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Maine Food Strategy Serves Up 10 Ways to Eat More Maine Food in 2015

Portland, Maine (January 5, 2015) –The Maine Food Strategy (MFS) offers 10 ways to support our Maine farmers, fishermen and food producers. Incorporate one, two or all of these ideas in 2015!

1. Plan meals around foods that are in season.

FMI: Seasonal Food Guide

www.sustainabletable.org/seasonalguide/seasonalfoodguide.php

2. Join a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm or Consumer Supported Fishery (CSF) to enjoy local, fresh food year-round while supporting Maine farmers and fishermen

FMI: Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners

www.mofga.org

FMI: Local Catch www.localcatch.org

3. Buy fish and shellfish with the "Gulf of Maine" label and patronize restaurants that serve locally caught or farmed fish products.

FMI: Gulf of Maine Research Institute

www.gmri.org

FMI: Maine Aquaculture Association http://www.maineaquaculture.com

4. Encourage your school or college to service more Maine food.

FMI: Farm to School Program www.farmtoschool.org

5. Join a food council to help bring more locally grown food to your community.

FMI: Maine Network of Community Food Councils

www.mainenetworkpartners.org/maine-network-of-community-food-councils



6. Feature Maine food at your organization's meetings, conferences and events, and let participants know where it came from.

FMI: Get Real. Get Maine! www.getrealmaine.com

7. Start a backyard garden or join a community garden this season. If you already grow food, try to add one new vegetable for more variety.

FMI: University of Maine Cooperative Extension

http://extension.umaine.edu

8. Use Maine honey and maple syrup to sweeten foods.

FMI: Maine Maple Producers www.mainemapleproducers.com

Maine State Beekeepers Association www.mainebeekeepers.org

9. Buy ag products like beeswax candles and wool to support the larger food system.

FMI: Maine Alpaca Association www.mainealpacaassociation.com

FMI: Fiber Frolic www.fiberfrolic.com

10. Learn more about where to find food raised and grown locally.

FMI: Maine Beef Producers Association www.mainebeefproducersassociation.com

FMI: Maine Cheese Guild www.mainecheeseguild.org

FMI: Maine Diary Promotion Board

http://drinkmainemilk.org

FMI: Maine Wild Blueberries http://umaine.edu/blueberries

FMI: Maine Winery Guild

http://www.mainewinetrail.com



ABOUT THE MAINE FOOD STRATEGY

The Maine Food Strategy is an initiative to create a broader and more strongly connected network of organizations and individuals contributing to the food system in Maine.

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