



# Handpicked: Stories from the Field

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## Episode 6:

### “We are all shepherds of the data”: Food, technological, and data sovereignty

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#### Discussion Questions

1. What is open source data and why is it important to food sovereignty?
2. How is Open Food Network changing the ways that smaller-scale producers do their business? How is it changing the ways that eaters/consumers interact with those farmers?
3. Justice and fairness are central to Open Food Network’s operations. How are justice, fairness, and activism important to technological and data sovereignty? How is activism taking place at Open Food Network?
4. How and why are open source data and code being protected at Open Food Network? What are the parallels between open source data/code and seed saving movements?
5. Community is an important concept for technological and food sovereignty—name three ways that community is discussed in this episode and explain why community is so important in each instance.