

Friends of the Earth's Food Policy

In order to put our money where our mouths are (literally), food purchased with Friends of the Earth funds must fulfill certain criteria. This policy applies to any food purchased for official Friends of the Earth meetings, events and conferences.

Friends of the Earth will only purchase food that meets at least two of these criteria:

- 1) USDA Certified Organic**
- 2) Local (food grown within a 150 mile radius from office or event, wine and coffee from plants grown in U.S.)**
- 3) Vegetarian**
- 4) Vegan**
- 5) Third Party Certified Fair Trade**

In addition to meeting two of the five criteria, Friends of the Earth will **not purchase any product from companies that Friends of the Earth is currently campaigning on**. It is important that we do put our money where our mouths are, especially with regards to direct work that we do.

Additional Thoughts:

Food purchased by Friends of the Earth should strive to go above and beyond these criteria, and not be genetically engineered, promote fair labor standards and be seasonal.

Any animal products must be third party certified organic, sustainable, high-welfare and/or pastured. Product labels like "natural," "hormone-free," "free-range" or "humanely raised," may be misleading and are not verified by a third party. See our guide <http://www.foe.org/projects/food-and-technology/good-food-healthy-planet/meat-guide> for more details.

Seafood: For wild caught (non-GMO fed) sustainable seafood options see www.seafoodwatch.org. Acceptable options are those listed as "best choices."

The following certifications are acceptable: USDA Organic, Animal Welfare Approved, American Grassfed Association and/or Global Animal Partnership (step 4, 5 or 5+). To find better quality animal products and organic veggie options in your area, see www.eatwellguide.org

Bottled water should not be purchased. Filtered water should be provided instead.

Whenever possible non-disposable products (glasses, plates, silverware, linens, etc.) should be used. If that is not possible only recyclable and/or biodegradable products should be used.