



## Snapshot of McDowell County's Local Food System

<b>Production</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Number of farms	719 (1.4% of NC farms)	50,218
Proportion of farmers farming less than 10 years	24.3%	18.4%
Proportion of principal farmers younger than 35	4.2%	7.0%
Proportion of farms with direct sales (total direct sales)	9.0% (\$46,000)	8.9% (\$31,826,000)
Proportion of farms growing fruit & vegetables	12.6%	10.9%
Change in farmland acres 2007-2012	8.4%	-0.7%
Proportion of county land in farmland	9%	27%
<b>Retail Infrastructure</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Grocery stores/1,000 pop	0.15	0.19
Full service restaurants/1,000 pop	0.54	0.75
Farmers markets/1,000 pop (total markets)	0.22 (1 total markets)	0.02 (230 total markets)
<b>Consumption, Access, and Health</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Proportion of population with inadequate fruit and vegetable consumption	73%	78.4%
Rates of diabetes and obesity	Diabetes (10.6%); Obesity (33.6%)	Diabetes (9.1%); Obesity (27.8%)
<b>Equity</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Proportion of population below poverty level	19.0%	16.8%
Proportion of households receiving SNAP	15%	13%
Proportion of workforce employed in foodservice (average annual salary from foodservice)	5% (\$11,393)	7% (\$14,652)
Proportion of workforce employed in farming (average annual salary from farming)	2% (\$2,227)	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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