

## Questions to ask your produce provider

- 1. Do you carry local products?
- 2. How do you define local?
- 3. Can you provide me farmer profiles and other promotional materials for my cafeterias?
- 4. Can you identify local product through your system? Will they be labeled on your weekly availability sheets?
- 5. Does your company put specific farm names next to products on your list?
- 6. Can I request items from specific farms when I order?
- 7. When locally grown foods arrive at my loading dock, are the boxes or bags clearly labeled with the farm of origin?
- 8. Can you provide me a list of local farms from which products have been procured in the past, and a sense of what local products will be available when?
- 9. Are you willing to look for specific products locally?
- 10. Can I recommend farmers to sell to you?