Quick start guide for using the map of Maine's Local Food Network

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Overview of the map

Maine’s Local Food Network map was produced as part of the GROWashington-Aroostook project through a partnership between the Washington County Council of Governments and the University of Maine at Machias GIS Service Center in December 2013. Support was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Program.

Included in the map are food hubs, such as buying clubs, farmers' markets and farm stands, as well as other retail outlets for local food, farms, specialty food producers, distributors, and processors. Most places include contact information in the pop-up windows. You can add your business or organization to the database through our survey. If you see your business or organization on this map and the information is incomplete, please let us know through our survey, Maine’s Local Food Network.

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Recommendations for improvements to the map can be sent to Judy East, Executive Director, Washington County Council of Governments at jeast@wccog.net, (207) 454-0465.

Limitations of the map

The map is a work in progress. As the database is still under development, there is only a representative sample of local food network locations. If you see your business or organization on this map and the information is incomplete, please let us know through the survey link above.
Before you begin using the map, you may wish to become familiar with these options in the blue band:
Navigating the map
There are different options for zooming in and out on the map and locating an area of interest. The zoom features marked with an *asterisk are recommended.

*To zoom in, click here and then draw a box on the map around an area of interest. The map will zoom in to the area you outlined.

*To zoom out, click here and then draw a box on the map around an area of interest. The map will zoom out around the area you outlined.

*Return the map to its original size by clicking on the globe

*Click for the previous view of map

*Click on the hand (pan tool). Then click and hold on the map to move the map left, right, up or down

Shift the map left, right, up, down with these four arrow keys

You can use the scale bar to zoom in (drag the ball up) or zoom out (drag the ball down) but there is not much control over the extent

Click here for return to a later view of map

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**Layers tool**

1. Click on the Layers icon in the toolbar to open it:

2. Click on the corner and drag down to view all layers.

3. Turn layers on and off in the checkboxes.

4. Click on the drop-down arrow to find additional tools and (under Description) the layer specifications.

5. Minimize the tool by clicking on the “-“.

6. Expand the tool again by clicking on the tool icon.

7. Close the tool by clicking on the “x”.

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To learn more about each layer and the information it contains, look under Map Content.

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Legend tool

1. Click on the legend icon in the toolbar to open the legend:

2. The legend displays the layers that are active in the map (the ones that are turned on in the Layers tool).

3. Minimize the tool by clicking on the “-“.

4. Expand the tool again by clicking on the tool icon.

5. Close the tool by clicking on the “x”.

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Print tool

1. To print any region of the map, click on the Print icon in the toolbar to open the print tool.

2. Enter a title and subtitle for your printed map, if desired.

3. A print dialogue box will open and provide a preview.

4. You can minimize the tool by clicking on the “-”.

5. Expand the tool again by clicking on the tool icon.

6. Close the tool by clicking on the “x”
Bookmark tool

1. Bring the map to an area of interest by zooming in to it (see the previous notes about zooming in and out).

2. Click on the Bookmark icon in the toolbar to open the Bookmark tool:

3. Insert a name for your bookmark in the window.

4. Click “Add Bookmark” and it will be saved.

5. Move the map to another area of interest. Then click on the plus symbol: to add another bookmark.

6. Click on this symbol: to view all bookmarks.

7. Click on this symbol: to delete a bookmark.

8. Minimize the tool by clicking on the “-”.

9. Expand the tool again by clicking on the tool icon.

10. Close the tool by clicking on the “x”
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1. Click on the Search tool
2. Select a search layer and layer field
3. Further define your search here
4. Click Search
5. View results
6. Minimize the tool by clicking on the “-”.
7. Expand the tool again by clicking on
8. Close the tool by clicking on the “x”
**Route Finder tool**

1. Click on the Route Finder
2. Click on a blue dot and then click on the map to enter an address
3. Select options for your route
4. Click to see your driving directions
5. View your driving instructions in the tool and on the map!

6. Minimize the tool by clicking on the “-.”
7. Expand the tool again by clicking on the tool icon.
8. Close the tool by clicking on the “x”