In-class Assignment: What Do We Want To Learn About?
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This questionnaire will help us clarify those topics and issues that are of most interest to the class. We all learn better when we are intrinsically motivated. This is a way for the TA’s and professor to better relate the lecture and labs to your interests.

There are twenty (20) food systems topics listed below. Please share any topic/issue that is of interest to you, but that is not yet on this list. Record below any topics/issues that you, or other students suggest. Place one (1) check in front of each of the five topics you are most interested in learning about (one check per topic, only 5 checks total).

1. Knowledge(s) and ways of knowing: how do we know what we know?
2. Understanding food systems and why perspective matters
3. The diversity of society-agriculture relations
4. What ever happened to the family farm?
5. Globalization & further concentration in the food system
6. Why do so many go hungry in a world of plenty?
7. How do we explain the obesity epidemic?
8. Should we eat meat? Questions about modern animal agriculture
9. What about women farmers? Gender in agriculture
10. Who benefits from biotechnology? Power, resources, & democracy
11. How will fossil-fuel dependent societies be affected by peak oil?
12. How do we socially organize sustainability?
13. Sustainable, regional food systems
14. Organic agriculture to the rescue?
15. What role for the state and land grant universities in sustainable agriculture?
16. How do we address food insecurity and food deserts?
17. Whither the farm worker? Exploitation, organizing, & justice
18. Fair Trade: can South-North trade be made truly fair?
19. Old dogs, new tricks? Networks for sustainability learning
20. How do we overcome forces that sustain the unsustainable?