



## Snapshot of Swain County's Local Food System

| <b>Production</b>  | <b>County</b>                     | <b>North Carolina</b>            |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of farms  | 94 (0.19% of NC farms)            | 50,218                           |
| Proportion of farmers farming less than 10 years   | 22.3%                             | 18.4%                            |
| Proportion of principal farmers younger than 35  | 8.9%                              | 7.0%                             |
| Proportion of farms with direct sales (total direct sales)                               | 10.6% (\$9,000)                   | 8.9% (\$31,826,000)              |
| Proportion of farms growing fruit & vegetables   | 25.5%                             | 10.9%                            |
| Change in farmland acres 2007-2012   | N/A**                             | -0.7%                            |
| Proportion of county land in farmland  | N/A**                             | 27%                              |
| <b>Retail Infrastructure</b>   | <b>County</b>                     | <b>North Carolina</b>            |
| Grocery stores/1,000 pop   | 0.30                              | 0.19                             |
| Full service restaurants/1,000 pop   | 1.42                              | 0.75                             |
| Farmers markets/1,000 pop (total markets)  | 2.13 (3 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                 | 76%                               | 78.4%                            |
| Rates of diabetes and obesity  | Diabetes (12.1%); Obesity (32.5%) | Diabetes (9.1%); Obesity (27.8%) |
| <b>Equity</b>  | <b>County</b>                     | <b>North Carolina</b>            |
| Proportion of population below poverty level   | 22.5%                             | 16.8%                            |
| Proportion of households receiving SNAP  | 11%                               | 13%                              |
| Proportion of workforce employed in foodservice (average annual salary from foodservice) | 8% (\$15,093)                     | 7% (\$14,652)                    |
| Proportion of workforce employed in farming (average annual salary from farming)         | 2% (\$-4,457)                     | 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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