

# AVAILABLE ONLINE RESOURCES RELATED TO THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN AND COVID-19

This Agriculture and Food Research Initiative is a multi-region, multi-institution research and outreach project that assesses the impact of COVID-19 on food and agricultural systems to develop strategies for coping with future crises. Lessons from COVID-19: Positioning Regional Food Supply Chains for Future Pandemics, Natural Disasters and Human-made Crises is one of 17 projects nationwide to receive funding through a new program area of the USDA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, targeting rapid response solutions to the pandemic through applied research, education and extension activities. This data was collected as a part of this project. This project is supported by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, grant no. 2020-68006-33037, from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

## WHAT ONLINE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE RELATED TO COVID-19 AND THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN?

COVID-19 presented unique challenges to producers and the supply chain. As a part of this study, researchers examined available online resources related to shorter, regional supply chains during COVID-19. To assess this topic, an environmental scan was conducted. Findings from this study will be used to assist researchers in creating useful and timely resources related to the supply chain. Data were collected from February 1 to April 15, 2021.

An environmental scan is a common method used in communication fields to scientifically and systematically assess materials. Researchers found a total of 779 resources related to the supply chain and COVID-19.

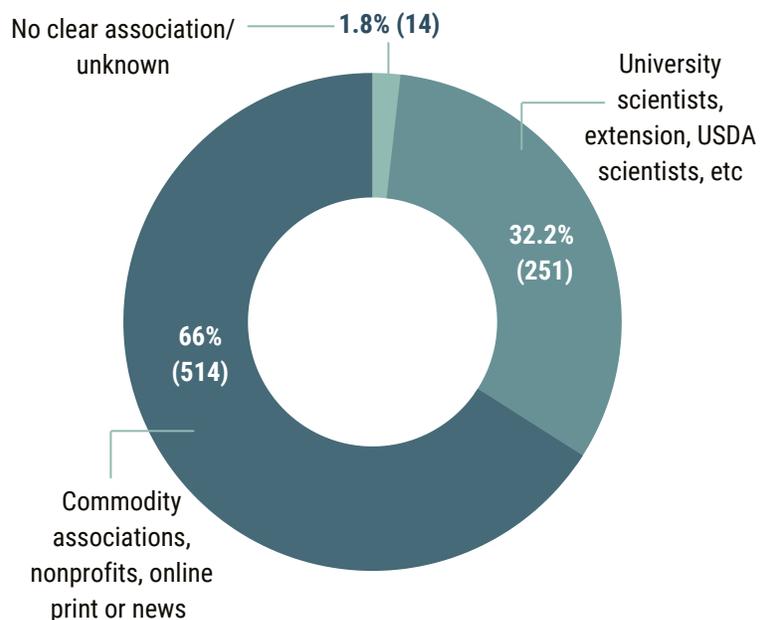
Findings showed that 66 percent of resources were credited to commodity associations, nonprofits, online print or news sources, etc. Approximately 32 percent of resources were credited to university scientists, extension, USDA scientists, etc. The remaining almost 2 percent had no clear association or were unknown.

This research is important, because it shows that there is room for scientists and extension to publish credible information related to the supply chain and COVID-19. It also indicated gaps in the resources, like a lack of resources related to restaurants, schools, and delivery services.

Quality resources are important when trying to make a decision. Identify quality resources by assessing the relevance, accuracy, author credibility, source credibility, references, and biases of the resource. The most credible resources will have a lack of biases and be peer reviewed.

For more information about this project, please visit <https://ruralengagement.org/lessons-from-covid-19/>

### WHO GENERATED THESE RESOURCES?



### TOP FIVE KEY WORDS FOUND IN RESOURCES:

- 1 Farmer(s)
- 2 Resource(s)
- 3 Farm(s)
- 4 Market(s)
- 5 Business(s)

