

Snapshot of Cabarrus County's Local Food System

| Production | County | North Carolina |
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| Farms by size (by gross sales)* | Small family farms (<\$250k) 95% Large family farms (\$250k-\$499k) 1% Very large family farms (\$500k+) 3% Nonfamily farms 2% | Small family farms (<\$250k) 85% Large family farms (\$250k-\$499k) 3% Very large family farms (\$500k+) 8% Nonfamily farms 4% |
| Proportion of principal farmers younger than 35 | 4.6% | 4.6% |
| Number of farms | 589 (1.2% of NC farms) | 50,218 |
| Proportion of farms growing fruit & vegetables | 5.1% | 7% |
| Change in farmland acres 2007-2012 | -0.8% | -0.7% |
| Proportion of farms reporting positive net income | 32.6% | 43.2% |
| Proportion of farms with direct sales | 8.5% | 8.9% |
| Retail Infrastructure | County | North Carolina |
| Grocery stores/1,000 pop | 0.16 | 0.19 |
| Full service restaurants/1,000 pop | 0.72 | 0.75 |
| SNAP-authorized stores | 145 (2% of SNAP-auth. stores in NC) | 8,805 |
| Farmers markets | 4 (2% of NC farmers markets) | 230 |
| Consumption, Access, and Health | County | North Carolina |
| Proportion of population with inadequate fruit and vegetable consumption | 80.2% | 78.4% |
| Rates of diabetes and obesity | Diabetes (9.4%); Obesity (30.7%) | Diabetes (9.1%); Obesity (27.8%) |
| Proportion of children eligible for free/reduced price lunch | 43% | 56% |
| Waste Management | County | North Carolina |
| Estimated annual tons of residential food waste, commercial food waste (ICI), and municipal solid food waste (MSW) | Residential: 12654 (1.8% of NC total) ICI: 10699 (1.8% of NC total) MSW: 20903 (1.8% of NC total) | Residential: 673,362 ICI: 569,343 MSW: 1,112,308 |
| Equity | Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill** | North Carolina |
| Wages throughout the food system sectors | <u>Average annual wages:</u> farmworkers and laborers (\$22,590); animal slaughter and processing (\$23,140); food prep/service (\$20,830) | <u>Average annual wages:</u> farmworkers and laborers (\$20,320); animal slaughter and processing (\$23,750); food prep/service (\$20,130) |

*"Farms by size" is 2007 Census of agriculture data. Data for 2012 will not be released until December 2014. All other production data uses 2012 Census data.

**Bureau of Labor Statistics Metropolitan Region defined as: Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, and Union counties in NC, and York County in SC.

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

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