

Why Buy Direct from Local Farmers?

Local farming provides more than fresh, safe food and fiber. Preserving local farmland and farmers benefit:

- ***Economic Diversity***
- ***Food Security***
- ***Preserves Heritage and Culture***
- ***Economic Development***
- ***Preservation of Landscapes***
- ***Quality of Life***
- ***Tourism***
- ***Reduced Transportation and Energy Costs***
- ***Environmental***
- ***Wildlife Habitat***

Partners of the Hancock Harvest Council
Include...

- The Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Hancock County
- The Indiana Cooperative Development

Direct marketing and promoting alternative crops to local consumers can help overcome some of the constraints to maintaining local farming.

BUYING LOCAL SUPPORTS OUR FARM COMMUNITY

For additional information about the Hancock Harvest Council, to become a member or to buy locally grown farm products... please contact:

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Knowledge to Go

Hancock County

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HANCOCK HARVEST COUNCIL ... BRINGING LOCAL FARM PRODUCTS DIRECT TO YOUR FAMILY

*Your family deserves
the very best that we
can produce!*



*Would you like to know the source of
many of the products you purchase for
your family?*

The Hancock Harvest Council can help!

FARM FRESH PRODUCTS FROM OUR FARM TO YOU



Have you ever thought about where many of the products you purchase come from or where your dollars go when you spend them? There a number of reasons that we as responsible consumers should think about who we are supporting with our dollars and whether or not those dollars stay in the community. The farmers of Hancock County have a long history as producers of a diverse market basket of high quality products including such crops as corn, soybeans and wheat, and such livestock related products as beef, pork, lamb, chicken, cheese and eggs. Many consumers are more familiar with the diversity of summer farm products available direct from Hancock county farms and gardens through the local farmers' markets including vine ripe tomatoes, dew fresh melons, herbs flowers and sweet corn and such fall crops as pumpkins and apples. Fiber products including hay, wool, straw and timber are also produced here and should not be overlooked nor should the opportunity to spend time on an local farm that offers an agritourism venue.

What is the Hancock Harvest Council?

The Hancock Harvest Counsel is a member supported group of farmers and others who are concerned about the sustainability of the small family farm. They feel that it is important for Indiana consumers to have ready access to high quality locally grown farm products and that the close relationship of farmer



MISSION

The purpose of the Hancock Harvest Council is to expand the opportunities for agricultural producers in the Hancock County area to sell what they produce locally. This may include farm-direct marketing, farmers' markets, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), and other means.

It will be the purpose of the HHC to provide:

- **Education**
- **Marketing**
- **Funding**
- **Networking**
- **Distribution**



that aid in the championing of locally produced food.

Benefits to Members

- *Timely updates of meetings, activities and events of the Hancock Harvest Council*
- *Inclusion in the annual directory of local products and producers*
- *An opportunity to promote local farms and farm products while helping to sustain family farms, maintain rural places in Hancock County and to help maintain and even enhance the place of farming as an integral, strong and diverse part of the economy of our County and state.*

The Hancock Harvest Council is a strong supporter of area farmers markets and would encourage you to visit and enjoy the farm fresh products available seasonally at the various markets in our region

Greenfield Farmers' Market

North of the Greenfield downtown square

Saturdays 8-12 noon and Wednesday 8-12 noon

Greenfield Fitness Center

Wednesday 3-7 pm (Starting July 5)

Contact Harry Tracy @ (317) 462-4290

Cumberland Farmers' Market

Cumberland Town Hall June-Sept

Saturday 8-11am

Contact Marcella Champion @ (317) 894-4145

Gem Elevator Farmers' Market

Gem Elevator-June 20-Sept. 26

Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Community Harvest Marketplace

Across from the Carthage train depot-Thru October

Friday and Saturday 7am-4 pm and Sun 11am-4 pm

Contact Anna Welch (765) 565-6172



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