



Snapshot of Wetzel County's Local Food System

Production	County	West Virginia
Number of farms	249 (1.2% of WV farms)	21,489
Proportion of farmers farming less than 10 years	11.2%	18.0%
Proportion of principal farmers younger than 35	1.2%	4.2%
Proportion of farms with direct-to-consumer sales (total direct sales)	11.6% (\$64,000)	9.0% (\$1,926,000)
Proportion of farms growing fruits and vegetables	8.0%	5.9%
Change in farmland acres 2007-2012	-26.5%	-2.5%
Proportion of county land in farmland	16.6%	23.4%
Retail Infrastructure	County	West Virginia
Grocery stores/1,000 pop	0.37	0.19
Full service restaurants/1,000 pop	0.80	0.64
Farmers markets/1,000 pop (total markets)	0.06 (1 total markets)	0.05 (89 total markets)
Consumption, Access, and Health	County	West Virginia
Proportion of population with inadequate fruit and vegetable consumption	85.6%	81.4%
Rates of diabetes and obesity (adults 18+)	Diabetes (14.0%); Obesity (32.6%)	Diabetes (11.1%); Obesity (33.8%)
Equity	County	West Virginia
Proportion of population below poverty level	19.7%	18.5%
Proportion of households receiving SNAP	16.6%	15.7%
Proportion of workforce employed in foodservice (average annual salary from foodservice)	9.1% (\$11,682)	7.0% (\$13,374)
Proportion of workforce employed in farming (average annual salary from farming)	6.8% (-\$1,552)	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](#)

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