

Module 7. Advanced IMPLAN Analysis to Understand the Economic Impact of Local Food System Initiatives

Workshop: Evaluating the Economic Impacts of Local and
Regional Food System

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Why Modify IMPLAN?

- Local IMPLAN models are based on input use that hold for the U.S. and an automated procedure for where inputs are purchased
 - These could be “off”, especially for local food system, so may want to modify the model
- But, are modification really necessary?
- Does the model provide a sufficiently accurate picture of local situation?

Module 7: What Are Your Goals for the Study

- “Mission State”: we want to use this study to

- In view of “Mission State”:
 - Scope (what parts of the local food system)
 - Regional Boundary (Module 1)
 - Specific Objectives.

Module 7: What Constraints Due You Face in Conducting the Study?

- Timeframe (how soon)?
- Available resources?
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 - Personnel
 - Expert Available
 - Knows IMPLAN
 - Knows local food systems
 - Easy to work with.

Module 7:Major Modification to the Model

- May be necessary (or not)
- Careful that changes => more accurate picture of local food system
- Non-modelers role is crucial (experts on your situation)
- Modeler must be willing to work with non-modelers.



Questions, Comments,
Thank You!

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