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Stay-at-home mom blogs about finding eco-friendly food options



## G20 leaders to eat local and organic

When the G-20 leaders meet in Pittsburgh, they'll feast on the best the region has to offer.

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President Obama and some of the world's most influential leaders will convene in Pittsburgh tomorrow for the [The Pittsburgh Summit 2009](#), better known as the G-20 summit. [Obamafoodorama](#) reports that while our world's leaders are tackling the important issues surrounding our global and financial recession, they'll be fed meals of local, sustainable and organic food.

The opening reception and Thursday evening's working dinner will be held at [The Phipps Conservatory](#), where the [every day café](#) at the conservatory serves local seasonal food on compostable plates. For the G20 events:

food and beverages will be local, organic, sustainably raised and humanely raised where applicable. Fair trade organic coffee will be served, food waste will be composted, and paper, glass, plastic, cardboard and cans will be recycled.

The remaining G-20 meetings will take place at the LEED certified [David E. Lawrence Convention Center](#). Food that is grown on the rooftop garden of the convention center will be on the menu as well as foods from "local farms in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Armstrong, Clarion, Indiana and Bedford counties."

This is impressive. I have to believe that it would be much easier for event planners to create menus and then have the food shipped in from all over the world than to have them take a look at what is local and seasonal to Pittsburgh and then create their menus from that. I know in my own household of four, it's more work to create menus this way -- imagine doing that for the 20 most powerful financial leaders in the world, their spouses, their staff, and all of the members of the press who will be at the events.

I also have to believe that this is giving the small, local producers in the Pittsburgh region a much needed economic boost. I like it.

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