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Lab 7 Explanation: Personal Project

For Lab 7, students were allowed to choose their own data and map type.

For this project, I chose to use some data from a very small portion of my thesis research.

Spatial boundaries for defining where “local” food comes from are variable and may be based on natural features, political borders, cost-distance, or radial distances. The maps presented for this assignment show radial boundaries that were cited by retailers and consumers within the Albuquerque area for how “local” should be spatially defined. The radial category is interesting because of the question of whether or not radial distances are understandable or measureable by most “local” food consumers. Very few retailers provided any kind of map to explain their radial boundaries of local. Therefore, I created these maps to find the extent of these boundaries.