

Food Boxes - a sustainable means of responding to local food demands and for nutritional needs locally?

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Rising evidence of food poverty in Wales has been obviated by "banks" where food boxes are supplied to address the basic needs of some families in a geographical area which was historically well able to grow and farm its own food. Alongside these box banks are community initiatives where other families chose to source their vegetables and/or meat using box schemes as a means to ensure traceability, fresher and a more local choice of diet.

This dichotomy warrants academic investigation based on a range of empirical community case studies as it reflects an implementation gap in governance policy for social-welfare and locally valued sustainable land uses. This discussion is very timely given the new directions in CAP reform towards a funding regime for broader rural development work that could result in the same box being available to all and at a price which works for farmers and food growers with the contents also being affordable and attractive to the families sourcing them as community focussed alternatives to supermarket based sourced foods.