**Food Enterprise Experience(s) Survey**

The purpose of this survey is to understand your experience(s) pursuing information around food enterprises in Minnesota. Please fill out this survey to the best of your knowledge to help us track your experiences in this area.

1. Have you ever been involved with a food business or enterprise in Minnesota?

* No >>> [Thanks; this survey does not apply to you.]
* Yes – check all that apply:
  + Owned and/or managed a food enterprise
  + Worked as an employee in a food enterprise
  + Marketed my own farm products
  + Marketed my own cottage food products
  + Volunteered with a food-related enterprise or activity of any kind (Meals on Wheels, Farm-to-School, fundraiser dinners, food booth at a festival)
  + Tried to increase access to healthy foods

1. If “Yes” to question #1, how did you find information about the process to get the enterprise off the ground and the food regulations that applied to that enterprise or activity? Check all that apply.
   * Asked an someone you know who was already involved in that type of activity
   * Looked for information online
   * Contacted an Extension staff person
   * Contacted a non-profit organization
   * Contacted the Minnesota Department of Agriculture or an inspector of that department
   * Contacted the Minnesota Department of Health or an inspector of that department
   * Contacted a local city or county office
   * Other (describe)
2. Were you able to get enough information to allow you to proceed with your food-related enterprise or activity?
   * Yes – I was successful
   * No – I gave up
   * I had to seek out more sources of information or help before I could proceed
   * I got conflicting information, (please describe)
   * Comments
3. Did you feel like you knew where to go to get information or help?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Comments
4. Did you feel like you knew what to do to meet requirements so you could make your idea a reality?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Comments
5. Approximately how many days did it take for you to EITHER get the information you needed to proceed, OR to make the decision to stop your efforts?
6. If we can follow-up with you, please provide your name, phone, and email.

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Thank you for your response and sharing information about your experiences with us. Our team is working to address barriers in the food business licensing process by developing a clearer, more streamlined licensing process. We recognize that barriers often delay or halt the licensing process of innovative food businesses looking to become established in Minnesota. Your responses will help our team finalize design of an improved licensing process.

Minnesota Local Food Advisory Committee

* Minnesota Farmers’ Market Association (MFMA)
* Minnesota Institute of Sustainable Agriculture (MISA)
* Renewing the Countryside (RTC)
* University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP)