FARM DIRECT TO RETAIL

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Discussion Points

- Alberta's Retail, Food Service and Home Delivery Landscape
- Getting Ready: Your Tool Box
- Connecting to the buyers
- Staying in the game
- What we can do to help

Retail

Food Service Home Delivery

Superstore *







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New Players - Changing landscape





Delivered to your door









Food Service in Alberta

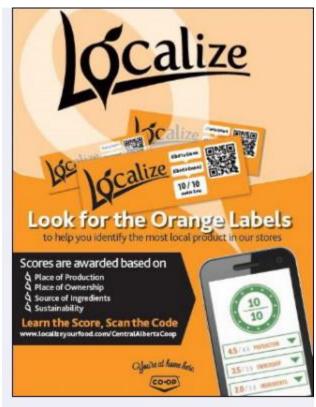






Local in the marketplace







Current trends retailers, food service and HD buyers are looking for:

 Authentic, transparent, traceable, sustainable





- Home-Meal Replacement
- Fresh Convenience
- Snacks!



Health/Indulgence







Free-From: allergen-free







- Global flavours: regional
- Savoury over sweet
- Spicy









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When are you ready to sell beyond the farmers market or CSA?

- Have you accessed all the customers you can in current market?
- Do you sell in more than one farmers market?
- Does your product sells well?
- Do you have cash-flow for expansion?
- Are you ready to get paid in 30, 60, 90 days?
- Have slowly grown and scaled up production?
- Have you eliminated production hick-ups?
- Do you have the ability to meet requirements for food safety, handling, delivery?

Tool Time



Packaging

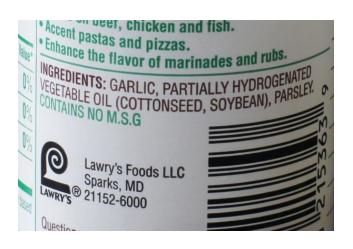






Label

- Nutritional Panel
- Ingredient Deck
- Your story
- UPC code: GS1 Canada
 - http://www.gs1ca.org/





Label

- Product Size
- Certifications
- Health Claims
- Bilingual
 - http://www.inspection.gc.ca

Getting it there

- Master Shipping Case...yes you need one
- Label for Master Case...yes you need one
- Case Size
 - Think 6's or 12's



- Food Safety
 - Lot tracking
 - Mock recalls
- HACCP
- Canada GAP
- EDI/EFT Compliant
- Insurance



Sales and Marketing

- One Page Sell Sheet
 - Pictures of Product(s)
 - UPC Code
 - Pack Size
 - Tier and High
 - Dimensions of case
 - Case Weight



Costing

- Incoming raw ingredients
- Outgoing finished products
- Freight
- Sales & Marketing
- Labour...Pay yourself



Resources for working out prices

- The Essentials of Pricing: http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex1141
- Pricing Processed Foods: http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex1137
- Pricing for retail
 http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\$department/newslett.nsf/all/agnw24049
- Resource Price Right: Using Costs to Create Sell Sheets
 (presentation from Winter Fancy Foods Show 2015), send Lindsay a
 request for a copy.



Making the Connection: Retail

- Start close to home and small
- Home-delivery companies and specialty stores are a great start
- Look at the customers shopping: are they your ideal customer?
- Know who your competitors are!
- Know who the manager is, the department managers and who are the decision-makers
- Contact the Market Development Team for contacts

Making the Connection: Food service

- Target the restaurants :visit the restaurant as a customer
- Do your homework on the restaurant: know the chef and owner, what they serve and what price point
- Call during off-peak days and hours,
- You have less than 5 minutes to pitch
- Be prepared to battle Chef Ego, be persistent
- Bring a sell sheet



Your meeting

- Bring: Samples, Sell Sheet, Price Sheet
- Ask:
 - How they would like the product. Through their DC, DSD or through a Distributor?
 - About listing fees and marketing fees
- Be prepared to tell them about your:
 - Best sellers
 - Sales for the past year, if they ask
 - Promotion plan
 - Product placement

All about relationships...they already buy products like yours, they need to have reason to displace another supplier

You're In!

The hardest part to selling into retail will be staying in

You have 3-6 months to show your product can sell

- Demo's / Meet the Farmer
- Features
- Pricing Discounts
- Extra Displays
- Social Media pushes



Aim to be #1 in one store, rather than #10 in 100 stores

So they turned you away this time...

- That's ok Be persistent!
- Ask when the category or menu review is taking place
- Did you pick the right store?
- Revisit your products values and position

Use your Resources!

- Market Development Team
- Ag-Info Centre: 310-FARM (3276)
- Ropin' the Web: best-practices documents
- New Venture Coaches and Industry Development Officers
- Horticulture, Crop and Livestock Specialists
- Food Safety Specialists
- Food Product Development Center
- Consumer Product Testing Center
- Growing Forward 2 support
- Collaboration with other producers/processors







Guides/Info

- Services for Agri-Processors and Producers
- Guide to Social Media
- Webinars
- Specialty Food Association resources (by request to Lindsay)
- Workshop: <u>Getting Into Retail, February 17, 2016</u>
 (Wednesday) Airdrie
- Workshop: Pricing Right, TBD ~ Jan 2016

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