

## Understand and attain access to capital

### A resource guide for food-based businesses

There are financing needs all along the food chain, from farm producers to processors, to aggregators, food manufacturers and restaurants. This resource list contains links to articles, whitepapers, books, case studies and online tools that will help you build and finance your business.

#### Food system and business finance

[Capital Compass®: Your GPS for business financing](#) – An online tool developed by the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund to help you understand the factors that affect the type of capital that best fits you and your business.

[Financing a Better Food System: A Study of Infrastructure Needs and Available Financing in the Hudson Valley](#) – A white paper for the Local Economies Project of the New World Foundation, by Sarah Brannen and Karen Hiniker Simons, Upstream Advisors.

[Financing Growth: A Practical Resource Guide for Small Businesses](#) – A practical and concise guide from The Initiative for a Competitive Inner City for owners of small businesses who are exploring different sources of capital.

[Raising Dough: The Complete Guide to Financing a Socially Responsible Food Business](#) – Book by Elizabeth U, executive director of Finance for Food.

[Big Risks are Part of Growing the Local Food System](#) – A *Portland Press Herald* (Maine) article by staff writer Meredith Goad, posted Dec. 7, 2014.

[Guide to Financing the Community Supported Farm: Ways for Farm to Acquire Capital Within Communities](#) – University of Vermont Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture, 2012.

[Financing Case Studies](#) – The Vermont Farm to Plate Slow Money Task Force Web page.

#### Business building

[The Organic Farmer's Business Handbook](#) – Book by Richard Wiswall to help farmers become financially sustainable.

[Farmer Resources](#) – The Carrot project Web page containing financing options, resources and webinars to help develop your business plan or financial statements.

#### **General financial terms, glossaries and resources**

[Investopedia.com](#) – Web site related to investing, trading and wealth management, containing tutorials, videos and a dictionary.

[VC Experts](#) – Glossary of investing, trading and financing terms on the VCExperts.com.

[Businessdictionary.com](#) – A leading online business resource, featuring thousands of definitions related to business topics including management, small business, economics, human resources, entrepreneurship, recruiting and corporate strategy.

[Investment Primers](#) – Community Development Venture Capital Alliance investment-related publications.

[Angel Resource Institute](#) – Useful information on angel investing trends, issues and tools.

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