

Local food grower-buyer link shatters delivery record

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A local food coalition that links growers to buyers delivered more than four times the amount of food this year than it did last year, according to a report released Thursday.

The Institutional Food Market Coalition, started in 2006 in the Dane County Planning and Development Department, delivered over a million pounds of locally-produced food to 45 public and private sector users during the 2009 growing season.

The coalition will hold its third annual meeting on Monday at 9 a.m. at the Lussier Family Heritage Center in Lake Farm Park.

"Through creation of the Institutional Food Market Coalition, we've developed new markets for our growers and put more than a million pounds of delicious, locally-grown fruits, veggies, meats and cheeses on lunch and dinner plates across the upper Midwest," County Executive Kathleen Falk said in a statement.

"It's a win-win for our growers and those who like to eat good, healthy food," she said.

The meeting will feature chef Greg Christian, founder of the Organic School Project in Chicago, which brings organic foods to the Chicago public school system.

For more information about the Institutional Food Market Coalition, go [here](#).