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The process is simple. Fill out the quick PDF form on the next page, and we'll get back to you promptly. You can suggest a paper, or we can assign you a paper on which to prepare a brief. In either case, you will contact the corresponding author of the paper and request their permission to do the brief. (We will provide you with an email template.) You can give them a copy of an existing brief and/or include a link to our Food Systems Brief page (<https://www.foodsystemsjournal.org/index.php/fsj/pages/view/foodsystemsbriefs>). The email will explain that having a brief prepared of their paper means it is exceptionally useful to practitioners in the field and means that their paper will get even more exposure.

If they agree, you'll start work right away and try to get them a draft within two weeks. You may wish to send an early draft to Duncan Hilchey first. You may have some back and forth with the author(s) before you send the final draft to us for proofing. We will send the proofed and formatted version back to you with a sign-off form for you and the lead author to sign and return to us.

Details on structuring and writing the brief:

1. Give your brief a title that is separate from the original paper's title—one that is a little shorter and that "sells" the brief to lay readers.
2. It should be 1,200 words maximum.
3. One approach is to summarize the first paragraph or two of each subsection. These are likely to include the most important points for each element. You can copy and paste some wording, but some will need to be summarized.
4. The literature review generally can be left out.
5. Pay particular attention to the results and discussions sections, looking for lessons learned, recommendations based on the research, and policy implications. These are key items to include in the brief. Bullets are a good way to summarize multiple outcomes or recommendations.

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I feel comfortable reading scholarly papers and summarizing them for food systems development practitioners in the field.

I am willing to communicate with the corresponding author of the paper I am summarizing and make sure he or she is pleased with my summary.

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