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1. General Info
   1. Proposed Title: Food Consumption Trends in the United States: A Baseline for Reimagining a more Localized Food System
   2. Likely coauthors: *This information will be integrated to support a large NSF funded project but this small baseline study will not have any co-authors*
   3. Proposed journal (1st choice):
   4. Proposed journal (backup): *[enter journal here]*
2. The overarching question of this paper is *What consumption trends have developed over time in terms of food consumption in the US and how do these trends change when analyzing low- and high-income populations?*
3. Which is important/interesting/unresolved because (1-4 reasons)
   1. *Analyzing this data set will help establish a baseline for food consumption patterns over time. This information can be used to model a more localized food system in the future.*
   2. *Nutrition inequity is an important concern. Analyzing trends in low- and high-income populations will help us better understand how income effects food consumption.*
   3. *Understanding food consumption trends will help us target key developing food groups in our model of this food system.*
4. To answer this question/explore this topic, I addressed the following objectives: (NB you can have more or less than 3 objectives, but I recommend 2-4)
   1. *Determine trends in food consumption over time.*
   2. *Analyze similarities and differences between low and high income populations.*
   3. *[fill in]*
5. I addressed these objectives: (use list/bullet points below)
   1. In *Des Moines, Iowa as a model city*
   2. With the following focal/model species/model system: *The city food system will be modeled*
   3. And the following approaches: *Life Cycle Assessment will be utilized.*
6. Each row of data in my dataset is an observation.
7. For my analysis, I want to test: *changes in food consumption over time.*
8. My response (y-axis) variable is: *Time in years*
9. My predictors (x-axis/colors/shapes on the graph) are: *amount of specific food group in pounds*
10. I replicated this across multiple: food groups
11. I think I will need to analyze these data using a *descriptive analysis but it will be used to inform predictive and prescriptive models in the future.*
12. I anticipate I will get a final figure(s) that will look like this: