DOMESTIC FAIR TRADE AND DECENT WORK
CONNECTING AGRICULTURAL FRAMEWORKS

DOMESTIC FAIR TRADE
Domestic Fair Trade supports family-scale farming, reinforces farmer-led initiatives, ensures just conditions for agricultural workers, and brings these groups together with mission-based traders, retailers, and concerned consumers to contribute to the movement for sustainable agriculture in the United States and Canada.

DOMESTIC FAIR TRADE PRINCIPLES
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Family-Scale Farming
- Capacity Building for Producers and Workers
- Democratic and Participatory Ownership and Control
- Rights of Labor
- Equality and Opportunity
- Direct Trade
- Fair and Stable Pricing
- Shared Risk and Affordable Credit
- Long-Term Trade Relationships
- Appropriate Technology
- Indigenous Peoples’ Rights
- Transparency and Accountability
- Education and Advocacy
- Responsible Certification
- Animal Welfare

CROSS SECTOR COLLABORATION
FARMWORKERS • FARMERS • PROCESSORS, MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS • RETAILERS • ADVOCACY GROUPS

DECENT WORK
Decent Work is defined as opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work in conditions of freedom, equity, security, and human dignity. This concept was created by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and has been adapted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the rural context.

PILLARS OF DECENT WORK
Labor Rights & Standards
- Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining
- Elimination of all forms of forced labor
- Abolition of child labor
- Elimination of discrimination

Employment
- Recognizing the importance of agriculture in national economies
- Connecting agriculture, rural livelihoods, and poverty
- Acknowledging migration for work in agriculture

Social Protection
- Social security systems
- Health protection in agriculture
- Gender equality

Social Dialogue
- National tripartite cooperation and enterprise level collective bargaining
- Creation and growth of partnerships between workers, employers, and civil society groups

THEORY OF CHANGE
Markets and Supply Chains
Policy Change and Advocacy

AGRICULTURE IN THE MIDDLE
Agriculture in the Middle refers to a disappearing sector of mid-scale farms and related agrifood enterprises that are unable to successfully market bulk agricultural commodities or sell food directly to consumers. The Domestic Fair Trade Association and the University of Wisconsin Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems has partnered to explore how these two frameworks can help support agriculture in the middle.