Beyond Charity to Systemic Food System Change
Food Bank Scale

- 15 full-time staff members
- 4 refrigerated trucks
- 17,000 sq ft. facility
We supply 250 partner feeding programs across 11 counties.
Food Bank of North Alabama has a two-fold mission:

(1) We feed neighbors in need today, and

(2) create solutions to end hunger tomorrow.
Ingredients: Peas, water, sugar, salt.

Distributed by Simco Foods
Los Angeles, CA 90035
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First Harvest

Refrigerate any unused portion in a separate covered container
Food Imports from 1990 to 2009

(thousand metric tons – source USDA)
Local Foods Economic Potential in North Alabama

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Crossroads Resource Center (Minneapolis)
Food Bank of North Alabama

Russell & Dove Stackhouse, Geraldine, AL
Current farm income compared to North Alabama consumer market

We spend $2.2 billion on food from outside our region

58% of North Alabama farmers reported net losses
Pulaski Pike Market
Worker-Owned
The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond found that states with the lowest personal income per capita have the fewest number of CDFIs.

The southern states with the lowest CDFI assets levels are

- South Carolina
- West Virginia
- Alabama
Hiatt Loan Fund

- Access to credit for farmers and food-based businesses

- Platform for food and farming entrepreneurs to build relationships with conventional lenders

- Lay the foundation for an eventual CDFI

Food Bank of North Alabama
1. Improve north Alabama’s local food business climate
2. Improve access to local, healthy foods
3. Improve education/information about local foods
Vision

• Thriving family farms

• Healthy population with easy access to healthy food choices

• Strong, resilient local economy where no one goes hungry
North Alabama’s first “local food hub” with 3 types of members:

- Local Farmers
- Local Buyers
- Support Agencies
Challenges Impeding Local Sales

- Food safety certifications
- Lack of infrastructure to transport local product to the buyers
FOOD SAFETY

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