



# Local Foods: Benefits (and costs?) for the Environment

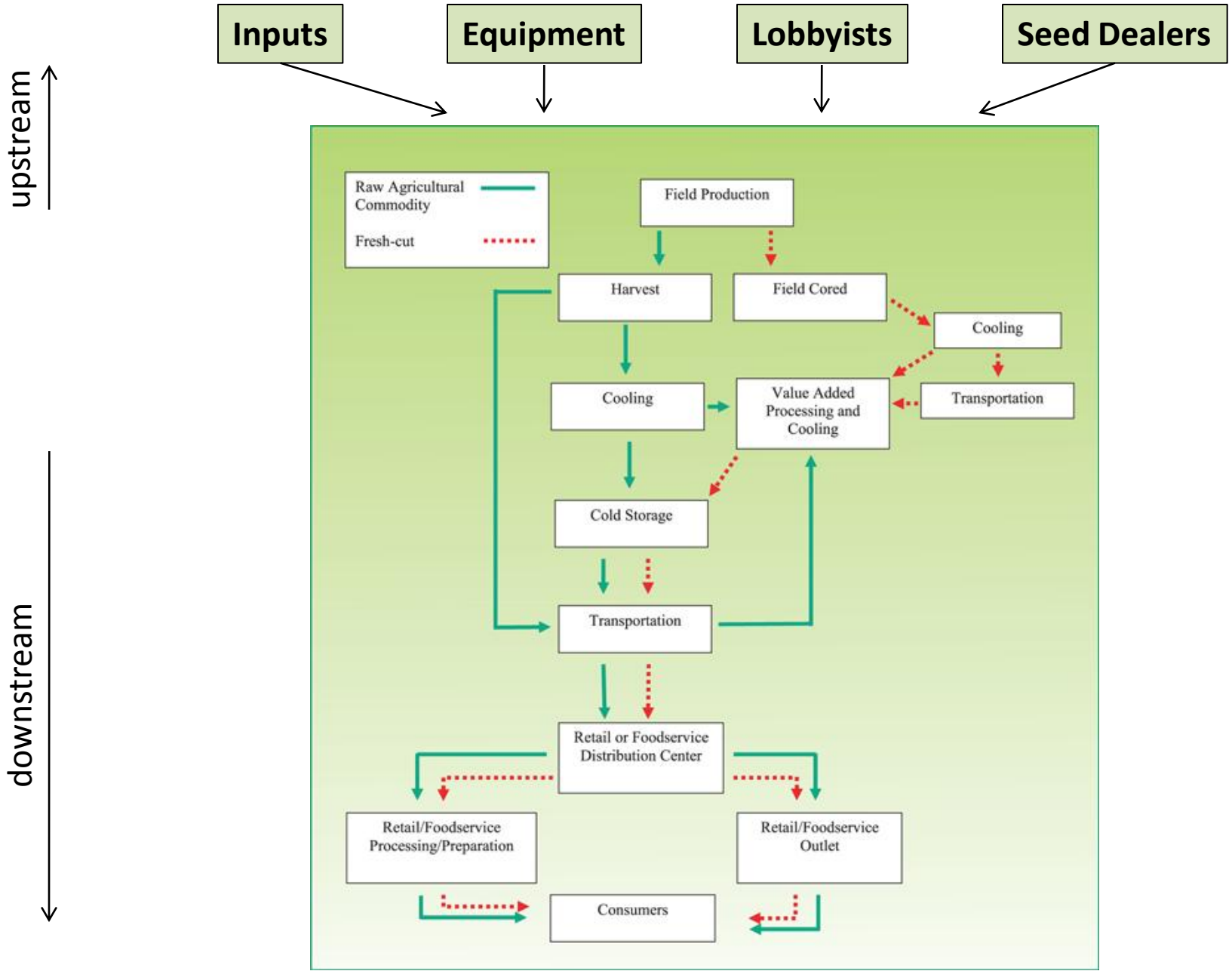
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# Localized Commodity Chain

Farmer

Consumer



# Ecosystem Health and Pollution

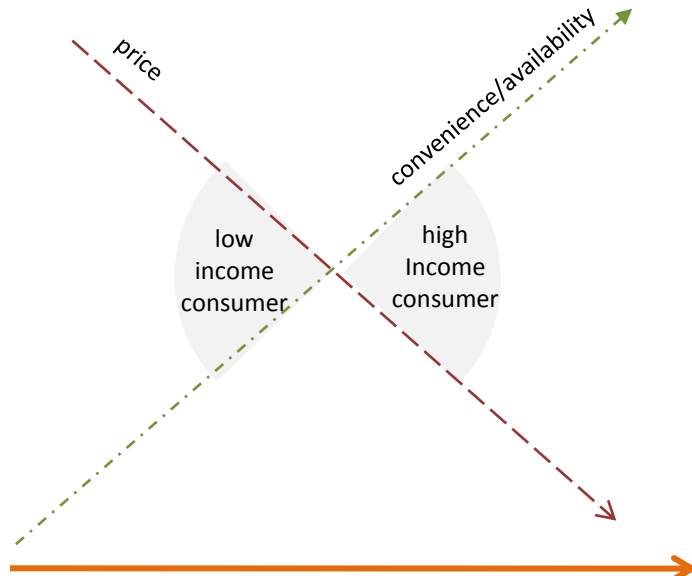
# Sustainable Land Use

# Energy Consumption

Trade-offs: Trying to Achieve a  
Beneficial Balance

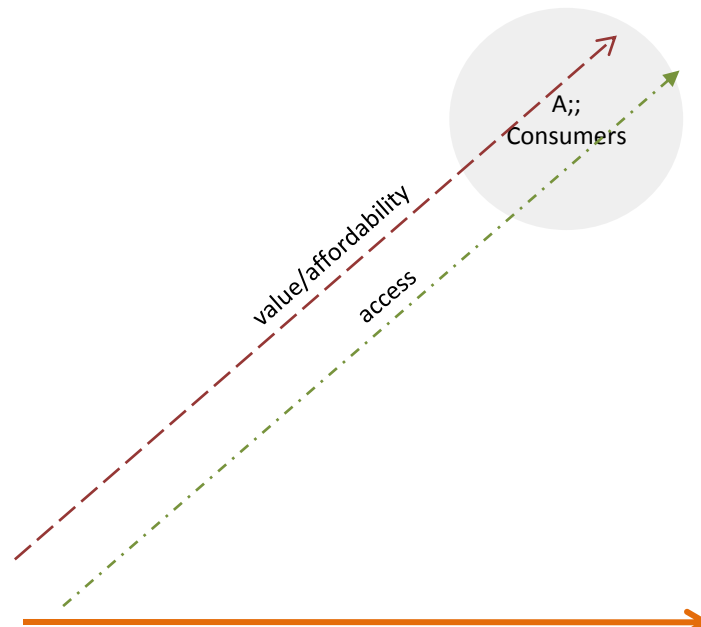
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# Global versus Local



- Conventional → Alternative
- Monoculture → Variety
- Large scale farm → Small scale farm
- Whole sale/Retail → Direct
- Commodity → Niche
- Global → Local
- Coordinated → Individual
- Less nutritious → More Nutritious
- TNC Profit → Farm Profit

# Localized



- Entrepreneurial
- Sustainable
- Diverse farm size and type
- Short supply chain
- Equitable Food
- Locally-driven
- Healthy
- Coordinated among individuals
- Community Profit

Potential

# Research and Policy Briefs

- Scaling-up Connections between Regional Ohio Specialty Crop Producers and Local Markets: Distribution as the Missing Link
- Local Foods: Estimating capacity for Ohio Food Policy Council — Food Assessment Task Force
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- Evaluating Knox County's Food System: Opportunities to Grow



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