



Local Food Resources

Protein Edition

A quick and concise guide to local protein and dairy resources in Hawai'i.

Background

Changes and disruptions in the U.S. food supply chain due to the pandemic have been recorded across the country. Much of this is due to the need to divert large quantities of food to retail markets such as grocers, which would have otherwise been purchased by restaurants. There are no shortages of livestock; however, getting animal products to into grocers has been challenging. Decreases in protein output at processing plants has added an additional level of concern.

Hawai'i has an expansive beef cattle sector and a climate that supports year round grazing. Additionally, goat and lamb production has been a growing commodity in Hawai'i. There have been positive trends towards locally raised beef, lamb, goat, pork, etc., and anecdotally this has been bolstered by the current pandemic. Many of Hawaii's livestock producers have lost their food-service or other markets overnight, and those entities may be transitioning their business model to include direct-to-consumer options. This fact sheet serves as a resource for locally available protein and dairy sources.



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When consumers in Hawai'i purchase local protein products, they help to create a multiplier effect in the economy as dollars recirculate through the community

Examples of Locally Produced Animal Products

Protein	Products
Beef	Steaks, ground beef, and various other beef cuts/parts
Pork	Pork loin and chops, ground pork, smoked meat, and sausage. Some pigs sold live
Lamb	Lamb chops, ground lamb
Goat	Typically sold live
Dairy	Goat cheeses (aged and specialty), milk, yogurt, etc.
Poultry	Chicken, duck, and eggs
Seafood	Shrimp, shellfish, ocean and freshwater fish

There are many great resources across the state for sourcing local products. Here are examples and links for organizations which are serving as information hubs or aggregating locally produced animal products in Hawai'i.

Note: Many grocery stores in Hawai'i sell local animal products, be sure to check them out in addition to the examples below.

Statewide – [Go Farm Hawai'i](#); [Hawaii Farm Bureau](#)

Oah'u – [Farm Link Hawai'i](#); [Oahu Fresh](#)

Kaua'i – [Mālama Kaua'i Local Food Connector](#)

Maui – [Common Ground Collective](#); [Maui Food Hub](#)

Moloka'i – [Sustainable Moloka'i Mobile Market](#)

Big Island – [Kohala Food Hub](#)

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