

## NORTHEAST IOWA LOCAL FOOD SURVEY

**Instructions:** The primary food shopper in your household should complete this survey. As the primary shopper responds, note that some questions apply to you personally, while others apply to your entire household. Responses are usually made by circling a number or filling in a blank. You will also be given a chance to write your overall comments at the end of the questionnaire.

**A. Are you the primary food shopper for your household?** (n=383)

- 1. No 4% → **IF NO, please ask the primary food shopper to complete this questionnaire.**
- 2. Yes 96%

**Aa. Approximately what percentage of your household's weekly food needs do you purchase during a typical week?** \_\_\_\_\_ % (n=321)  
 Mean=73.5%, (S.D.=30.2), Minimum=0, Maximum=100

**B. How many meals do you, personally, eat on a typical day?** \_\_\_\_\_ (n=391)

1=3% 2=27% 3=68% 4=2%

**C. What percentage of the meals that you, personally, eat in a week are usually eaten...**

	<u>% of weekly meals</u>
At home (n=401).....	Mean=75.0%, <sup>1</sup> (S.D.=23.0 <sup>2</sup> ), Minimum=1%, Maximum=100%
Work/school (n=385).....	Mean=12.0%, (S.D.=17.5), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=90%
In fast food restaurant (n=380)	Mean=3.5%, (S.D.=7.4), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=66%
In non-fast food restaurant (n=379).....	Mean=6.0%, (S.D.=11.3), Median=1.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=90%
On the run (n=379).....	Mean=2.3%, (S.D.=6.8), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=50%
At another person's home (n=378).....	Mean=1.1%, (S.D.=4.1), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Mean is the average of all of the responses to a question. Mean is calculated by summing the value of all responses and dividing by the total number of persons responding to the question.  
<sup>2</sup>Standard deviation (S.D.) is a measure of the variability in the way responses to a question are distributed. The more the responses cluster around the mean, the smaller the standard deviation. A standard deviation higher than the mean represents a group of responses that are not normally distributed – i.e., not in the typical, bell-shaped curve.

**D. Do you have children or stepchildren under the age of 18 years living in your household? (n=407)**

- 1. No 75% → **If NO, please skip to Question G on page 2.**
- 2. Yes 25% ↓

<b>Da. How old is your oldest child? _____ years (n=97)</b>					
1	2%	8	2%	15	7%
2	6%	9	5%	16	16%
3	4%	10	5%	17	6%
4	8%	11	3%	18	2%
5	5%	12	5%	19	1%
6	5%	13	5%	21	1%
7	5%	14	7%		

**E. How many meals does your oldest child (under 18 years) eat on a typical day? \_\_\_\_\_ (n=96)**

1=2% 2=13% 3=75% 4=8% 5=1% 6=1%

**F. What percentage of the weekly meals for your household’s oldest child are usually eaten...**

	<u>% of weekly meals</u>
At home (n=100) .....	Mean=64.2%, (S.D.=18.4), Minimum=20%, Maximum=100%
Work/school (n=100) .....	Mean=27.3%, (S.D.=17.2), Minimum=0%, Maximum=70%
In fast food restaurant (n=98).....	Mean=3.2%, (S.D.=5.2), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=25%
In non-fast food restaurant (n=98)	Mean=1.3%, (S.D.=2.8), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=10%
On the run (n=98).....	Mean=1.3%, (S.D.=3.9), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=25%
At another person’s home (n=98)	Mean=2.7%, (S.D.=6.9), Median=.0%, Minimum=0%, Maximum=50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**G. Who does the majority of the cooking in your household? (n=403)**

- 1. I do 86%
- 2. Another adult in the household 10%
- 3. No one cooks; I/we either eat out or use prepared foods <1%
- 4. Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ 4%

**H. How many miles from home do you typically travel to shop for food? (If less than 1 mile, please write “0.”) \_\_\_\_\_ miles (n=404)**

Mean=12.2, (S.D.=13.6), Median=9.0, Minimum=Less than 1 mile, Maximum=100

**I. Before you received this questionnaire, had you heard of the concept of *locally produced food*? (Circle ONE response) (n=404)**

- 1. No 29%
- 2. Yes 71% →

**Ia. If YES, CIRCLE ALL of the following statements that apply to your experience with *locally produced food*. (n=282)**

- 1. Seldom think of where food is produced when shopping for food. 21%
- 2. Don't really care where food is produced, so long as it is safe. 32%
- 3. Usually shop local, if available. 58%
- 4. Always shop local first. 29%
- 5. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ 12%

**J. If you drew a line from your home to the farthest point where you would consider food to be *locally produced*, how far away is that point? (Circle ONE number and fill in any necessary blanks) (n=398)**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ miles from my home (n=143) 36%  
Mean=30.1, (S.D.=38.9), Median=20.0, Minimum=0, Maximum=300
- 2. At my county border 7%
- 3. At the border of the northeast Iowa five-county region (includes Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, & Winneshiek County) 23%
- 4. At the Iowa state line 8%
- 5. Don't know 22%
- 6. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ 4%

**K. In the past 12 months, where have you obtained food for your household? (Circle the numbers for ALL that apply) (n=407)**

- 1. Grocery store 100%
- 2. Food pantry/shelf 2%
- 3. Senior meal program 5%
- 4. Personal, family, or friend's garden 54%
- 5. Food Stamps 3%
- 6. Women/Infant Children's Program (WIC) 1%
- 7. Farmer's Market 46%
- 8. Meals with family/friends 41%
- 9. Grocery items from family/friends 13%
- 10. Directly from local farmers 26%
- 11. Grown/raised own meat or dairy products 17%
- 12. Local hunting or fishing 34%
- 13. Roadside produce stand 25%
- 14. Senior Farmer's Market food vouchers 4%
- 15. Direct mail or Internet 2%
- 16. Meat locker 31%
- 17. Community garden 1%
- 18. Community Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) farm shares purchase <1%

**L. What types of foods do you grow/raise? (Circle the numbers for ALL that apply) (n=404)**

- 1. Do not grow/raise any food 39%
- 2. Meat 16%
- 3. Vegetables 55%
- 4. Fruit 24%
- 5. Dairy products 4%
- 6. Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ 4%

**M. What types of locally grown foods would you be interested in buying? (Circle the numbers for ALL that apply) (n=400)**

- 1. I would not buy locally grown foods 4%
- 2. Meat 63%
- 3. Vegetables 87%
- 4. Fruit 82%
- 5. Dairy products 45%
- 6. Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ 6%

**N. How IMPORTANT are the following factors in your decision about where to purchase your household’s food? Circle one number between 1 (Not at all Important) and 6 (Very Important).**

	How important?					
	<u>Not at all</u> <u>Important</u>	1	2	3	4	5
1. Offers fresh meats, dairy, or produce (n=391) ..... Mean=5.4, (S.D.=1.0), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	1%	1%	4%	8%	21%	65%
2. Sells best tasting meats, dairy, or produce (n=384) . Mean=5.4, (S.D.=1.0), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	1%	1%	3%	9%	27%	59%
3. Has lowest prices (n=385) ..... Mean=4.7, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	2%	5%	12%	21%	24%	36%
4. Displays are attractive (n=374)..... Mean=3.6, (S.D.=1.5), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	11%	15%	21%	21%	20%	12%
5. Offers a wide variety of foods (n=376)..... Mean=4.8, (S.D.=1.2), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	3%	3%	6%	23%	35%	30%
6. Has organic food available (n=375)..... Mean=3.1, (S.D.=1.7), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	28%	15%	18%	14%	13%	12%
7. Offers fresh meat, dairy, or produce raised in an environmentally supportive way (n=381) ..... Mean=4.1, (S.D.=1.5), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	6%	11%	16%	20%	26%	21%
8. Offers fresh meats, dairy, or produce grown in my local area (n=388) ..... Mean=4.3, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	4%	7%	17%	25%	25%	22%
9. Offers fresh meats, dairy, or produce grown in Iowa (n=388)..... Mean=4.4, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	3%	4%	16%	24%	27%	26%
10. Supports my local economy and jobs (n=393)..... Mean=4.8, (S.D.=1.2), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	2%	3%	6%	23%	32%	34%

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	How important?					
	<u>Not at all Important</u>			<u>Very Important</u>		
11. Has competitive prices (n=392) ..... Mean=5.0, (S.D.=1.0), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	1%	2%	6%	19%	33%	39%
12. I personally know the food producer (n=382) ..... Mean=3.3, (S.D.=1.5), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	17%	16%	22%	23%	13%	9%
13. The location is convenient (n=400) ..... Mean=4.8, (S.D.=1.1), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	2%	2%	6%	25%	37%	28%
14. The hours of operation are convenient (n=395)..... Mean=4.8, (S.D.=1.1), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	2%	2%	6%	26%	34%	30%

**O. To what extent do you DISAGREE or AGREE with the following statements about food SAFETY? Circle one number between 1 (Strongly disagree) and 6 (Strongly agree) for each statement.**

	Strongly Disagree						Strongly Agree					
	1. The safety of the food my household consumes is important to me (n=406) ..... Mean=5.8, (S.D.=.6), Minimum=2, Maximum=6	--	1%	1%	2%	11%	85%					
2. I trust my local grocer to offer safe food (n=402)..... Mean=5.3, (S.D.=1.0), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	1%	2%	4%	11%	29%	53%						
3. I trust farmers/producers in my local area to grow and offer safe food (n=399) ..... Mean=5.3, (S.D.=.9), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	1%	1%	4%	12%	31%	51%						
4. Food safety is pretty much the same regardless of where the food is produced in the United States (n=400) ..... Mean=3.3, (S.D.=1.7), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	18%	20%	20%	16%	12%	14%						
5. Food safety is the same regardless of where in the world our food comes from (n=399)..... Mean=2.5, (S.D.=1.6), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	36%	25%	15%	9%	6%	9%						
6. The food I currently purchase is safe (n=397) ..... Mean=5.0, (S.D.=.9), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	<1%	<1%	5%	21%	42%	32%						
7. I have no concerns about the safety of the food I currently purchase (n=402) ..... Mean=3.3, (S.D.=1.9), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	33%	9%	8%	12%	24%	14%						

**P. To what extent do you DISAGREE or AGREE with the following statements about the food purchasing habits of your household?**

In general, my household ...	Strongly Disagree						Strongly Agree					
	1. Prefers one-stop shopping for food and other necessities (n=402) ..... Mean=4.3, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	4%	8%	13%	25%	28%	22%					
2. Buys food based on what's on sale or coupon offers (n=401) ..... Mean=4.0, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	6%	9%	16%	28%	24%	17%						

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<b>In general, my household ...</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>				<b>Strongly Agree</b>	
3. Thinks <i>locally produced</i> food tastes better (n=396)..... Mean=4.2, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	3%	5%	19%	30%	25%	18%
4. Chooses organic food over non-organic (n=396)..... Mean=2.8, (S.D.=1.5), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	25%	22%	21%	18%	7%	7%
5. Believes it is important to know where your food is grown and/or processed (n=402)..... Mean=4.1, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	6%	7%	20%	24%	23%	20%
6. Will purchase <i>locally produced</i> food if it is convenient (n=404)..... Mean=4.9, (S.D.=1.0), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	1%	1%	7%	18%	43%	30%
7. Accepts genetically modified food as a healthy choice (n=392)..... Mean=3.0, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	19%	22%	23%	23%	7%	6%
8. Will go out of our way to purchase <i>locally produced</i> food (n=396)..... Mean=3.5, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	9%	14%	25%	30%	14%	8%
9. Prefers to purchase fruits and vegetables cut up and ready for cooking/eating (n=398)..... Mean=2.7, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	23%	26%	22%	17%	8%	4%
10. Is willing to pay a little more for <i>locally produced</i> food (n=398)..... Mean=3.9, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	6%	10%	18%	33%	23%	10%
11. Is having difficulty finding <i>locally produced</i> foods (n=390)..... Mean=3.7, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	7%	11%	25%	30%	18%	9%
12. Wants to support local farmers, but can't afford to spend more for our food (n=400)..... Mean=3.8, (S.D.=1.5), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	7%	12%	22%	25%	19%	15%
13. Can't understand why <i>locally produced</i> food costs more (n=395)..... Mean=3.7, (S.D.=1.5), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	8%	18%	18%	24%	18%	14%
14. Believes <i>locally produced</i> foods are healthier for our family members (n=395)..... Mean=4.3, (S.D.=1.2), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	2%	4%	17%	32%	27%	18%
15. Would purchase more <i>locally produced</i> food if it came ready-to-cook/eat (n=396)..... Mean=3.0, (S.D.=1.5), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	19%	22%	24%	18%	12%	5%
16. Believes buying locally is healthier for community residents (n=398)..... Mean=4.2, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	5%	6%	17%	32%	22%	18%
17. Participates in a recycling plan (n=389)..... Mean=5.0, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	2%	5%	9%	11%	20%	53%
18. Would buy <i>locally produced</i> foods on the Internet (n=392)..... Mean=1.8, (S.D.=1.2), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	59%	20%	9%	8%	2%	2%

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<b>In general, my household ...</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>				<b>Strongly Agree</b>	
19. Purchases foods based on healthy lifestyle decisions (n=396) ..... Mean=4.4, (S.D.=1.3), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	4%	4%	13%	30%	27%	22%
20. Purchases foods necessary to meet special dietary needs (n=397)..... Mean=3.8, (S.D.=1.6), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	11%	13%	15%	22%	22%	17%
21. Is willing to purchase <i>locally produced</i> beverages and/or wines (n=389) ..... Mean=3.5, (S.D.=1.6), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	17%	11%	14%	24%	22%	12%
22. Would purchase <i>locally produced</i> foods, but is unable to find them (n=390) ..... Mean=3.4, (S.D.=1.4), Minimum=1, Maximum=6	11%	15%	26%	28%	13%	7%

**Q. On average, how much do you usually spend per week to feed members of your household at the following sources/locations? If the location is not available in your area, please circle the number for “Not Available.” Please sum the dollar amounts with the TOTAL SPENT PER WEEK.**

	<b>How much spent per week</b>	<b>Not Available</b>
1. Grocery Store (n=386; 390) .....	Mean=\$60.47, (S.D.= 34.9), Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$300.00	1%
2. Wholesale food store (like Sam’s Club) (n=221; 392).....	Mean=\$6.33, (S.D.=21.5), Median=\$.0, Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$250.00	44%
3. Convenience store/gas station (n=360; 390) .....	Mean=\$6.26, (S.D.=12.7), Median=\$.0 Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$100.00	8%
4. Specialty food store (meat locker, health food store, bakery) (n=320; 390).....	Mean=\$4.52, (S.D.=10.3), Median=\$.0, Maximum=\$.0, Maximum=\$100.00	18%
5. Farmer’s Market (n=318; 391).....	Mean=\$4.36, (S.D.=13.0), Median=\$.0, Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$200.00	19%
6. Local cooperative food store (n=250; 391) .....	Mean=\$6.05, (S.D.=38.6), Median=\$.0, Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$550.00	36%
7. Directly from local producers (n=287; 390) .....	Mean=\$2.58, (S.D.=7.2), Median=\$.0, Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$50.00	26%
8. Prepared food eaten away from home (fast food, non-fast food restaurant) (n=373; 389).....	Mean=\$20.56, (S.D.=51.4), Median=\$12.00, Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$900.00	4%
9. Other (specify) _____ (n=388) ...	Mean=\$1.43, (S.D.=7.7), Median=\$.0, Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$80.00	
<b>TOTAL SPENT PER WEEK (n=388)</b>	Mean=\$102.63, (S.D.=79.6), Minimum=\$.0, Maximum=\$955.00	

Mean, (S.D.), Median, Minimum, Maximum reflect only those who did not answer “not available.”

**R. Does your household raise any of the meat you eat? (n=401)**

- 1. Yes, raise all the meat we eat 5%
- 2. Yes, some 12%
- 3. No, do not raise any of our meat 80%
- 4. We do not eat meat → Please skip to Question T below. 1%
- 5. Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ 2%

**S. Do you usually purchase meat at any of the following locations? Meat includes chicken, pork, fish, turkey, beef, or specialty meats.**

	Usually purchase?	
	No	Yes
1. Pre-packaged at the grocery store (n=371).....	20%	80%
2. Full-service counter at the grocery store (n=367) .....	18%	82%
3. Superstore (for example, Wal-Mart) (n=340) .....	63%	37%
4. Local meat locker (n=337) .....	58%	42%
5. Wholesale club (n=321) .....	95%	5%
6. Farmer's Market (n=327) .....	86%	14%
7. Directly from a farmer (n=333).....	66%	34%
8. Through mail catalogs/on the Internet (n=324).....	99%	1%
9. Other (specify) _____ (n=167).....	97%	3%

**T. Would you be more likely to purchase *locally produced* foods if they ...?**

	Not Sure		
	No	Not Sure	Yes
1. Were frozen (n=383) .....	26%	53%	21%
2. Were offered in ready-to-cook/eat state (for example, chopped vegetables, fruit in bite-sized pieces) (n=385) .....	53%	26%	21%
3. Came with information on how to prepare them (n=377).....	42%	26%	32%
4. Were available in your local grocery store (n=392).....	8%	16%	76%
5. Were delivered to your doorstep (n=381) .....	47%	30%	23%
6. Were available for purchase on the Internet (n=378).....	82%	15%	3%
7. Were available as a restaurant menu item for purchase (n=381) .....	32%	34%	34%

**The rest of this questionnaire requests information to give an accurate description of persons who responded to the survey. To protect confidentiality, your responses are combined with responses from others so that individual information cannot be identified.**

**A. In which county do you live? \_\_\_\_\_ (n=395)**

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Allamakee 16% | Howard 14%     |
| Clayton 21%   | Mitchell 1%    |
| Delaware 1%   | Winnesheik 23% |
| Fayette 24%   |                |

**B. Approximately how many years have you lived in your county? \_\_\_\_\_ years (n=404)**

5 years or less	9%
6-10 years	5%
11-20 years	10%
21-30 years	13%
31 years and over	63%

Mean=40.6, (S.D.=23.5), Minimum=Less than 1, Maximum=90

**C. What is your 5 digit postal zip code? \_\_\_\_\_ (n=404)**

50466 Riceville	1%	52140 Dorchester	1%
50603 Alta Vista	<1%	52141 Elgin	3%
50606 Arlington	1%	52142 Fayette	2%
50628 Elma	3%	52144 Fort Atkinson	2%
50655 Maynard	2%	52146 Harpers Ferry	1%
50662 Oelwein	7%	52147 Hawkeye	1%
50671 Stanley	<1%	52151 Lansing	3%
50674 Sumner	1%	52154 Lawler	<1%
52035 Colesburg	<1%	52155 Lime Springs	1%
52042 Edgewood	1%	52156 Luana	1%
52043 Elkader	3%	52157 McGregor	3%
52047 Farmersburg	1%	52159 Monona	3%
52048 Garber	1%	52160 New Albin	1%
52049 Garnavillo	1%	52161 Ossian	2%
52052 Guttenberg	4%	52162 Postville	1%
52053 Holy Cross	<1%	52163 Protivin	<1%
52071 Saint Donatus	<1%	52164 Randalia	<1%
52072 St. Olaf	1%	52165 Ridgeway	1%
52076 Strawberry Point	3%	52168 Spillville	1%
52101 Decorah	14%	52169 Wadena	1%
52132 Calmar	1%	52170 Waterville	2%
52133 Castalia	1%	52171 Waucoma	1%
52134 Chester	1%	52172 Waukon	8%
52135 Clermont	2%	52175 West Union	4%
52136 Cresco	8%		

**D. Which of the following best describes where you currently live? (n=389)**

- In town 54%
- Outside city limits, not on a farm 18%
- Outside city limits, on a farm 28%

What community do you call home? \_\_\_\_\_  
(n=140)

Postville	1%	Hapers Ferry	1%
Waukon	8%	New Albin	1%
Elgin	2%	Guttenberg	1%
Monona	2%	Lansing	1%
Luana	2%	Dorchester	1%
Waterville	2%	Cresco	5%
Decorah	9%	Garnavillo	1%

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Elkader	1%	Riceville	1%
Edgewood	2%	LeRoy, MN	1%
Froelich	1%	Protivin	1%
McGregor	2%	Elma	3%
Clermont	1%	Jerico	1%
North Buena Vista	1%	Lourdes	1%
Ossian	2%	Lime Springs	1%
Strawberry Point	3%	Freeport	1%
Calmar	2%	Burr Oak	1%
West Union	3%	Fort Atkinson	2%
Eldorado	1%	Buffton	1%
Hawkeye	1%	Hesper	1%
Sumner	1%	Spillville	2%
St. Lucas	1%	Festina	1%
Wadena	1%	Maynard	1%
Arlington	2%	Westgate	1%
Fayette	3%	Randalia	1%
Oelwein	3%	Highlandville	1%
Waucoma	1%	Farmersburg	1%
Fairbank	1%	Alta Vista	1%
Kendalville	1%	Garber	1%
Ridgeway	1%	Lawler	1%
Chester	2%		

**E. Which statement best describes your current housing arrangement? (n=404)**

- 1. Rent 17%
- 2. Own 87%
- 3. Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_ 1%

**E. Please indicate the AGE, SEX, and RELATIONSHIP TO YOU of each person living in your household during the majority of the year. Do not include children who lived away at college.**

**Be sure to include yourself!**

<u>Person</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>		<u>Relationship to you</u> (for example, spouse, child, stepchild)
		M	F	
<b>YOU</b>		1	2	<b>SELF</b>
<b>2</b>		1	2	
<b>3</b>		1	2	
<b>4</b>		1	2	
<b>5</b>		1	2	
<b>6</b>		1	2	
<b>7</b>		1	2	
<b>8</b>		1	2	

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**Total household size (n=410)**

Mean	2.44	persons
S.D.	1.29	
Minimum	1.00	person
Maximum	6.00	persons

**Self gender (n=386)**

Male	28%
Female	72%

**Self age (n=357)**

Average	56.21	years
S.D.	16.2	
Range	22-91	years

**Respondents reporting a spouse**

267

Average spouse's age	55.5	years
Spouse age range	24-87	years

**Spouse's sex**

Male	78%
Female	22%

**Respondents reporting one or more children**

98 cases had minor child

Average minor child age	8.97	years
Minor child age range	0-18	years

**Minor child's sex**

Male	55%
Female	45%

**Adult children**

16 cases had one or more adult children

Average adult child age	25.88	
Adult children's age range	19-50	years

**Adult child's sex**

Male	59%
Female	41%

**Stepchild in household**

4 cases had stepchildren in household

Average stepchild age	15	
Range	10-18	years

**Stepchild's sex**

Male	40%
Female	60%

**Grandchild in household**

6 cases had grandchildren in household

Average grandchild age	8.75	
Range	0-23	years

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**Grandchild's sex**

Male	50%
Female	50%

**Live-in boyfriend, girlfriend, or fiancé in household**

8 cases	
Average live-in age	35.1 years
Range	25-52 years

**Live-in boyfriend, girlfriend, or fiancée's sex**

Male	75%
Female	25%

**Parent/In-law in household**

4 cases	
Average Parent/in-law age	69.7 years
Range	52-79 years

**Parent/In-law sex**

Male	75%
Female	25%

**Brother/Sister/In-law in household**

3 cases	
Average Brother/Sister/in-law age	56.0 years
Range	18-80 years

**Brother/Sister/In-law in household**

Male	33%
Female	67%

**Friend in household**

2 cases	
Average friend age	33.5 years
Range	25-42 years

**Friend sex**

Male	50%
Female	50%

**Other in household**

4 cases	
Average other age	27.5 years
Range	3-55 years

**Other sex**

Male	25%
Female	75%

**F. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed? (n=406)**

- |                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Less than high school diploma   | 5%  |
| 2. High school diploma or GED      | 41% |
| 3. Some college, no degree         | 21% |
| 4. Associates degree               | 9%  |
| 5. Bachelors degree                | 15% |
| 6. Graduate or professional degree | 9%  |

**G. Would you say your health in general is ... (n=407)**

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 1. Excellent | 15% |
| 2. Very good | 43% |
| 3. Good      | 32% |
| 4. Fair      | 9%  |
| 5. Poor      | 1%  |

**H. What is your employment status? (Circle the number for ALL that apply) (n=386)**

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. Employed or self-employed full-time  | 44% |
| 2. Employed or self-employed part-time  | 14% |
| 3. Student                              | 1%  |
| 4. Full-time homemaker                  | 13% |
| 5. Retired or disabled                  | 32% |
| 6. Unemployed or looking for employment | 1%  |
| 7. Other (specify _____)                | 3%  |

**Ha. In what city do you work or attend school? \_\_\_\_\_ (n=186)**

- |                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Postville            | 1%  |
| Waukon               | 6%  |
| Elgin                | 1%  |
| Monona               | 2%  |
| Prairie du Chien, WI | 4%  |
| Waterville           | 1%  |
| Decorah              | 24% |
| New Albin            | 1%  |
| Guttenberg           | 4%  |
| Lansing              | 2%  |
| LaCrosse, WI         | 1%  |
| Cresco               | 10% |
| Garnavillo           | 1%  |
| Elkader              | 4%  |
| Manchester           | 1%  |
| Edgewood             | 2%  |
| Marquette            | 1%  |
| Ossian               | 1%  |
| Dubuque              | 1%  |
| Strawberry Point     | 1%  |
| Independence         | 1%  |
| St. Olaf             | 1%  |
| Calmar               | 1%  |
| West Union           | 8%  |
| Fayette              | 2%  |

**Ha. (Continued)**

Oelwein	6%
Waucoma	1%
New Hampton	2%
Waterloo	1%
Riceville	1%
Elma	1%
Rochester, MN	1%
Preston, MN	1%
Fort Atkinson	1%
Festina	1%
Osterdock	1%
Fredericksburg	1%

**Hb. Outside of caring for home and on family, how many hours per week on average do you typically work/attend school? \_\_ hours (n=175)**

Mean=40.2, (S.D.=15.9), Minimum=0, Maximum=100

**I. What is your current marital status? (n=391)**

- 1. Married or living with a partner 73%
- 2. Divorced 9%
- 3. Separated <1%
- 4. Widowed 12%
- 5. Never married 6%

**Ia. If you are NOT currently married or living with a partner, please skip to Question K.**

**J. What is your spouse/partner's employment status? (n=280)**

- 1. Employed or self-employed full-time 60%
- 2. Employed or self-employed part-time 7%
- 3. Student --
- 4. Full-time homemaker 3%
- 5. Retired or disabled 31%
- 6. Unemployed or looking for employment 1%
- 7. Other (specify \_\_\_\_\_) 2%

**Ja. In what city does she/he work or attend school? \_\_\_\_\_ (n=143)**

Postville	2%
Waukon	7%
Elgin	2%
Monona	1%
Prairie du Chien, WI	4%
Decorah	22%
Harpers Ferry	1%
New Albin	1%
Guttenberg	2%
Lansing	1%
LaCrosse, WI	1%
Dorchester	1%
Cresco	11%
Garnavillo	1%
Elkader	4%

**Ja. (Continued)**

Manchester	1%
Edgewood	1%
McGregor	1%
Luxemberg	1%
Dubuque	1%
Marion	1%
Strawberry Point	1%
Independence	2%
Sand Springs	1%
St. Olaf	1%
Calmar	1%
West Union	4%
Sumner	1%
Fayette	1%
Oelwein	4%
Waucoma	1%
Fairbank	1%
Winthrop	1%
Hazleton	1%
Waterloo	1%
Ridgeway	1%
Riceville	2%
Protivin	1%
Elma	1%
Rochester, MN	1%
Mabel, MN	1%
Mt. Pleasant	1%
Clear Lake	1%
Mitchell	1%
Garber	1%
Fort Dodge	1%

**Jb. Outside of caring for home and family, how many hours per week on average does he/she typically work/attend school? \_\_ hours**

(n=134)

Mean=47.1, (S.D.=15.4),  
Minimum=0, Maximum=100

**K. Are the following statements true for your household?**

	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Doesn't Apply</b>
1. One or more adults work more than one, full-time job (n=367).....	56%	25%	19%
2. At least one child receives free or reduced price school lunches (n=317) .....	43%	5%	52%

**L. Income level is requested in order to understand how the needs of individuals and families differ depending on their level of income. Please circle ONE response to show your total 2006 gross household income (before taxes) from all sources. (n=370)**

- |                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Under \$5,000      | 2%  |
| 2. \$5,000-9,999      | 5%  |
| 3. \$10,000-14,999    | 6%  |
| 4. \$15,000-24,999    | 15% |
| 5. \$25,000-34,999    | 17% |
| 6. \$35,000-49,999    | 18% |
| 7. \$50,000-74,999    | 22% |
| 8. \$75,000-99,999    | 8%  |
| 9. \$100,000 and over | 7%  |

**M. This space is provided for any comments or suggestions you would like to share with the Northeast Iowa Food and Farm Coalition.**

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please fold it from top to bottom and return it in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope to:**

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