

SOURCING DIRECTORY

Farm to Early Care Sourcing Solutions: Local Food Delivery Options

This directory of Georgia based produce distribution companies and farmers are all potential sources of local food for early care providers.

Representatives of each business participated in an interview with Georgia Organics and confirmed the listed information. Listings are organized alphabetically, and include information about each company that may help connect buyers to the source that can best meet their needs.

The directory listings include:

Company web address, telephone number, contact person, email;

Method of ordering, minimum order and distribution service area; and

Company mission, definition of local, level of source identification.

Carver's Produce

NAME: Yasmeen Salaam

PHONE: (770) 727-6514

EMAIL: carverproduce@gmail.com

WEBSITE: https://facebook.com/CarversProduce

MISSION: Carver's Produce® is a farm to community food distributor expanding the tradition of George W. Carver. Their mission is to provide minority food suppliers with the distribution tools, support, and services to supply the growing demand for local healthy food brands and organic products.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: When considering the need for product consistency, Carver's Produce incorporates a regional network consisting of the Southeast, from TX to FL to VA

ORDERING —								
DELIVERY AREA:	METHOD: App, Call, Text, Personal							
Southeastern US	communication, and Website (Carver's							
MINIMUM:	Produce, Georgia Grown, Range Me, Bright from the Start)							
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LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: Farm labels are displayed on produce and products

The Common Market Southeast

NAME: Bill Green

PHONE: (404) 790-6805

EMAIL: bill@thecommonmarket.org

WEBSITE: https://www.thecommonmarket.org

MISSION: The Common Market South East's mission is to connect communities with good food from sustainable family farms. They strive to improve food security, farm viability, and community and ecological health. They envision a nation composed of vibrant regional food systems - where interdependent urban and rural communities thrive through relationships that build the health and wealth of all people.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: 250 miles from warehouse

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: Metro Atlanta, south to Tifton, west to Birmingham, AL. Working on expanding east and northward. Don't hesitate to reach out if you don't see your area listed MINIMUM: \$200 in Atlanta, \$250 all other

METHOD: Call, Text, Email

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID:Farm labels are on all products, and producers are identified on availability lists.



While not a traditional way of sourcing produce, the myriad of food box subscription services are a potential solution for early care providers seeking a variety of fresh produce for taste test items.

They are also a way for a small center to source appropriate amounts for small groups of small eaters. We found two unique Atlanta-based options that source local food and deliver right to your door.

The Foodbank of Northeast Georgia

NAME: James Brim

PHONE: (706) 782-0780

EMAIL: mtndirector@foodbanknega.org

WEBSITE: https://www.foodbanknega.org

MISSION: Northeast Georgia Foodbank's mission is to work toward ending hunger as part of an overall community effort to alleviate poverty.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: 250-mi radius

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METHOD: DELIVERY AREA & MINIMUM: Dependent Phone, Email upon availability, please call

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: Farm and Foodbank of Northeast Georgia labels on packaging.

Small Bites Adventure Club

NAME: Erin Croom | EMAIL: erin@smallbitesclub.club

PHONE: (404) 366-8550 | WEB: WWW.smallbites.club

MISSION: The mission of Small Bites Adventure Club is to help children discover, love and eat their vegetables.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: Georgia and contiguous states

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: GA, AL, NC, SC, AK, LA, MS, FL | **MINIMUM:** \$50

The Taste Test Box is a monthly turn-key nutrition education kit that is shipped directly to schools. Taste Test Box includes all the fresh, pre-measured, locally-grown ingredients and step-bystep instructions for 25 students to create and taste a healthy, delicious recipe. Featured ingredients are sourced from local, sustainable farms. Home kits are also available for purchase.

Holland Produce

NAME: Anthony Holland

PHONE: (706) 754-5326 FAX: (706) 754-3011

EMAIL: hproduce@mail.com

MISSION: Holland Produce provides the best produce and service. They stay in touch with customers and are always on hand to help and keep the customers informed about local and organic products that they can purchase for their business.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: GA-grown, preferably within one's local community

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: GA MINIMUM: N/A METHOD: Call, Email

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: Farm county is identified on invoices. Farm name, state, and region is identified on request of customer.

Mayflor Farms

NAME: Mayflor Chokshi

PHONE: (404) 423-6172

EMAIL: mayflorfarms@gmail.com

WEBSITE: https://www.mayflorfarms.com

MISSION: Mayflor Farms strives to build a locally sustainable future for themselves and their community, promoting food security and education. "We deliver from our biome to your microbiome."

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: GA

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: Metro Atlanta or beyond

MINIMUM: \$100

METHOD: App, Call, Text; availability list provided

for delivery

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID:Direct from Mayflor Farms

PureFun! Inc.

NAME: Terry Jackson

PHONE: (877) 922-7635

EMAIL: info@purefuninc.com

WEBSITE: https://www.purefuninc.com

MISSION: Guided by their four Purefun! Pillars, they are building a world-class distribution and supply business that recognizes God's ultimate ownership and operates under biblical principles.

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: Metro Atlanta, Northern GA, south

to Macon, east to Augusta.

MINIMUM: \$500/order. This includes non-produce items.

METHOD: Call. Email. Website

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: N/A

Fresh Harvest

NAME: David Melton

PHONE: (404) 721-4402

EMAIL: info@freshharvestga.com

WEBSITE: https://www.freshharvestga.com

MISSION: Atlanta's ethical food hub, supporting organic farmers who practice restorative farming, which enriches their soil and surrounding communities for generations to come.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: Georgia

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: Metro Atlanta

METHOD: Online

MINIMUM: N/A; Delivery fee included

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: Each product source identified.

Fresh Harvest is a CSA-style, produce delivery service focused on local, organic produce. Options include their traditional vegetable and fruit basket as well as "break room baskets." All of their baskets are customizable and you can add other groceries like meat, milk, and eggs. Bulk orders are available. Since 2012, they have worked to create a local food system that supports sustainable farms and reduces food and packaging waste.

Royal Food Service

NAME: Shaleeya Barlow

PHONE: (404) 500-4077

EMAIL: schools@royalfoodservice.com

WEBSITE: https://www.royalfoodservice.com

MISSION: To nourish communities by delivering fresh ingredients, valued partnerships, and unparalleled customer service.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: GA, FL, AL, SC, TN, NC

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: Most of GA, and parts of AL and TN.

MINIMUM: \$150 per order

METHOD: Call. Email. Website

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: Royal provides bios of individual farms, and quarterly percentages of the amount of local vs. other purchased.

Sutherland's Foodservice Inc.

NAME: Gene Sutherland Jr. | PHONE: (404) 366-8550

EMAIL: cservice@suthfood.com

WEBSITE: www.suthfoodservice.com

MISSION: "The sale is never complete until the customer is satisfied."

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: Within 10-hour drive.

ORDERING

MINIMUM: \$500 minimum order. Will Call/Pick up is available.

DELIVERY AREA: GA, parts of AL and SC

METHOD: Call, Email

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: Farm labels displayed when available; also indicated on order forms.

West Georgia Farmers Cooperative

NAME: Eric Simpson

PHONE: (706) 457-6110

EMAIL: WestGeorgiaFarmersCoop@gmail.com

WEBSITE: https://wgfc.blackfarmersnetwork.com

MISSION: To assist in rebuilding viable local food systems and promote economic development in their communities.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: GA and border counties along west central GA/east AL. Roughly 50-100 mile circumference.

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: Atlanta and Columbus

METHOD: Call, Email

MINIMUM: 5 cases of a product

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: West Georgia Farmers Cooperative label displayed on produce.

Sysco

NAME: Shelby Hardin

PHONE: (404) 308-9300

EMAIL: shelby.hardin@sysco.com

WEBSITE: https://local.sysco.com

MISSION: Sysco is the global leader in selling, marketing and distributing food and non-food products to restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and other customers around the world. Sysco's values are Integrity, Excellence, Teamwork, Inclusiveness and Responsibility. Our vision is to be our customers' most valued and trusted business partner.

DEFINITION OF LOCAL: Georgia and the adjacent states. Sysco identifies state of origin, and specifically identifies Georgia Grown products.

ORDERING

DELIVERY AREA: National/International

MINIMUM: \$500

METHOD: Call, Text, Website, App

LEVEL OF LOCAL FOOD TRACKING/METHOD OF FARM ID: All cases are traceable back to the source. Sometimes specific farm is identified on the box. Rotating producer profiles appear on the website.

Sysco is strictly a distributor but owns or collaborates with a number of other food service companies, including Freshpoint, Buckhead Beef and Newport Beef, which also have processing capabilities. They will also work with clients to source from particular producers as needed.

