2012

North Carolina Fruit and Vegetable Outlet Inventory

Supplemental Survey Data - Quick Facts

The North Carolina Fruit and Vegetable Outlet Inventory (NC FVOI) will be used annually to collect information about access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The inventory defined an outlet as a venue with a predictable location and hours of operation that sells produce, but that is not a retail store. This included but was not limited to farmers' markets, roadside stands, curbside markets, and tailgate markets.

Information on outlets was gathered for the NC Division of Public Health by local staff of the NC Community Transformation Grant Project and the NC Healthy Communities Program. During the 2012 data collection, supplemental information on 449* outlets was gathered and analyzed. The results of this analysis appear below.

*During the 2012 NC FVOI, 814 outlets were identified. However, supplemental data was only gathered on a portion of these outlets.

For more information about the NC FVOI please email Diane.Beth@dhhs.nc.gov

General Information

29.9% of outlets have a governing board

40.8% of outlets own the property on which the outlet is located

43.4% of outlets have been in operation for 5 or less years

38.8 % of outlets have been in operation for 10 or more years

56.7% of outlets have a permanent structure that provides overhead shelter

7.7 (mean) number of vendors per outlet

4.9 (mean) number of vendors selling fruits and vegetables per outlet

64.8% of outlets sell directly from farmer to customer (as opposed to resale from a distributor)

Marketing and Nutrition Education

90.4% of outlets conduct marketing to attract customers

71.3% of the outlets that conduct marketing use road signs

45.9% of the outlets that conduct marketing use newspaper ads or press releases

41.6% of the outlets that conduct marketing use Facebook or a website

41.8% of outlets provide nutrition education

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/ Electronic Benefits Transfer (SNAP/EBT)

6.9% of outlets accept SNAP/EBT

34.6% of outlets not offering SNAP/EBT expressed an interest in accepting this form of payment

5.5% of outlets were in the application process to accept SNAP/ EBT

Accessibility and Transportation**

88.5% of outlets are accessible to people with disabilities

16.5% of outlet customers commonly use the bus to get to the outlet

40.3 % of outlet customers commonly use a bicycle to get to the outlet

53.2% of outlet customers commonly walk to get to the outlet

**respondents could select multiple transportation methods commonly used by customers

Average Number of Customers per Week

26.5% of outlets serve fewer than 100 customers per week

18.3% of outlets serve 100-150 customers per week

14.7% of outlets serve 150-300 customers per week

9.4% of outlets serve 300-500 customers per week

11.4% of outlets serve more than 500 customers per week

19.7% of outlets were unsure of the number of customers served per week



