

SAFSF 2013 Annual Forum

Session: How do we know what's different?

A Conversation about Food System Outcomes, Indicators, and Metrics

Glossary

- **Benchmark:** standard or set of standards of excellence or achievement used as point of reference for measuring or judging the quality of another. A benchmark may be established based on experience, other peers' experiences, or legislative regulations.
- **Dashboard:** a panel functioning as an executive information system presenting information helpful to managers or decision-makers.
- **Indicator:** a measurable variable, tool, or instrument used to represent an associated factor or condition.
- **Metric:** unit or standard used to measure or assess efficiency, performance, progress, or quality of a plan, process, product, or project.
- **Outcome:** identification and evaluation of the end result of an activity, plan, process or program, and its comparison to an anticipated result.
- **Output:** the quantity or amount produced, yielded or delivered.