



# Food

Food accounts for 11% of our region's GHG emissions. Though it is considered a Scope 3 emission it is also a high priority to address in meeting our goals. Emissions within our food system come from the production, transportation, and storage of goods. With a tourist economy located in a remote high-alpine mountain region, most of our food is grown, produced, processed, and transported from lower elevation regions. Producing and consuming local food allows for a significant reduction in these GHG emissions, as well as the opportunity to support local environmentally-friendly agriculture and small businesses. Food is included in this CAP because of its intimate connection to both human and environmental health.




























Actions within this sector represent significant research and community resilience opportunities.

## Food Accomplishments

- Number and size of farmers markets across the region have increased.
- Local agricultural production across SMC, OC, and the Western Slope has increased.
- Distribution of locally produced food has increased through the development of CSA's, food cooperatives, delivery businesses, and other options.

## Food Recommendations

OBJECTIVE 1: Increase local organic/natural food production and consumption.

ACTION	GHG REDUCTION POTENTIAL				CO-BENEFITS					TIMELINE	PARTNERS
Continue to increase local food supply and consumption.										Ongoing	Regional farmers markets, food co-ops and agricultural producers
Incentivize and explore innovative methods to expand the growing season, increase production, and implement alternative growing strategies (greenhouses, hydroponics, permaculture, etc.).										3-5	San Miguel Basin Extension Office
Develop local food production monitoring program associated with GHG reductions.										1-3	PES Program

### KEY

