

FOOD

VISION: We are fed primarily by food which is locally produced, using practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Goal 1: By 2040, 40% of the food consumed by the Corvallis population is grown, processed, or produced in Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, and Polk counties.

Interim Goals: 10% by 2025, 20% by 2030, 30% by 2035

Strategy 1: Increase local demand for locally grown foods.

Action 1: Continue promotional campaign to bolster awareness and use of existing initiatives that promote local food consumption.

Action 2: Label local food products at businesses (food stores, restaurants), institutions (schools, Linn Benton Community College (LBCC), OSU, hospital), and events where food is sold and/or served.

Action 3: *Link* food purchasers from local institutions (school system, LBCC, OSU, hospital) and businesses (restaurants, food stores) with local food producers.

Strategy 2: Increase amount of local land used for food production (includes agricultural land, private property, and public property).

Action 1: *Provide* education and support to increase the number of farmers and farm workers in the community.

Action 2: Promote government policies that encourage property owners to use their land for food production.

Action 3: *Model and promote* edible landscaping and home food production.

Strategy 3: Increase capacity for local food processing, storage, and distribution.

Action 1: *Develop and implement* neighborhood-based food processing, storage, and distribution.

Action 2: Create commercial and cooperative local food processing, storage, and distribution facilities.

Action 3: *Coordinate* with local agencies regarding emergency preparedness, and encourage community members to prepare for disruptions in the normal food supply.

Goal 2: By 2040, all Corvallis residents will have access at all times to enough food for an active and healthy life.

Interim Goals: 40% by 2025, 60% by 2030, 80% by 2035

Baseline: 2017 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) utilization rate for Benton County (Source: DHS and ACS) – 32%

2017 SNAP utilization rate among children in Benton County (Source: DHS and ACS) – 61%

201 SNAP utilization rate among the elderly in Benton County (Source: DHS and ACS) – 26%

Strategy 1: Support existing emergency food programs and other food assistance programs.

Action 1: *Expand* efforts to get fresh produce to food banks.

Action 2: *Help* existing food programs reach diverse populations.

Action 3: *Assist* existing food programs with community education and outreach efforts.

Goal 2: (continued)

Strategy 2: Encourage consumption of nutritious food, produced using practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Action 1: *Improve* nutrition of food in schools, institutions and public events by implementing programs featuring a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins.

Action 2: *Conduct* low and no-cost nutrition classes in the community and at schools.

Action 3: *Support* the efforts of food markets (farmers' markets, co-ops, supermarkets, etc.) to promote the purchase of nutritious food, produced using practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Strategy 3: Increase access to nutritious food, produced using practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Action 1: Educate people about buying nutritious food on a budget.

Action 2: Support community gardens.

Action 3: *Facilitate* seasonal food harvesting and preservation.

Goal 3: By 2040, 80% of all land area in community food-producing farms, ranches, and gardens will be managed using practices that renew and enrich the land and community. Interim Goals: 20% by 2025, 40% by 2030, 60% by 2035

Strategy 1: Increase demand for foods that are grown using practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Action 1: *Promote* the benefits of foods produced using practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Action 2: Educate the community about genetically engineered foods and their potential impact on our local food system and local economy.

Action 3: *Support* programs that assist people in growing their own food, either at home or through community gardens.

Strategy 2: Encourage local farmers and gardeners to use practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Action 1: **Continue to** *publish* a Corvallis Garden Resource Guide to connect gardeners with local resources supporting practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Action 2: Educate local farmers and gardeners to utilize practices that renew and enrich the soil.

Action 3: Promote food production using practices that renew and enrich the land and community.

Strategy 3: Support local farmers, specialty seed growers, and gardeners in their efforts to develop, maintain, and access locally adapted food crop varieties.

Action 1: *Maintain* crop varieties developed over generations and adapted to local growing conditions.

Action 2: Engage the community in developing food crop varieties adapted to the Corvallis area.

Action 3: *Support* neighborhood and community seed exchanges.