

Local Food Systems for Extension Agents Course - 2015

Module 4 - Food as a Common Denominator: Bringing Everyone to the Table

Supporting Assignments

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Session 4 Moodle Forum Questions

1. In what ways are your projects reaching diverse voices? What have been your successes and challenges in getting a diversity of voices to the table?
2. Go to the Local Foods Portal Strong Communities: Food Access page. Click on the USDA Food Environment Atlas map that is linked under the 'Approaches to Analyzing Data' section. Zoom in to NC and click on your county and explore various mapping data.

Based on review of this Atlas, what data/factor is of interest to you relative to food access? What differences do you see for this factor across the state? What changes in time do you notice? Identify the counties that have had the least/most changes in this factor across time, and discuss what that means, and why.

Note: If you are struggling to identify a factor of interest, some factors to consider: car ownership (since transportation can be a big issue) related to how many supermarkets there are; counties that have had over 30% growth in supermarkets between 2007-2011; percent change in farmers' markets for different counties, and where those markets accept SNAP, and whether that has changed over time. Compare this information to food security rates.