



Supporting Rural-Urban Linkages for Food Self-Reliance in Jamaica

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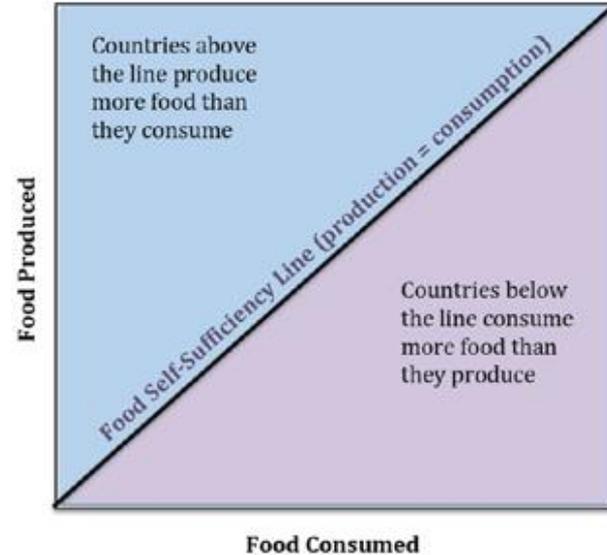


From self-sufficiency...

A country producing a proportion of its own food needs that approaches or exceeds 100 percent of its food consumption

Clapp (2015: 02)

Basic representation of food self-sufficiency



Source: Clapp (2015)

...to self-reliance

Development on the basis of a country's own resources, involving its populations based on the potentials of its cultural values and traditions

(Galtung, 1980)



Photo Credit: Jamaica Gleaner (2011)

Eat Jamaican Month

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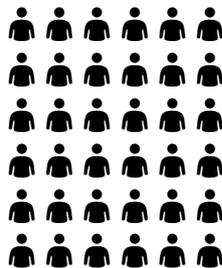


it's a healthy choice!

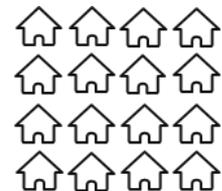
Grow What We Eat ... Eat What We Grow



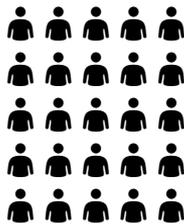
Small-scale farmers



Markets



Households



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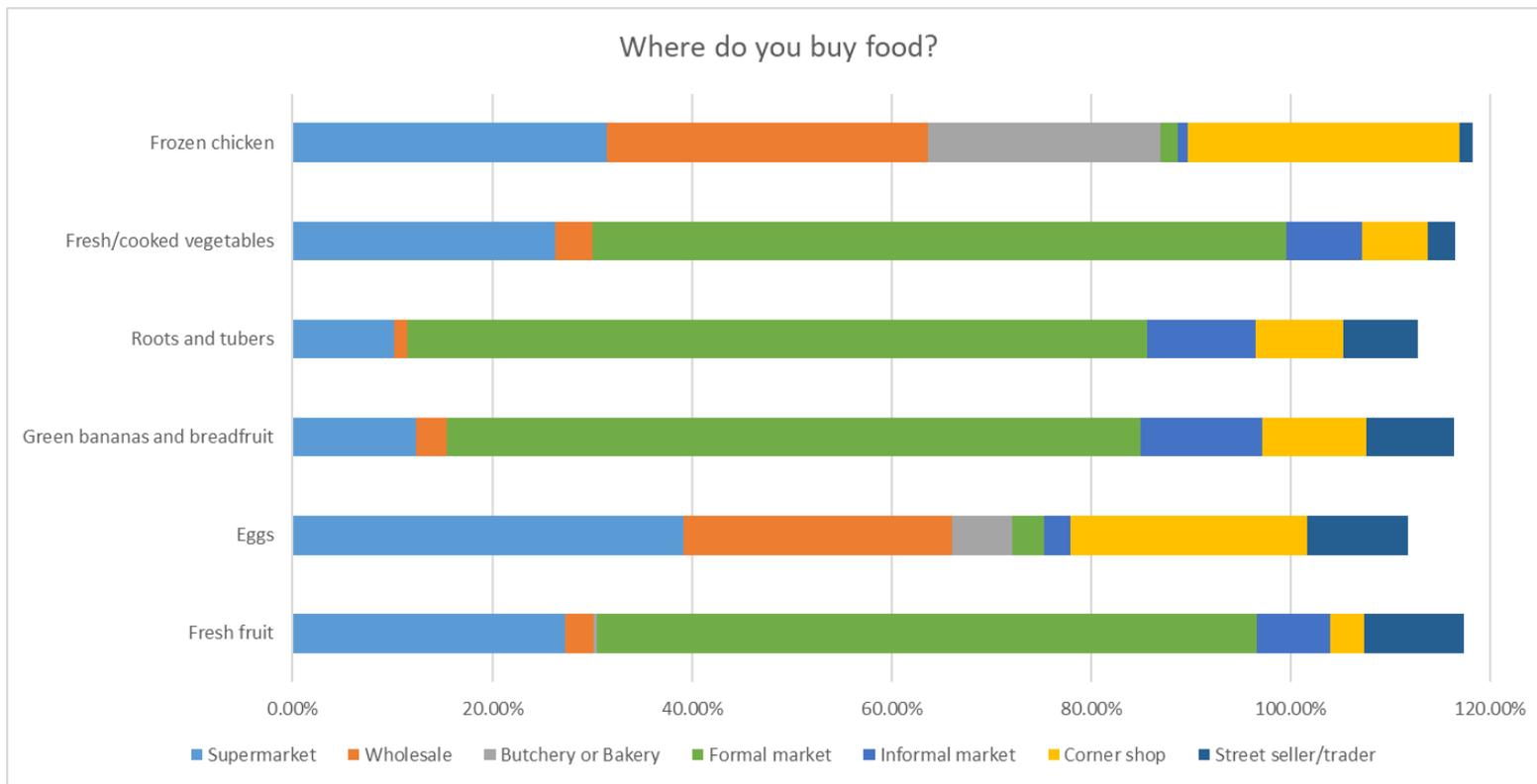


Domestic food is appropriate.

Top 15 Food Purchases

1. Rice
2. Sugar
3. Cooking oil
4. Frozen chicken
5. Vegetables
6. Roots & tubers
7. Brown bread
8. Green bananas & breadfruit
9. Eggs
10. Corn meal
11. Snacks
12. Fresh fruit
13. Canned meat
14. Powdered milk
15. Tea & coffee







Domestic food is affordable.

#1 reason respondents do not shop at the supermarket...

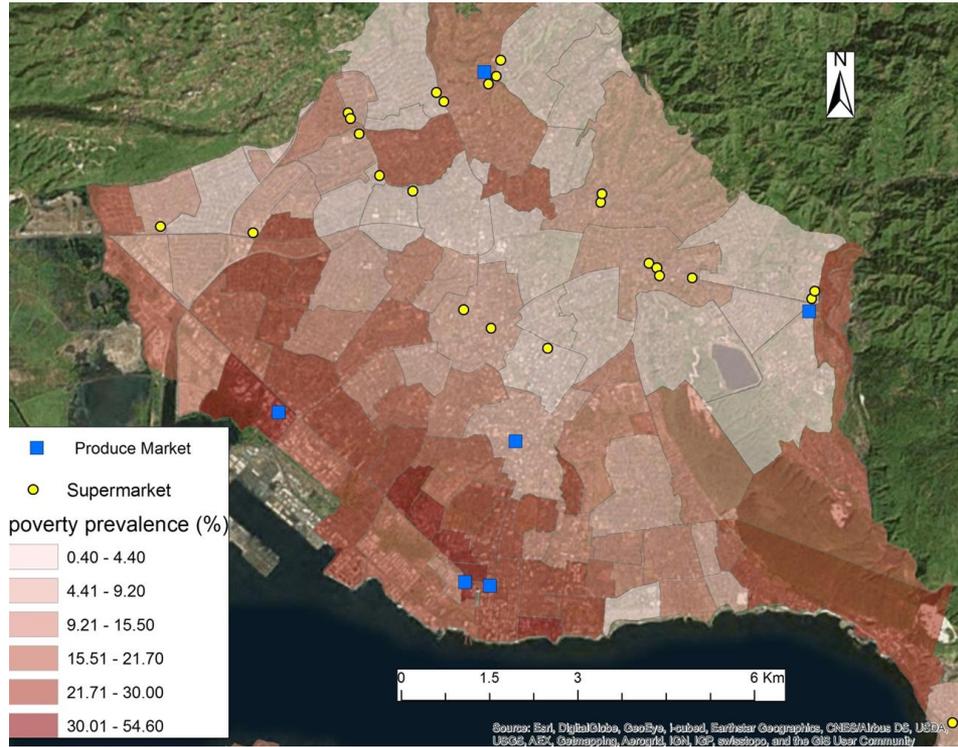
...the supermarket does not provide **credit**.





Domestic food is well-allocated.

Kingston's Supermarkets & Markets



Source: Thomas-Hope & Kinlocke (2016)

In summary...

- The domestic market provides access to appropriate, affordable, well-allocated food to Kingston.
- Self-reliance policy should look beyond food production to urban distribution and consumption.
- Self-reliance research should consider producer-consumer relationship across rural-urban spaces.



Thank you.

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