**Table X. Austin, TX Adapted Supply Chain Vulnerability Assessment Summary of Findings**

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|  | PRODUCTION | PROCESSING | DISTRIBUTION | MARKETS & RETAIL  | LABOR | RECOVERY |
| Strengths | -Blackland prairie soil & year-round growing season-Support for small growers to institutional/ restaurant supply chains-Organizational capacity & City of Austin/non-profit support-Strong culture & demand for local food | -Many local vendor start-ups- Support from retail: local retailers o er local vendor/ producer support programs to increase scale-Large customer base: *“People want to move to Austin”* | * Centrally located in Texas
* Large customer base
 | -Organizational capacity & collaboration within food procurement-City of Austin engagement with large retailers-Austin’s restaurant density: restaurant & consumer culture supports local food | -Foundation of the local food/music economy-Organizational capacity & unionization efforts | -Organizational capacity & collaboration-Retailers looking to decrease food waste |
| Barriers to Local Food Economy | -Lack of mid-size farmers -Numerous barriers to increasing local production including access to land/capital, lack of infrastructure, & lack of communication between growers/ buyers | -Few regional food processors-No food hubs in Austin-Bottleneck for protein producers | -Distribution centers that serve Austin located outside of the city-Consumers/ buyers want the cheapest option–cannot afford the price of local food | -Concentration/ consolidation of retailers/suppliers-Inequity in food access-Inadequate communication/ understanding of complex procurement regulations | -Difficult conditions, low wages-ATX affordability-Loss of power threatens income & resilience of retail | -Food donations have decreased: challenging for foodbanks& food redistribution |
| Threats | **Regional:**-Extreme weather & climate change- Infrastructure reliability - Loss of agricultural land and farmers -Dependance on I-35 | **National:**-Labor shortage &automation- Avian influenza and other health risks -Supply shortages -Inflation & “Greed-flation” -Consolidation of supply chain -Food waste |