

LOCAL FOOD, FARMS, AND JOBS ACT

The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act (Act) was enacted in 2017 and amended in 2019 to create, strengthen, and expand local farm and food economies throughout the state.

The Act requires institutions to set a goal of at least 20% of their purchase of food products to be spent on local food.

It also requires institutions to complete a reporting form, created by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, on their local food procurement budget on a yearly basis.

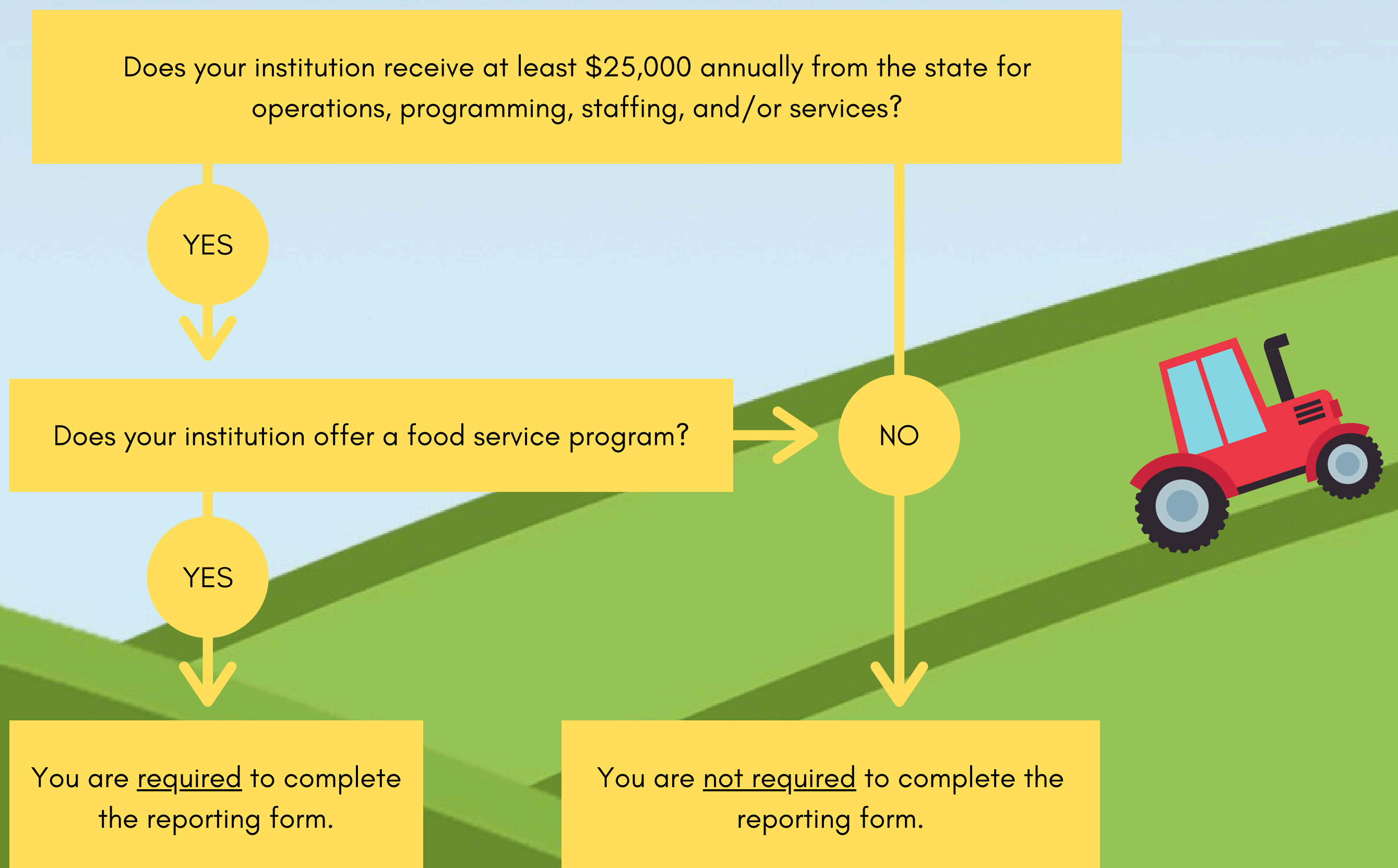
DEFINITIONS

Institution: Institute of higher education, child care facility, state agency or other entity of the state, and others such as after-school programs, libraries, prisons, senior care centers, etc.

Local Food: Food products that are grown in Arkansas and/or packaged and processed in Arkansas.

- Food packaging is the enclosing of food for transport, storage, and retail sale. Ex: enclosing, bagging, etc.
- Food processing is the alteration of food from its natural raw state. Ex: washing, cutting, etc.

INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY



July 15, 2024
**REPORTING FORM
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September 13, 2024
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