



Snapshot of Wilkes County's Local Food System

Production	County	North Carolina
Number of farms	972 (1.9% of NC farms)	50,218
Proportion of farmers farming less than 10 years	14.4%	18.4%
Proportion of principal farmers younger than 35	4.6%	7.0%
Proportion of farms with direct sales (total direct sales)	5.7% (\$687,000)	8.9% (\$31,826,000)
Proportion of farms growing fruit & vegetables	6.7%	10.9%
Change in farmland acres 2007-2012	1.0%	-0.7%
Proportion of county land in farmland	23%	27%
Retail Infrastructure	County	North Carolina
Grocery stores/1,000 pop	0.23	0.19
Full service restaurants/1,000 pop	0.78	0.75
Farmers markets/1,000 pop (total markets)	0.29 (2 total markets)	0.02 (230 total markets)
Consumption, Access, and Health	County	North Carolina
Proportion of population with inadequate fruit and vegetable consumption	79%	78.4%
Rates of diabetes and obesity	Diabetes (10.0%); Obesity (30.2%)	Diabetes (9.1%); Obesity (27.8%)
Equity	County	North Carolina
Proportion of population below poverty level	22.4%	16.8%
Proportion of households receiving SNAP	17%	13%
Proportion of workforce employed in foodservice (average annual salary from foodservice)	5% (\$12,006)	7% (\$14,652)
Proportion of workforce employed in farming (average annual salary from farming)	4% (\$14,602)	2% (\$38,546)

*N/A - In some cases data are suppressed by agencies to protect individually identifiable information, or because of a lack of conclusive information.

For more information on this county's agricultural statistics, visit its [2012 Census of Agriculture profile](#)

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