## **HOW IS THIS FOOD GROWN?**

There are many different ways of farming, so the symbols below let you know how the products in our fundraiser are grown. Our food choices affect how land is managed. Buying grass-fed beef helps protect green pastures, while purchasing maple syrup helps protect forests. Growing practices affect farmers' earnings, as well as the health of the environment and the people who live in it.

#### PESTICIDE USE

Pesticides are used to kill or control weeds, insects and fungi. If pesticides are not applied, they don't enter water, air, or people.



No pesticides



Only pesticides allowed under USDA organic standards



Integrated pest management to minimize use and toxicity of pesticides

### **FERTILIZER USE**

Synthetic fertilizers are made with natural gas, dissolve quickly in water and can enter our groundwater and wells.



No synthetic fertilizers



Less than 50% synthetic fertilizers

#### WATER CONSERVATION

While water is plentiful in most parts of Wisconsin, groundwater drawdowns have occurred in some parts of the state.



Large effort to conserve water



Some effort to conserve water

# ENERGY CONSERVATION RENEWABLE ENERGY

Wisconsin has no sources of coal, petroleum, or natural gas. Wisconsinites spent over 23 billion dollars for energy in 2008, a drain to our economy.



Large effort to conserve energy or use renewable energy



Some effort to conserve energy or use renewable energy

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO FARMSHED.ORG