

REGIONAL FOOD CHARTER

The following Food Charter captures the vision, mission, aims and values of the newly-established Farm to Institution, Central West NSW Network.

FARM TO INSTITUTION NETWORK, CENTRAL WEST NSW

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM

Vision —

That food produced in Central West NSW is increasingly purchased by the region's institutions for the sustainable economic development, health and resilience of the region.

Mission —

To support and facilitate a place-based approach to food purchasing in institutions, including universities, hospitals, schools, aged care homes and disability providers, across Central West NSW.

Who we are (as a Network) —

A regionally inter-connected network of producers, value-adders, institutions including universities, hospitals, schools, aged care homes and disability providers, food champions, health advocates, support agencies including Government Departments, community organisations and others in the regional food supply chain.

Aims (long-term)

Increased institutional food spend in the regional food economy

- / Closer relationships between food purchasers and food producers, creating a better connected food system, information-sharing and feedback loops

- / Stronger regional food culture
- / Reduced food miles, for both producers and institution
- / Leverage the purchasing power of institutions, large and small, to support regional food production and clientele
- / Support local job creation and flow-on effects in regional communities
- / Fair farmgate returns
- / Supporting access to healthier regionally-produced food
- / Regional food purchasing/procurement targets
- / Regional branding for network participation
- / Rewarding those who 'support regional'

Values/Principles —

- / Place-based approach
- / Increased regional resilience
- / Sustainable
- / Healthy
- / Fair
- / Inter-connected
- / Supporting regional development (economically, socially, environmentally)