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The Tasmania Project

Food Survey

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Qualifying questions

Survey participants must live in Tasmania and be 18 years of age or older.

*** 1. Do you currently live in Tasmania?**

*** 2. Are you 18 years of age or older?**

Participant Consent

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This short, focused survey from The Tasmania Project aims to understand your access to food during the COVID-19 pandemic, and your views on how Tasmania's food supply should be organised in the future.

It is in five parts and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

*** 1. Please click on an option below to indicate whether you agree to take part in the project.**

- I have read and understood the Participant Information and I agree to take part in the project.
- I do not want to take part in the project.

Please click the 'Next' button below to access the survey.

Part 1: Access to food

1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the food you have bought and consumed since March 2020:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
there is less variety in the food available to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
food is more expensive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the food available is poorer quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am growing more of my own food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am consuming less fresh food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have increased the amount of food I have bought	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have bought different types of food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am buying food from different shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have caught less of my own food (i.e. fish)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am buying more food online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have become more interested in how to grow or catch/hunt food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am buying more food imported from overseas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
it is more difficult to get to shops (i.e. transport)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am buying food more often	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have less money available to buy food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am preparing/cooking food differently	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am storing food differently	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
some foods are not as safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
more food is wasted in my household	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have NOT changed the food I buy and consume	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Approximately, how many days would the food you currently have stored in your house last your household?

- 1-3 days
- 4-7 days
- 8-10 days
- 11-14 days
- 14+ days

Below are several statements that people have made about their food. Please tell us the extent that each statement applies to you or your household in the last 30 days.

3. “The food I/we bought just didn’t last, and there wasn’t enough money to buy more.” In the last 30 days, was this...

- Often true
- Sometimes true
- Rarely true
- Never true
- Don't know

4. “I/we couldn’t afford to eat balanced meals.” In the last 30 days, was this...

- Often true
- Sometimes true
- Rarely true
- Never true
- Don't know

5. In the last 30 days did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals, or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

6. If yes, how many days did this happen?

7. In the last 30 days, did you ever eat less than you wanted to because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

8. In the last 30 days, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

9. In the last 30 days, have you wanted to buy an item in these food types but it has not been available in the shops?

(please select all that apply)

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Grain-based foods (bread, pasta, rice)
- Meat, seafood or other protein foods (chicken, eggs, tofu)
- Dairy foods (milk, yoghurt, cheese)
- Junk foods (pizza, confectionary)
- Not applicable, everything I wanted was available

Other (please specify)

Part 2: Tasmanian Produce

1. How important do you believe buying Tasmanian produce is?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not so important
- Not at all important

2. Has your opinion about the importance of Tasmanian produce changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

- I think it is more important
- I think it is less important
- My opinion hasn't changed
- I don't have an opinion

3. Have you bought more or less Tasmanian produce as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A lot more
- Somewhat more
- About the same
- Somewhat less
- A lot less
- Not sure
- Not applicable

4. What types of Tasmanian produced foods have you bought in the last 30 days?

(please select all that apply or leave blank if not applicable)

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Seafood
- Chicken
- Eggs
- Dairy Foods
- Other

Other (please specify)

5. Where have you bought Tasmanian produce in the last 30 days? *(please tick all that apply)*

- Unsure
- I have not bought Tasmanian produce
- Major supermarkets (e.g. Coles or Woolworths)
- Independent supermarkets (e.g. IGA, Hill Street or Salamanca Fresh)
- Butcher
- Fruit and vegetable shops
- Specialty shops
- Local farmers markets
- Farm gate or wharf sales
- Home delivery/box scheme

6. In the last 30 days, have you eaten food sourced from the following (regardless of where is was produced) (please select all that apply):

- Major supermarkets (e.g. Woolworths or Coles) instore
- Tasmanian independent supermarkets (e.g. Hill Street, Salamanca Fresh) instore
- Own garden
- Others' gardens
- Butcher
- Fruit and vegetable shop
- Farm gate or wharf sales
- Home delivery
- Takeaway
- Fast food chain
- Direct from the producer
- Supermarket delivery
- Other (please specify):

Part 3: Seafood Consumption

1. How much seafood are you eating compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A lot more
- Somewhat more
- About the same
- Somewhat less
- A lot less
- Not sure
- I don't eat fish

Part 3: Seafood Consumption

1. During the COVID-19 pandemic have you been able to access the same seafood you normally eat?

- Yes
- No

2. If not, what types of seafood have you been unable to access and why?

3. How important is seafood as a source of nutrition in your diet?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Not so important
- Not at all important

4. How important to you is having a reliable supply of seafood during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Not so important
- Not at all important

5. Commercial fishers were impacted by the loss of their export markets in late January and started selling lobsters locally at reduced prices.

If you or any members of your household bought lobsters directly from the fishers during this time (e.g. at a jetty or wharf) do you expect to continue to do so after the COVID-19 pandemic impacts on exports lift?

- Yes
- Yes, but only at the same reduced prices
- No
- Not applicable, I have NOT bought lobsters directly from fishers during this time

6. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic were there other types of Tasmanian seafood you or members of your household regularly purchased?

(please select all that apply)

- None
- Lobster
- Abalone
- Farmed salmon
- Pacific Oysters
- Tuna
- Squid
- Octopus
- Blue Eye
- Flathead
- Scallops

Part 4: Food Supply

1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Tasmania exports too much of its best quality food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tasmanian produce is cheaper than imported produce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tasmania's produce is only available in expensive restaurants and specialty shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tasmania should attract more foreign investment in food production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to know where your food is produced	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to know how your food is produced	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to know who produces your food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to buy produce that is certified organic or biodynamic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to reduce the distance your food travels (i.e., 'food miles')?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food production in Tasmania is 'clean and green'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. In your opinion, has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted Australia's food supply?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

3. If yes, in what ways has the food supply been impacted?

4. Have you noticed any businesses changing the way they sell food as a result of COVID-19? If so, how have they changed?

5. How could Tasmania's food system be better prepared for a disaster in the future?

Part 5: You and your household

This part collects information about you and your household. No information provided by you will be identifiable.

1. Are you mostly the main shopper for your household?

Yes

No

2. In which Tasmanian Local Government area do you live?

3. Suburb/Town name

4. What gender do you identify as?

Female

Male

Other

5. Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes

No

6. What is your age in years?

7. Do you have a health condition or disability that limits your activity?

Yes, a little

Yes, a lot

No

8. Which best describes you?

- Born in Australia
- Born overseas, Australian citizen
- Born overseas, permanent resident
- Born overseas, temporary resident

9. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Postgraduate Degree
- Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate
- Bachelor Degree
- Advanced Diploma or Diploma
- Certificate III or Certificate IV
- Secondary education – year 10 or above
- Certificate I or II
- Secondary education – year 9 or below

10. As at 19 March 2020, what was your relationship status?

- Married
- Defacto
- Never married, single
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Separated
- Partnered, living apart
- Other (please specify):

11. Who makes up your household?

- Couple with no children
- Couple family with one or more children under 15
- Couple family with one or more dependent children aged 15-24 years
- One parent family with one or more children under 15
- One parent family with one or more dependent children aged 15-24 years
- Family with non-dependent children (e.g., adult children living at home)
- Lone person
- Group household
- Multiple family household
- Other (please specify):

12. As at 19 March 2020, which of the following describe your personal situation (please select all that apply):

- Employed
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Retired
- A homemaker / family carer
- A student
- A volunteer
- Other (please specify):

13. Has your job situation changed since 19 March 2020 (when Tasmania declared a state of emergency)?

- Yes
- No

14. If yes, what is your current job situation?

- Now working no paid hours (but still have a job)
- Now working less paid hours
- Now working more paid hours
- Now have a job, and working paid hours
- Now have a job, but not currently working any paid hours
- I now do not have a paid job
- Now working more unpaid hours
- Other (please specify)

15. Has COVID-19 contributed to the change in your job situation?

- Yes
- No

16. Are you currently receiving JobKeeper or JobSeeker payments?

- No
- I am employed, with JobKeeper payments
- I am unemployed, with JobSeeker payments
- I am unemployed, but not eligible for JobKeeper / JobSeeker payments
- I am unemployed, but not claiming any support payments
- Other (please specify):

17. What is your household income?

- <20,000
- 20,000-40,000
- 40,000 – 60,000
- 60,000-80,000
- 80,000 – 100,000
- 100,000-150,000
- 150,000+
- don't know/prefer not to say

18. Has your household experienced a drop in income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

- No loss in income
- Up to a 24% drop in income
- 25% to 49% drop in income
- 50% to 74% drop in income
- 75% to 99% drop in income
- We have lost all of our income
- Don't know/prefer not to say

19. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, Greens or other?

- Liberal Party
- Labor Party (ALP)
- Greens
- No party affiliation
- Other (please specify):

Thank you

Thank you for completing this survey from The Tasmania Project.

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