# Discussion question: 

FOOD SYSTEMS COLDRADO STATE UNIVERSITY Are there opportunities to increase utilization of local products by matching producers with appropriately-sized processing, distribution, and/or markets?

Relationship of willingess to buy CO products and importance of agriculture to quality of life


Source: Colorado Department of Agriculture, 2016, Colorado Attitudes about Agriculture and Food

| Product | Annual per <br> capita <br> consumption <br> (lbs) | Colorado <br> Total <br> $(\$ 1,000)$ | South <br> Central <br> $(\$ 1,000)$ | Denver <br> Metro <br> $(\$ 1,000)$ | Eastern <br> $(\$ 1,000)$ | Front <br> Range <br> $(\$ 1,000)$ | Northeast <br> $(\$ 1,000)$ |
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| Fresh <br> potatoes | 33.5 | $\$ 99,032$ | $\$ 2,167$ | $\$ 50,021$ | $\$ 3,452$ | $\$ 16,869$ | $\$ 1,351$ |
| Frozen <br> potatoes | 46.3 | $\$ 288,408$ | $\$ 6,310$ | $\$ 145,675$ | $\$ 10,052$ | $\$ 49,127$ | $\$ 3,934$ |
| Wheat <br> flour | 134.7 | $\$ 362,645$ | $\$ 7,935$ | $\$ 183,172$ | $\$ 12,640$ | $\$ 61,773$ | $\$ 4,946$ |
| Beef | 51.5 | $\$ 869,964$ | $\$ 19,035$ | $\$ 439,419$ | $\$ 30,322$ | $\$ 148,189$ | $\$ 11,866$ |

Source: USDA Economic Research Service, 2015, Food Disappearance and Food Prices

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Source: MarketMatch, 2017, Food Processors and Packingsheds in Colorado

# Colorado Production by the Numbers 

173,000 people employed in agriculture
\$41 billion contribution to the state economy
100 million bushels of corn are imported to feed the livestock industry
\#1 in the nation for millet production
2 billion pounds of potatoes produced

Source: Colorado Department of Agriculture, 2017

