

## Carbon footprint, air-freighted v local produce, organic v conventional

<b>Arguments for organic and fair trade, but air-freighted food</b>	<b>Arguments for local organic food</b>	<b>Local conventional v air-freighted organic food</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Farmers in emerging countries can earn their livelihoods if they are offered access to western markets and fair prices for their produce.</li> <li>○ Compared to our carbon footprint theirs is negligible.</li> <li>○ With fair prices they can lift themselves out of poverty, send their children to school and thus, improve their children's opportunities for a better life.</li> <li>○ Social and development benefits are more important than the negative aspects of air-freighted food such as higher CO2 emissions.</li> <li>○ Most people do not want to refrain from eating a variety of food in winter, so the demand for e.g. fruit from South America, Africa, or Asia is very high.</li> <li>○ The positive effects on the livelihoods of poor farmers can be combined with the demands of better-off customers, who are, for their part, willing to pay higher prices for fair trade products like coffee, tea, fruit, cocoa, chocolate, wine etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regional production leads to less Co2 emissions</li> <li>○ Local farmers profit and can therefore keep their farms going.</li> <li>○ Consumers can see how the produce is grown or how the animals are raised, which in return leads to better conditions for farm animals.</li> <li>○ Consumers can trust their farmers and learn more about raising animals and growing food.</li> <li>○ Sustainable farming is encouraged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conventional local farming is still better for the environment than air-freighted organic food.</li> <li>○ The negative effects of Co2 emissions on our climate outweigh the benefits of organic farming.</li> <li>○ Buying local and seasonal produce is the best way to support local farmers and reduce CO2 emissions.</li> <li>○ Farmers in emerging countries should return to catering for their own needs instead of producing for foreign markets.</li> </ul>