



project AGRICULTURE Project Page

CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY MAP

A **community map** identifies the places and assets in an area. Your community maps should include a farm or farming community and highlight food assets, technology applications, environmental conditions or sustainability practices. Food assets are places where people can grow, prepare, share, buy, receive or learn about food. Community organizations and schools can be considered food assets. These are places where community members can learn about food and health, or connect with others.

- Decide on the focus of your map. What area will it profile? What information should be included? For example, you could focus on the availability and access to food in a local area and a global community. How does the availability and access compare to the food assets available in a global community? Or you could map the use of technology or sustainable practices on a farm map. How does the technology or sustainable practices affect food production and the environment? How does it illustrate the interactions between people and the environment?
- Explore your area with **Google Earth** or **Google Maps**. You may also use a free mapping program such as **Scribble Maps** at www.scribblemaps.com. Maps can be created and saved without a registered account.
- Create symbols or map pins that you will use to identify places, assets, practices and/or issues.
- Take photos if you are able to map the area in person or use screenshots of online map sources. Arrange and organize these images to create a composite map. Add your symbols and/or pins to your photos or screenshots. Alternatively, create a physical map by drawing the area and its features and assets.
- Submit your community map as a PDF, JPEG, GIF or PNG file, or provide a URL for an online project.

OR USE YOUR OWN IDEA

Develop your own project format. You may decide you'd rather do an essay, a comic book or strip, a graphic novel or a poster. You may have your own ideas. Get the go-ahead from your teacher before you start.

