

The precariat and the food network

4.13 Watch “Farm Hack.” (2:56)

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FarmHack.org. “Farm Hack,” video, 2:56, posted by farmrun to vimeo, accessed January 21, 2019.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7MFJ4EFezQ> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7MFJ4EFezQ>)

The interview with Yochai Benkler earlier in this module introduced the knowledge commons, its relationship to open source software and the way in which platform co-operatives might be leveraged to democratize ownership and disrupt extractive platform models, a potential well depicted in Green Taxi. The same ideas are beginning to be applied to food system transition. The digital commons, open source software, the manufacture of appropriate farm technology, and mutual aid are introduced in this video. The text and linkages at the related farmhack.org are worth your while to dive deeper.

4.14 Read “Open Food Network” and explore the broader web site. (5 minutes)

P2P Foundation. “Open Food Network,” wiki, accessed January 21, 2019. http://wiki.p2pfoundation.net/Open_Food_Network (http://wiki.p2pfoundation.net/Open_Food_Network)

The Open Food Network is an open source project. They are an example of how platform technologies can be used to support alternatives, in this case, helping consumers find and access local and sustainable food. Note how the P2P Foundation supports global (Peer to Peer) collaboration for food system transformation. Their aim: “to build and support communities that bring the people who need the software together with those who can develop it. We are currently working with communities in the UK, Europe, US and Canada on developing OFN pilots.”