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Going Local in the New Decade

Every family on this planet will need food, water, clothes and essentials. Now the big thing is, do we buy these things locally or from other parts of the globe. There are so many things you will need to consider - What are the pros and cons about buying locally, Why should we buy them locally, Whom does it help if we buy locally, Will the local produce be healthy, What happens when you buy locally, Can we buy everything we want and so on and so forth. Eating local in the new decade promotes a sustainable ecosystem. It supports local farmers, produce in the stores is more fresh and the process of transportation of produce can be skipped altogether.

When we buy locally one gets to know how the product/produce was made and we also will be helping the local farmers in the country, one resides. We will be saving the environment since we are not exporting goods. There is a lot of saving in terms of fuel, packaging material will not be used and there are lesser chances of damage. We may have to compromise on varieties as locally we are not able to produce or grow everything we want.

The cons about buying local are that you might not have a variety of options to choose from if you live in a country that has harsh weather, you might not be able to grow all types of crops. People can also lose their jobs because importing or exporting is their job or business. Transporting produce can also cause the produce to rot or spoil during travel.

Eating local food has the most effect on farmers. Farmers often sell their produce to middlemen. When farmers sell the produce to these middlemen they often sell them for the cost of the production, which means the farmers don't make a profit out of it. But when they sell directly to the stores they can skip the middleman and can get the full retail price.

In conclusion I think the pros of buying local outweigh the cons. Hence, let's go local in the new decade to promote a sustainable planet and help boost community spirit.

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