

## **Resources for Local Food Economic Development**

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Your farm is a key part of the bigger picture of your local economy. We will share resources from the beta version of the Texas Local Food Zone that includes commercial kitchens, markets, and other resources. We'll also talk about LocalLocal.com and ways you can ensure that locally grown integrity is maintained and your money and your customer's money flows within, not out of your community.

About half of the survey respondents are already farmers and nearly 30% of respondents plan to create a value-added product from Texas grown inputs within the next year. 67% of respondents said they learned about new resources to support their farm as part of regional enterprise development.

- Great. Excited to see this come into play and hopefully all over.
- I'll be looking for resources in DFW with which to partner as a brainstorming exercise.
- Will be looking for Houston specific information as possible.
- Also interested in Centro Urban innovations in agriculture; How do we grow for a rapidly urbanizing culture