

SUPPLY CHAIN STEPS HANDOUT



PRODUCTION

1

This is when the food is grown (fruits, vegetables, grains, etc.) or produced (milk, meat, fish, etc.).



PROCESSING

2

While some foods remain unprocessed, others are shipped to another facility where they are processed (for example, strawberries being turned into jam or milk being used to make yogurt) and packaged.



AGGREGATION/ DISTRIBUTION

3

Once the unprocessed and processed foods are harvested and/or processed and packaged, they are distributed—or sent out to local markets such as grocery stores or restaurant suppliers.



MARKETS/ CONSUMERS

4

Finally, the consumers (such as families, restaurants, or schools) purchase the food and bring it to their tables.

(Image source: USDA)