

Snapshot of Lancaster County's Local Food System

| Production | County | South Carolina |
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| Farms by size (by gross sales)* | Small family farms (<\$250k) 93% Large family farms (\$250k-\$499k) 0% Very large family farms (\$500k+) 4% Nonfamily farms 2% | Small family farms (<\$250k) 92% Large family farms (\$250k-\$499k) 1% Very large family farms (\$500k+) 3% Nonfamily farms 3% |
| Proportion of principal farmers younger than 35 | 4% | 4.3% |
| Number of farms | 577 (2.3% of SC farms) | 25,266 |
| Proportion of farms growing fruit & vegetables | 4.9% | 7.9% |
| Change in farmland acres 2007-2012 | -0.2% | +1.7% |
| Proportion of farms reporting positive net income | 35.7% | 37.7% |
| Proportion of farms with direct sales | 6.6% | 6.3% |
| Retail Infrastructure | County | South Carolina |
| Grocery stores/1,000 pop | 0.29 | 0.19 |
| Full service restaurants/1,000 pop | 0.40 | 0.77 |
| SNAP-authorized stores | 96 (2% of SNAP-auth. stores in SC) | 5,146 |
| Farmers markets | 1 (1% of SC farmers markets) | 121 |
| Consumption, Access, and Health | County | South Carolina |
| Proportion of population with inadequate fruit and vegetable consumption | 85.7% | 80.9% |
| Rates of diabetes and obesity | Diabetes (11%); Obesity (32.5%) | Diabetes (10.5%); Obesity (31.5%) |
| Proportion of children eligible for free/reduced price lunch | 55% | 54.5% |
| Waste Management | County | South Carolina |
| Tons of food waste recycled | 0.0 | 274,594 |
| Equity | Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill** | South Carolina |
| Wages throughout the food system sectors | <u>Average annual wages:</u> farmworkers and laborers (\$22,591); animal slaughter and processing (\$23,141); food prep/service (\$20,831) | <u>Average annual wages:</u> farmworkers and laborers (\$19,840); animal slaughter and processing (\$23,620); food prep/service (\$19,610) |

*"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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