

Resolution SS0708-30

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COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS
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**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN INCREASE IN LOCALLY-SOURCED FARM
PRODUCE IN THE DINING HALLS**

Whereas, Notre Dame is an active, respected leader in the local and global communities;

Whereas, Global climate change is considered one of the most serious challenges facing humanity today, and transporting goods long distances may be contributing to this climate change;

Whereas, Food Services has committed itself through its Social Responsibility Committee to practice socially responsible purchasing, including buying sustainable seafood, organic products, and locally-sourced foods;

Whereas, Environmentally-sustainable practices increase the attractiveness of a University to students, staff, faculty and benefactors;

Whereas, Farming is one of the backbones of the economy in the Midwest, especially Indiana and surrounding states;


Whereas, Locally-sourcing products benefits the local economy, national farming markets, and the global environment;

Whereas, The University has entered into the Indiana College and University Food Alliance with Ball State, Indiana State, and Purdue with the hope that, as a group, they can build better relationships between farmers/growers and distributors;

Whereas, Small farms rely on consistent, committed customers for survival because they are in competition with multi-billion dollar agribusinesses, and Food Services presently commits 3% of its total yearly fresh produce orders to local farms;

Whereas, The Social Responsibility Committee feels that a student response to the issue will encourage NDFS to devote more of its current budget to local products, therefore be it

Resolved, That the student body encourages Notre Dame Food Services to more than double its current budget for local, fresh produce from 3% to 7% over the next 3 years.


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