

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF FOOD POLICIES THAT PROMOTE LOCAL FOOD?

MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY

Supporting Alberta's Local Food Sector Act

- Created the Alberta Local Food Council, comprised of food policy experts and local food producers. They are set to make policy recommendations for the Government of AB.

Canada's Food Policy

- The Local Food Infrastructure Fund: provides funding for community organizations and other groups to building infrastructure to help establish a local food system.
- The Buy Canadian Promotion Campaign gives out information about Canadian agricultural products and encourages Canadians to purchase.

City of Calgary Food Action Plan

- Allows local food stands in areas like LRT stations and community areas
- Provides supports for indoor food growers
- Changes some unused city land into sites for urban farming and community gardens

How do these policies help us make informed choices?

- By making local food available in more places, consumers aren't forced to buy the grocery store option- there are more choices.
- By providing funding for local food infrastructure, the cost of local food goes down, which means that consumers can choose that option more easily.
- By giving local food producers a voice in government policy, policies are made that allow more varieties of food to become available in the market.
- When the government provides information and education about local food, and healthy food choices, consumers are able to use this information to make informed decisions.



FRESH: Edmonton's Urban Agriculture Strategy

- Develop local food infrastructure capacity, specifically for processing, storage and distribution of local food.
- Improve access to local foods by supporting and strengthening local farmer's markets.