

***** The Right to Food is Right for ME ** Vote Yes on Question 3 *****

Over 90% of the food available at Maine markets is imported from out-of-state. Storms, flooding, disease, and distribution disruptions determine what food makes it to store shelves.

The need for more of our food to come from our own yards and fields is apparent.

The FDA has made clear that in the Agency's view, people do not have an inherent right to food.

Dozens of states have taken steps to protect the ability of people to produce their own food, through explicitly protecting rights to fishing, hunting, and farming in their Constitutions.

The right to food is not currently secured in the Constitution of Maine.

If the majority of Maine voters support Question 3, the following language will be added to the Constitution of Maine's Declaration of Rights:

Right to food. All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to food, including the right to save and exchange seeds and the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being, as long as an individual does not commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production or acquisition of food.

The Declaration of a Right in the Constitution of Maine does NOT preempt, invalidate, or overturn any law, rule, regulation, or local ordinance.

Right to Food will NOT preempt, invalidate, or overturn our animal welfare laws, food safety regulations, local zoning ordinances, or the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.

Control of our food supply is increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few billionaires.

Investment Groups are the largest owners of farmland in the country.

Millions of acres of land are being taken out of food production each year and converted to biofuels production, waste disposal, and industrial uses.

Chemical-dependent farming practices requiring use of GMO products are being forced on small farmers in many countries through implementation of regulations developed by foundations engaged in pesticide production, waste management, and genetic engineering.

Monsanto and Big Pharma are directing government food policies.

DC lobbyists are campaigning to stop Maine people from gaining the right to food.

Including the Right to Food in the Constitution of Maine will secure our ability to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of our own choosing.

Question 3 is key to protecting our families from creeping government overreach.

Vote Yes on Question 3 on Tuesday, November 2nd*

***Or request an absentee ballot from your local town office or city hall before November 2nd.**

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