

Feeding the Future: Diverse visions for the future of food and agriculture in Oregon's Willamette Valley

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Local food
movements are an
important piece of **agroecological
transformation.**

*small family farms
farmers markets
local economies*

But local food
is not inherently
socially just or
ecologically sustainable.

**POLITICAL
AGROECOLOGY**
uncovering power dynamics
in local and global
food systems

exploring visions for the
future of the food system,
within the region's
socio-historic context

Oregon Trail
and
U.S. Expansion

1840s
Black
Exclusion
Laws

1850
Donation
Land Claim
Act

1855
Indigenous
Removal,
later Termination
and Relocation

1880s Chinese
Exclusion and
Japanese labor
migration

1923
Alien Land
Law

1942
Oregon Plan,
Bracero Program

exploratory
historical
literature review

15 semi-structured
interviews with
network members

participant
observation



How does the food movement reflect the process of agroecological transformation?

equity and justice

building bridges

policy and funding

beyond agriculture

collaboration

What role do network organizations play in facilitating transformation?

Oregon
Community
Food
Systems
Network

