Local Food production – BACKGROUND -LOCAL FOODS:
Buying local is more than just supporting your neighbors’ businesses and growing your local economy. Local foods are fresher and taste better, too! No need to factory-wash and plastic-wrap local foods, and they are picked only a few days before you eat them – much closer to when they actually ripen. Local foods typically have much less of an environmental impact than foods shipped thousands of miles, and because there are fewer steps from their source to your table, local foods promote food safety as well. Advantages:

- Provides an excellent opportunity to “Think Global, Act Local”
- Empowers consumers to make better choices
- Fresher, tastier, better quality fruits and vegetables
- Reduces carbon footprint caused by transporting foods long distances
- Supports the local economy
- Strengthens local agriculture
- Promotes bio diversity
- Opportunity to grow food to support community cultural diversity and heritage

4-H Robotics Challenge: Deliver locally grown foods to the Farmers Market