



Snapshot of McDowell County's Local Food System

Production	County	West Virginia
Number of farms	11 (0.1% of WV farms)	21,489
Proportion of farmers farming less than 10 years	15.4%	18.0%
Proportion of principal farmers younger than 35	0.0%	4.2%
Proportion of farms with direct-to-consumer sales (total direct sales)	45.5% (\$5,000)	9.0% (\$1,926,000)
Proportion of farms growing fruits and vegetables	36.4%	5.9%
Change in farmland acres 2007-2012	-29.7%	-2.5%
Proportion of county land in farmland	0.3%	23.4%
Retail Infrastructure	County	West Virginia
Grocery stores/1,000 pop	0.32	0.19
Full service restaurants/1,000 pop	0.23	0.64
Farmers markets/1,000 pop (total markets)	0.00 (0 total markets)	0.05 (89 total markets)
Consumption, Access, and Health	County	West Virginia
Proportion of population with inadequate fruit and vegetable consumption	81.8%	81.4%
Rates of diabetes and obesity (adults 18+)	Diabetes (16.6%); Obesity (37.3%)	Diabetes (11.1%); Obesity (33.8%)
Equity	County	West Virginia
Proportion of population below poverty level	36.3%	18.5%
Proportion of households receiving SNAP	23.8%	15.7%
Proportion of workforce employed in foodservice (average annual salary from foodservice)	3.0% (\$13,051)	7.0% (\$13,374)
Proportion of workforce employed in farming (average annual salary from farming)	0.3% (*Suppressed)	4.3% (\$2,503)

*Suppressed - 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](#)