

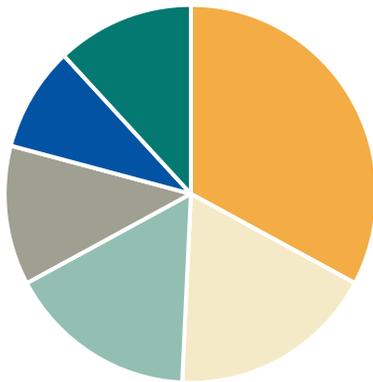
State of the Plate

Phase 1 Results



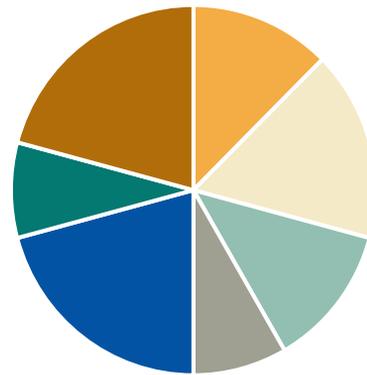
Research Question: What assets and gaps are there in our local food system, what are the barriers to success and the possible solutions? How has this shifted in light of COVID-19? What kinds of strategies and tools have emerged to address COVID-19 and could these be valuable in the future? What are the experiences, interconnections, and barriers to success? How has this shifted in light of COVID-19?

41 Survey Responses



- Food access
- Advocacy
- Food retail
- Farmers' markets
- Food production
- Other

24 In-Depth Interviews



- Local and state government
- Food security
- Agriculture
- Farmers' markets
- Health and nutrition
- Environmental education
- Business owners

Phase 1 survey and interview questions designed with input from 80+ stakeholders and based on preliminary interviews and a September 2020 planning meeting. Phase 1 data collected and analyzed by Colleen Hammelman and Dylan Turner with support from Nicole Peterson.

For questions regarding additional phases of research (including Phase 2 focused on household food insecurity), please contact Nicole Peterson (npeterson@uncc.edu) or Colleen Hammelman (colleen.Hammelman@uncc.edu). More information is available at <https://charlottefoodpolicy.org/state-of-the-plate/>

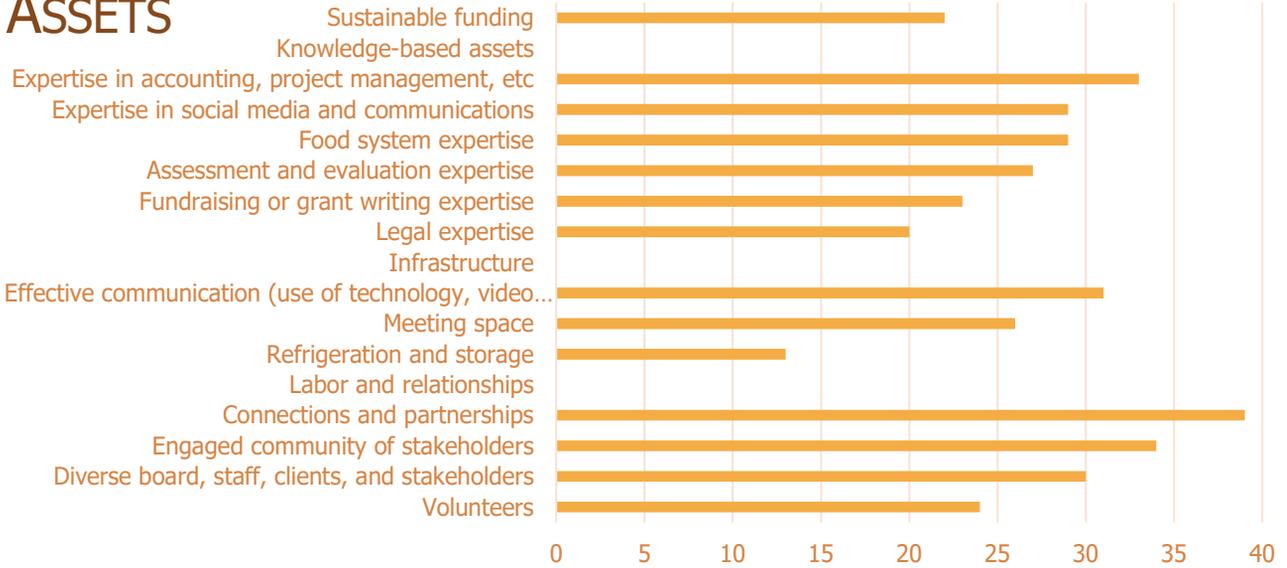


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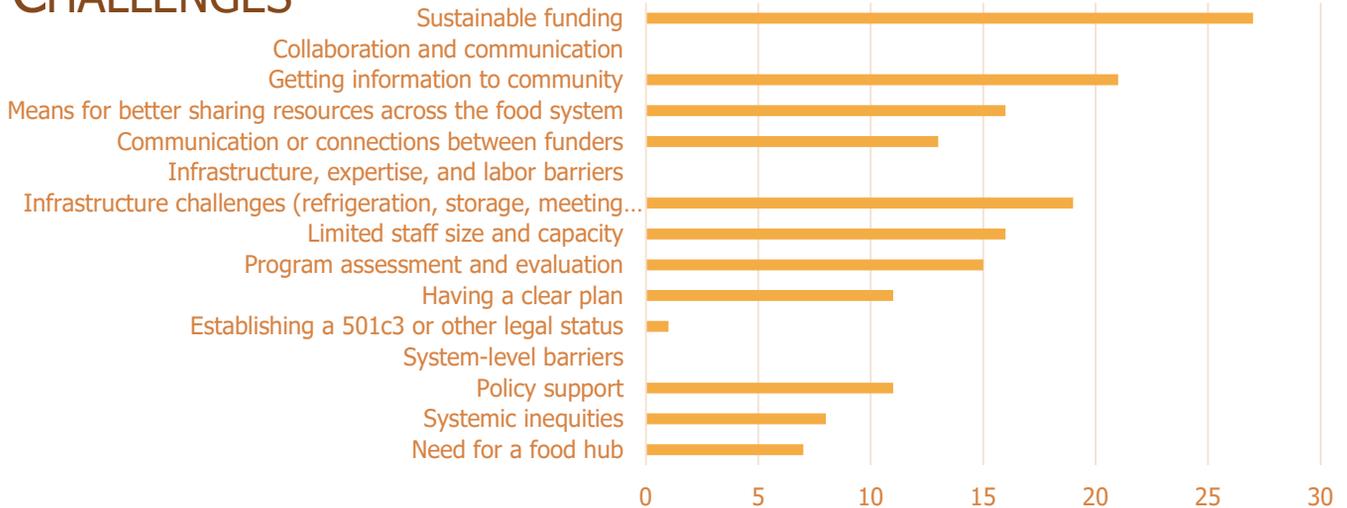


ASSETS



"We've got to row in the same direction. So collaboration is key, because otherwise we're, you know, we're all going to be kind of duplicating efforts, and not really maximizing the impact we could have."

CHALLENGES



"I do know farmers that are not producing to capacity because they feel like there is a fair amount of waste, that a production and processing facility could assist with."



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PANDEMIC IMPACTS



"We shut down all our dining rooms. So, yeah, we could say that was a barrier I guess, but it just sort of flipped us and now we do home deliveries too, which we didn't do before and so the ability to bring food to people's houses. We launched a website where people can order everything online. These are all things I never would have done if COVID didn't exist."

CHANGES MADE IN RESPONSE



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VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

- A food system that centers the voices of BIPOC and underserved people in our region
- Attending to systemic challenges at the root of food system injustices
- Better connections across the food system (a cohesive effort with strong leadership and responsive policy)
- Concrete investments in:
 - Direct to consumer opportunities for local farmers
 - A better educated public
 - Food hubs
 - School food
 - Shared funding

STRATEGIES FOR RESILIENCE

