

Appalachian Grown

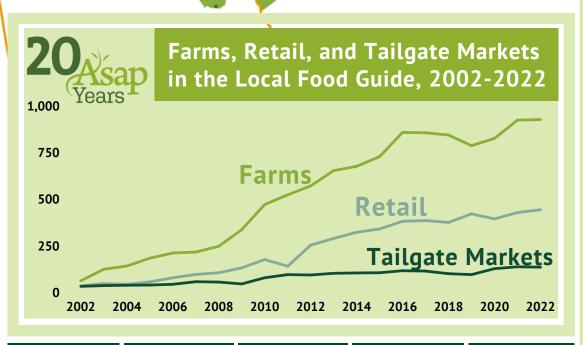
South Carolina

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2022 Farms

**Appalachian Grown Region** 

# Virginia North Carolina 84% of farms are within 10 miles of a tailgate market 38% of farms are within 25 miles of Asheville, NC



The farms in the Local Food Guide include over 62,000 total acres of farmland. 72% of farms in the Local Food Guide produce on less than 20 acres. There are over 1,600 farmers represented in the Guide, 48% are female.

The average farmer age is **52** years, and **15%** are **35** years or younger.

Farmers in the Local Food Guide have farmed for an average of **20** years.

## 831 Farms



### What Farms Sell

On average, farms sell **18** different products,

including varieties of fruits, veggies, meats, dairy, and specialty products.

**85%** of farms use some form of non-conventional production practice, such as organic, pasture raised, free range, wild harvested, and others.



### Where Farms Sell

Farms sell to an average of **3** sales outlets, and to a range of **1** to **31** outlets,

including through online sales, to food distributors, to restaurants, at tailgate markets, through CSAs, at roadside stands, and more.

2 out of 5 farms welcome visitors
1 out of 9 farms offer U-Pick
1 out of 4 farms have on-farm stands
2 out of 15 farms offer CSAs



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# **573**Partners



### Who Are Partners

Appalachian Grown Partners are businesses sourcing locally-grown foods,

including retail (restaurants, food trucks, grocery stores, artisan food producers, caterers, bakers, bed and breakfasts), institutions (schools, hospitals) wholesale distributors, and tailgate markets.



### **Retail Partners**

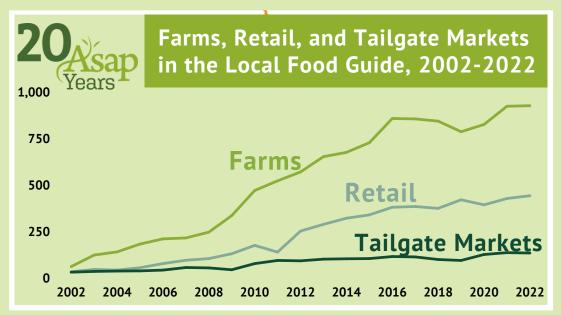
Retail Partners buy from an average of 7 businesses with locally-grown products, and a range of 1 to 122 businesses with locally grown products.

93% buy directly from Farms

2 out of 9 buy from Tailgate Markets

2 out of 5 buy from Local Food Distributors





83% of Tailgate Markets are seasonal, usually open between March and October.

**57%** of Tailgate Markets are open Saturdays. About half have morning hours and half have mid-day or afternoon hours.

Tailgate Markets have an average of 25 vendors per market day.

Over three**fourths** of Tailgate Markets sell only local products.

Over two-fifths of Tailgate Markets have activities for children at market.



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