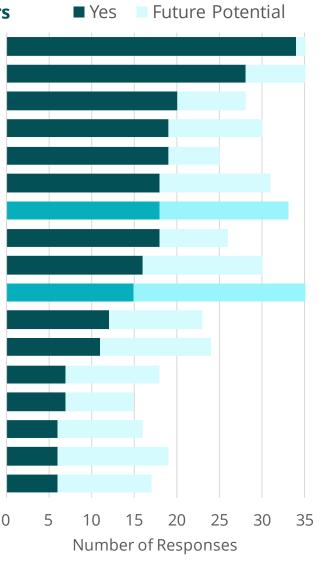
Food Hub Services to Producers



Top ongoing and planned food hub services to producers were transportation, educational activities, product branding, marketing and brokering new markets

Food Hub Benefits to Producers

Access to new markets and diversifying products were the top current benefits to producers from food hubs. Incubator kitchens and hiring more people were the top future potential benefits to producers.



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Access new markets **Diversify products** Participate in education Food safety/GAP training More sustainable production Origin labelling Use incubator kitchen to add value Extend growing season Transportation services Hire more people Increase financial/ business literacy Increase acreage Post harvest handling training Become certified Producer liability insurance Demo kitchen operation Provide owner opportunities

Food Hub Services to Community

Top food hub services to community were food donation, paid youth employment, community education, and cooking and nutrition education.

Food Hub Services to Community

Food donation to local food pantries/banks

Paid employment opportunities for youth

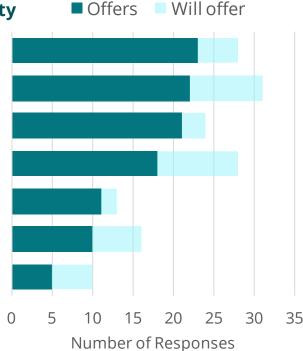
Education about community and food systems issues

Nutrition or cooking education

Transportation services for consumers to access your operation

Operating a mobile market

Subsidized farm shares



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