This questionnaire will help us answer an important question for any learning community: who are we as individuals and as a group? Please answer each of the following questions. Completed questionnaires will be posted during lectures and/or labs to help everyone in the class get to know each other. NOTE: if you require more space, use the back of this sheet.

1. What is your name?

2. Where are you from? (family origins, hometown, recent residence, etc.)

3. Beyond buying and eating food, what other kinds of direct experiences have you had with the food system? Have you or anyone in your family farmed or market gardened, worked in agricultural business, policy, food processing, distribution, retailing (cash register, waiting tables, etc.), waste management, or other profession directly related to food?

4. Have you ever considered working in a food-related profession? If so, which one(s)?

5. Are there any food-related events or activities that took place in your hometown when you were growing-up? Please describe them briefly.

6. Where did your family and friends from your hometown get most of their food?

7. While in high school, did you think much about the food you chose to eat?

8. Now that you are in college, what are the most important considerations that inform your food consumption choices (cost, flavor, consequence on health or body, business practices of seller, environmental impact, etc.)?

9. What general interests made you choose to take a class on food systems?

10. What specifically would you like to learn about in this food systems class?

11. Are there any specific skills that you want to develop in this class?