

What's on the Table?

1. Name three consequences of the agricultural crisis.
2. What costs are associated with eating non-local food?
3. What fraction of food eaten in the Maritimes is imported?
4. What is the average distance traveled by food items?
5. Of the 26,000 farms in New Brunswick in the 1950s, how many remain today?
6. What fraction of Canadian farms have disappeared?
7. Old knowledge of farming and soil has been replaced by what three things?
8. What is the effect on farming families of this transition?
9. Why are many children leaving family farms?
10. Processing, transportation, and retailer profit account for how much of the price of food?
11. How many companies control 90% of all food processing in the world?
12. What is the food retail situation in Canada?
13. Sometimes, consumers unknowingly support companies they may not want to. Give an example.
14. How do small family farms increase stability of local economies?
15. Why do local farmers have to compete with poor farmers in developing countries?
16. What is a risk faced by agricultural workers in developing but not developed nations?
17. What fraction of potatoes produced in New Brunswick are exported?
18. What are the environmental costs associated with intensive agriculture?
19. What is the annual cost of soil erosion in Canada?
20. How are farmers reducing their dependence on chemicals and making farming more sustainable?
21. What is driving the switch to organically grown foods?
22. What costs are minimized by locally grown food?
23. How can individual consumers support local farmers?
24. How can consumers support sustainable agriculture? (buy local)
25. What advantages does this practice have for individuals?