

UVM Real Food Decision Flowchart

This flowchart is a living document to guide procurement change decisions to increase UVM's Real Food percentage.

For more information on decision making process, including when procurement changes should be brought to the Real Food Working Group (RFG) for a vote, refer to the RFG Guidelines.

Prioritization Method: Target priority categories and top items by value in each category, taking into consideration which products might be most "offensive" and which might be possible to produce locally.

Goal: Aim for improvement in each category every year.

Categories

Meat and Poultry – priority 1

- Local and humane ideal
 - Remember local producers may have great humane standards, but may not be certified. In cases of local meat, consider having someone in state vouch for their standards.
- If not possible to get local and humane, prioritize humane
- Other values: Consider seasonality of meat

Dairy – priority 2

- Local and ecologically sound ideal
 - Other values: Prioritize those with best practices in terms of humane and labor standards (can someone in our community vouch for them?)
- If both not available, prioritize local
- If not local, prioritize ecologically sound
- Challenges: Issue of size of Hood not qualifying

Eggs – priority 3

- Local, ecologically sound, and humane ideal
- If not all three available, prioritize local and humane
- If local and humane not available, prioritize humane

Produce – priority 4

- Prioritize local and ecologically sound
- If both not available, prioritize local
- If local not available, pursue regional ecologically sound

Fish/seafood

- Goal: Prioritize moving towards 100% sustainable seafood

Coffee/tea

- Both fair trade and ecologically sound ideal
- If both not available, prioritize fair trade
- Goal: 100% fair trade and/or ecologically sound

Baked Goods - need finer “grain” detail on products in this category

- Ecologically sound ideal (until local and ecologically sound available)
- Other values: Whole grains, minimally processed, low additives if possible
- Other efforts: Support expansion of local grain production if possible

Other beverages - need finer grain detail on products in this category

- Prioritize ecologically sound, healthy beverages

Grocery/staples - need finer grain detail on products in this category

- Explore Real Food options for top 10 products in this category