



LOCAL FAIR TRADE NETWORK

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LOCAL FAIR TRADE LABEL PARTICIPATION PLEDGE

Name of Grower: _____

Authorized Representative: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Web Site:** _____

I pledge that this grower will abide by the following practices concerning products sold under the Local Fair Trade label:

- * Negotiate with retailers in good faith.
- * Make information on product pricing and wage ranges available to Local Fair Trade Network staff on request for research purposes. LFTN will ensure that all personal information remains confidential.
- * Be willing to enter into a mediated discussion with other LFTN participants who believe that you are not fulfilling these expectations.

If we employ farm workers I pledge we will:

- * Respect workers' freedom of association and right to collective bargaining.
- * Provide adequate health and safety protections, including access to adequate medical care, information on potential hazards and using the least toxic methods available.
- * Pay a living wage or open my books to my employees to explain why this is not possible.

This pledge is a statement of intention and the terms above are not currently defined by the Local Fair Trade Network. I agree to work with the other participants in the Local Fair Trade label to democratically define the label standards and the method by which those standards are verified. I understand that Local Fair Trade Network will provide the following to the extent that funding permits:

- * Materials for use in merchandising.
- * Events and media outreach to reinforce marketing efforts.

I further understand that Local Fair Trade Network considers my business a partner in the Local Fair Trade label and will determine the policies of the label with input from all participants. Any questions or comment about the label may be directed to Erik Esse, LFTN Director at info@localfairtrade.org or 612 418 4811.

Signed: _____ Date: _____