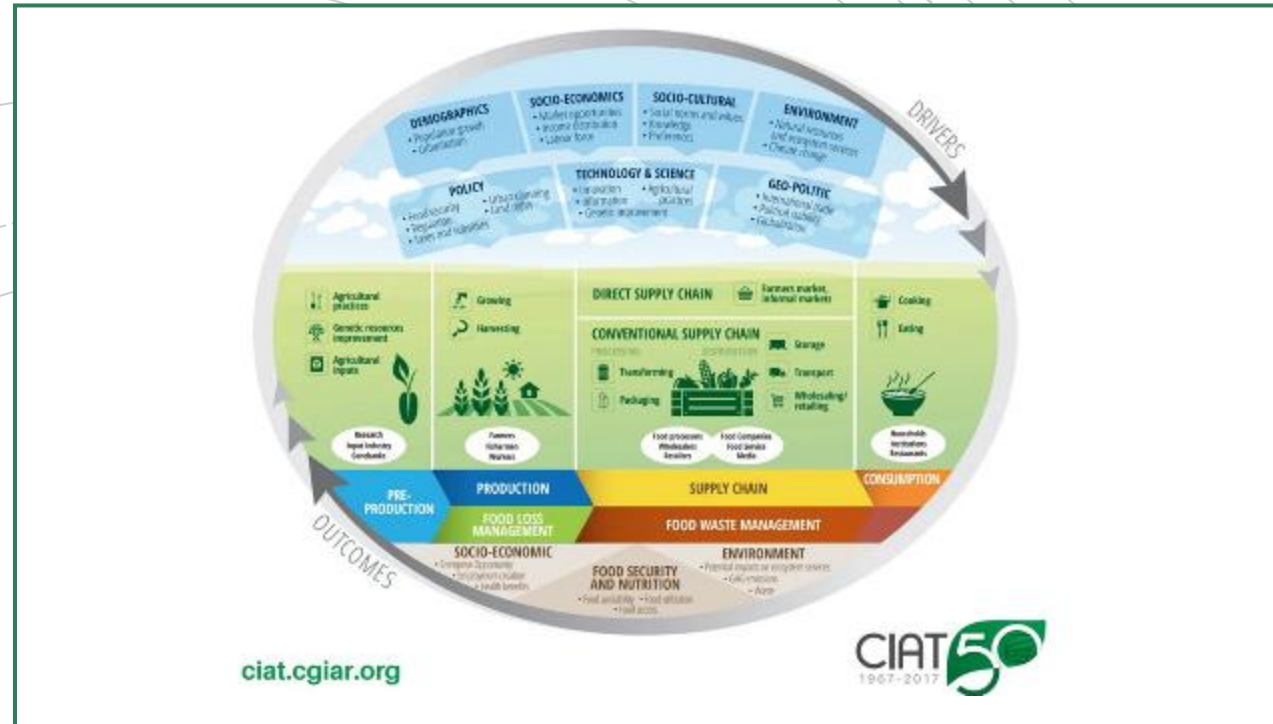


Navigating Local and Regional Food Systems in Dynamic Times

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Presentation to the Kansas Food Summit: Painting a Vibrant Future



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July 2025



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Regional Economic Development Institute

Overview of Today's Talk

- PEOPLE: National Consumer and Food Market Dynamics
 - COVID and supply chain impacts catalyzed changes across many dimensions
 - Food and Ag as a focus
- PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND POLICY: Ag and Food Visible and Salient
 - Some Perspectives from your Neighbors in Colorado
 - A Look at the US
- PLACE: A Closer Look at the Changing Food Market Landscape
 - Important linkages to Ag, Entrepreneurs and Communities
 - USDA Regional Food Business Centers as a Response to Regional Needs...and what Next with New Federal Priorities?

Food Inflation is top of Mind

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

❖ Up 2.7% June 2024 to June 2025

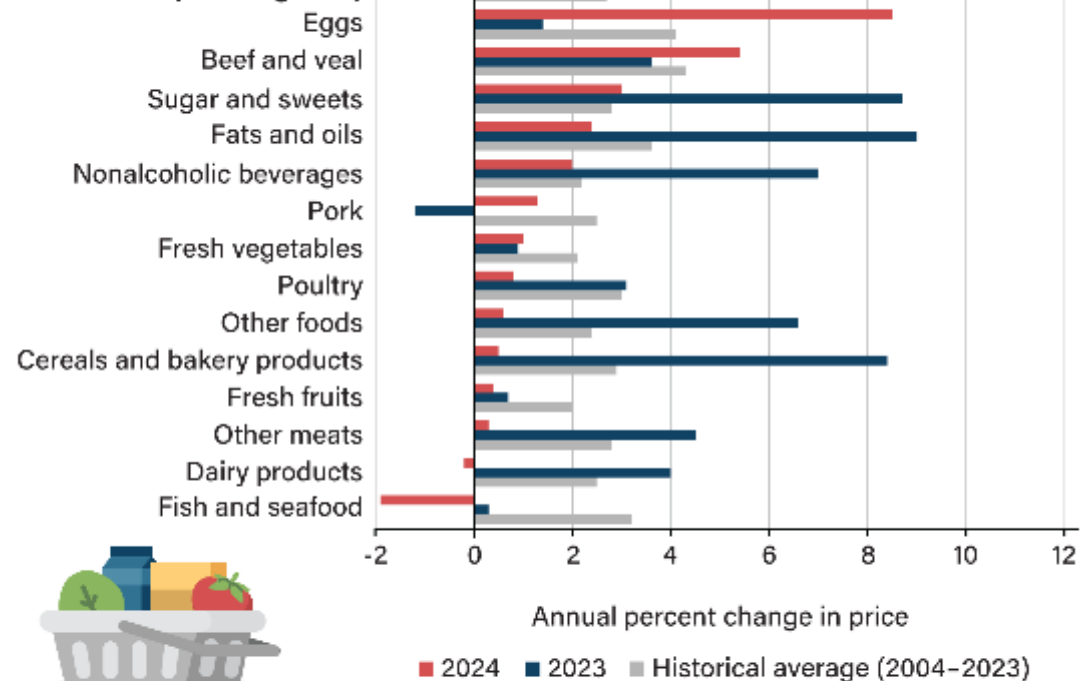
❖ Food prices were 3% higher

- **Food at home now below historical average**
- **Biggest pressure remains for proteins**
- **Consumers may confuse slowing inflation with an expectation for lower prices**

Annual inflation for major U.S. food categories, 2024 and 2023

USDA Economic Research Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food at home (all categories)

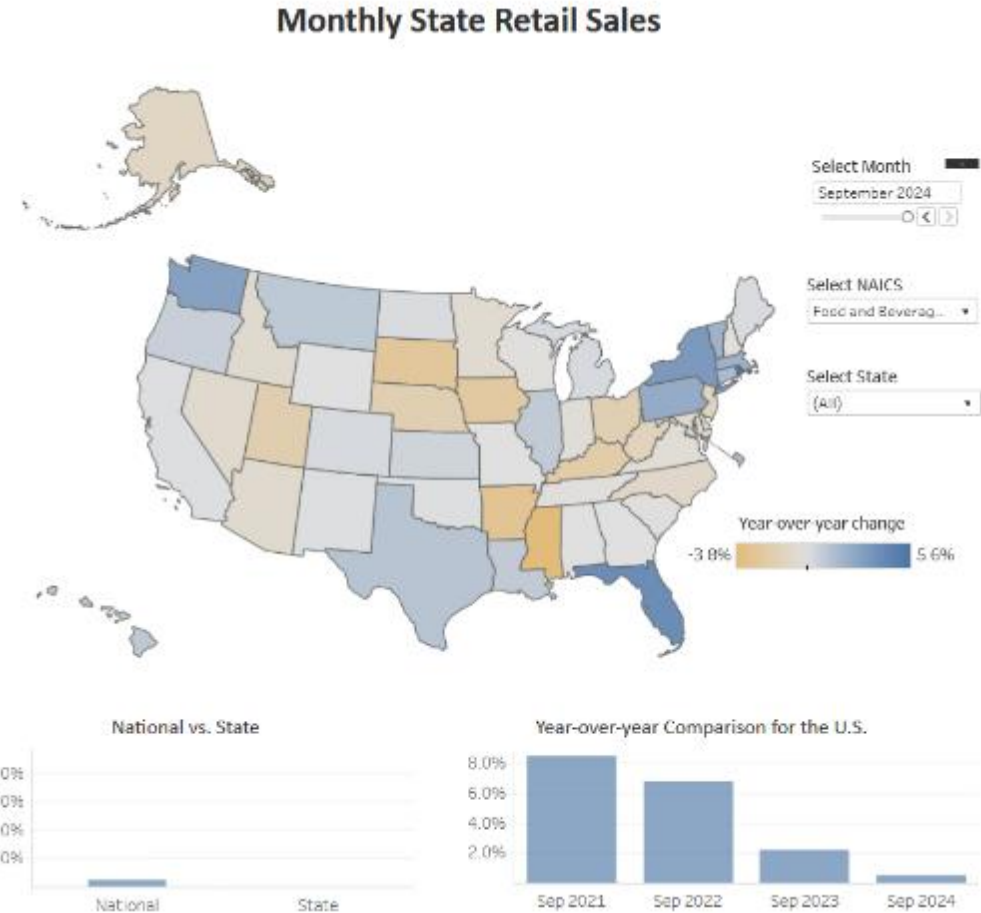
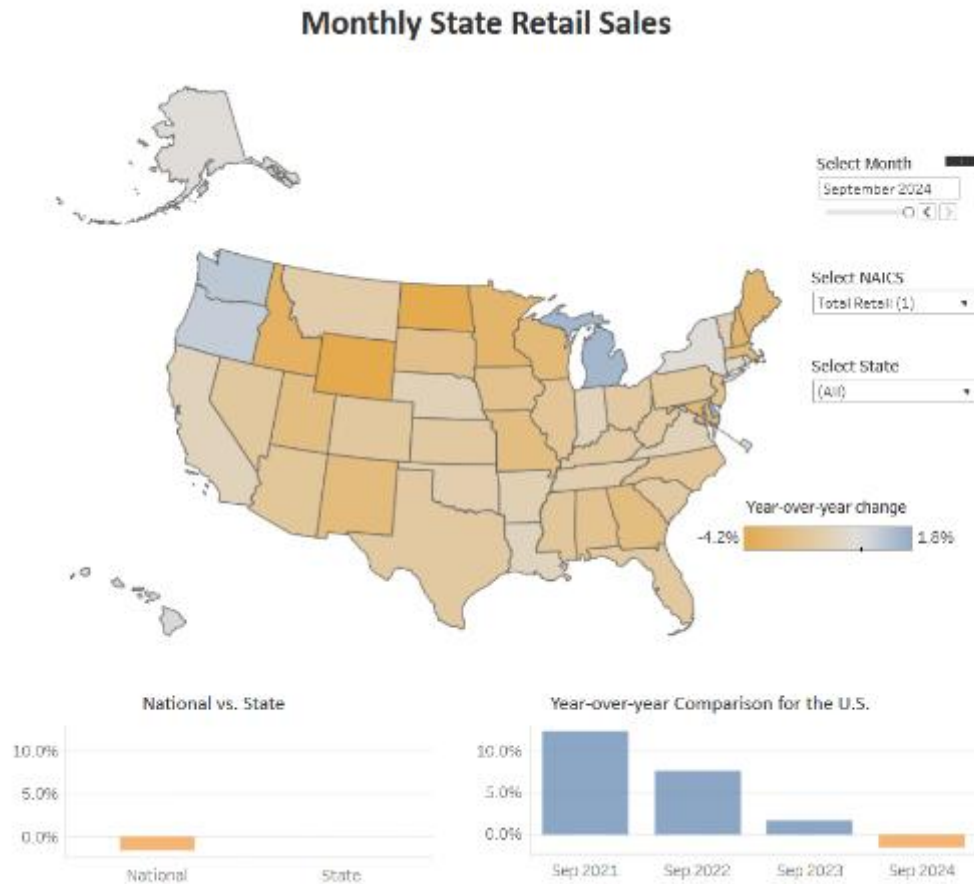


Note: Food at home is typically bought from grocery stores or other food stores. **Other foods** include soups, frozen and freeze-dried prepared foods, snacks, spices and seasonings, condiments, baby food, prepared salads, and other miscellaneous foods.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index data.

CHARTS of NOTE

Retail Sales: Total and Food, Fall 2024



Price Inflation Persists: A Look at Beef

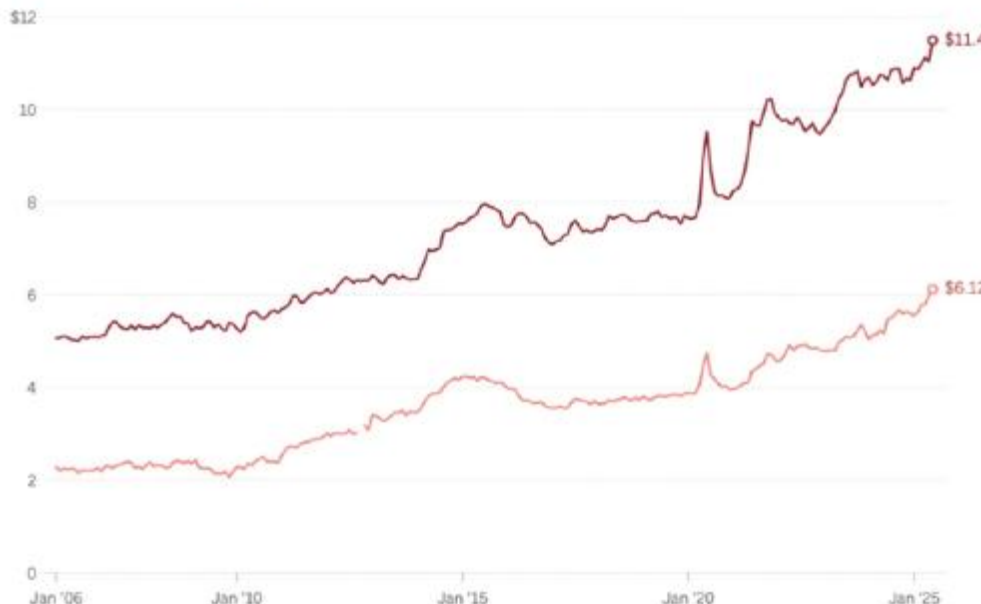
Beef prices soar

Consumer costs for steak and ground beef have risen to record highs.

Average cost per pound

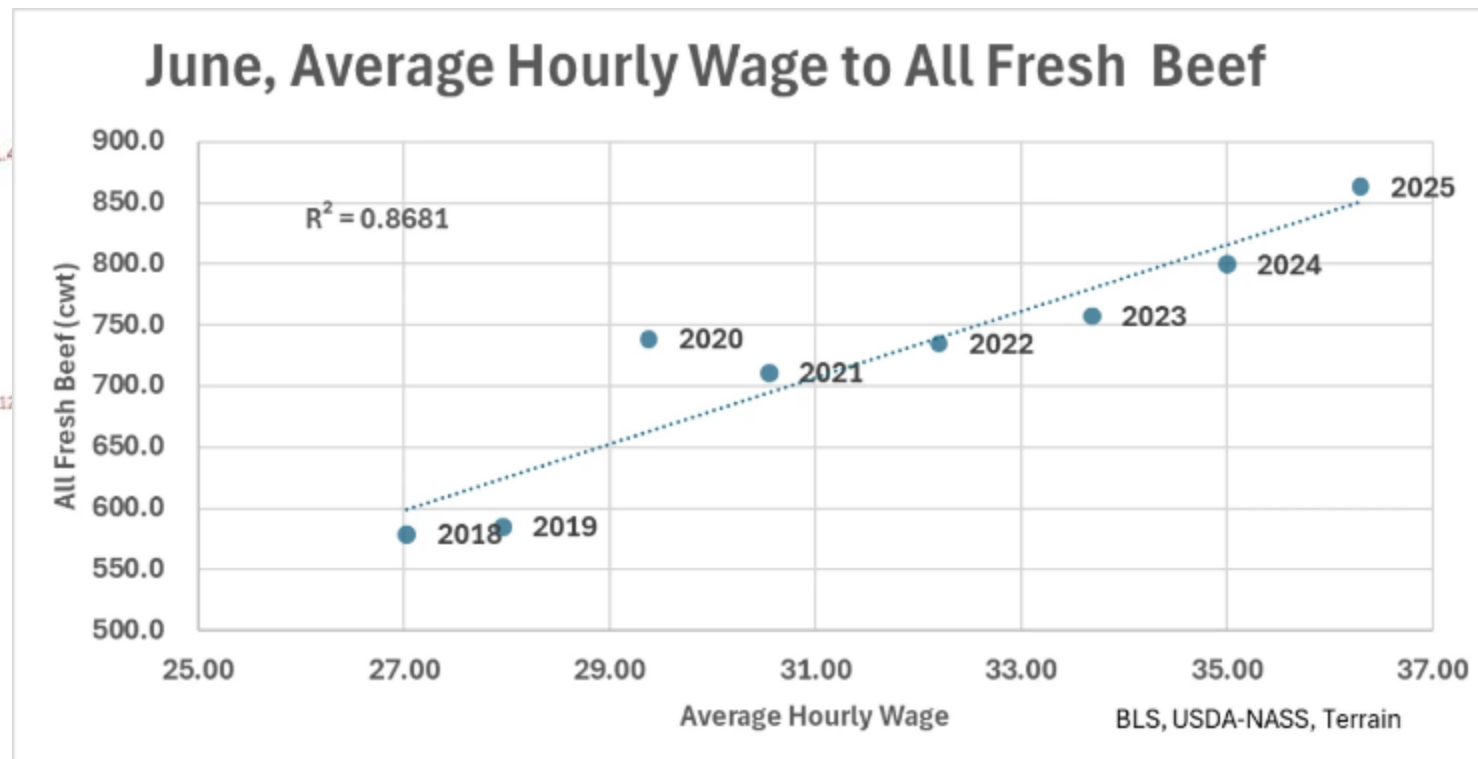
U.S. city average, not seasonally adjusted

— All uncooked beef steaks — Ground beef



Steak data reflects steaks other than round or sirloin, regardless of cut or grade. Includes bone-in, boneless, organic, non-organic, fresh, and frozen. Ground beef data is for regular 100% ground beef excluding round, chuck, and sirloin. Includes organic and non-organic; excludes pre-formed patties.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



Drovers https://www.drovers.com/news/industry/why-arent-high-beef-prices-causing-sticker-shock-consumers?utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_kUs0SfkN2H7_rIP12xa539GFaNoPlvwXsD0x_Y5R1TnrVrqpPb5HxOeINx2qKalGunsBM5jysX5N8ykmwL1D29g_Tah9TJVjBGr4u79zrqGnRi60&_hsmi=372651682&utm_content=372651682&utm_source=hs_email

Changes in the retail landscape

- Pandemic
- E-commerce
- Emphasis on fresh
- Prepared foods/meal solutions/grocerants



The pandemic drove record supermarket sales as consumers were forced to eat more meals at home.

That drove **accelerated acceptance of online grocery shopping**, bringing 5 years of anticipated growth in a span of just a few months.

Grocers that up until then had little or no web presence were forced to offer **online shopping, pickup or delivery to meet the demand from people hesitant to shop in person**, despite grocery being declared an essential business during the pandemic.

Grocers have **invested aggressively in the fresh perimeter** to enhance the shopping experience. Despite inroads by e-commerce, fresh areas remain a draw for in-person shoppers.

While the pandemic stalled in-store dining, grocers pivoted to offer **restaurant-quality meals in pre-packaged formats** (grab & go, heat & eat).

Food Spending Priorities Favor “Fresh Zone”



#1

FRESH PRODUCE

4.3 Purchases Per Month

Inflation: 0.90% YoY



#2

MEAT & DAIRY

4.3 Purchases Per Month

Inflation: 7.0% YoY



#3

BABY SUPPLIES

1 Purchase Per Month

Inflation: 10.3% YoY



#4

GASOLINE

2.2 Purchases Per Month

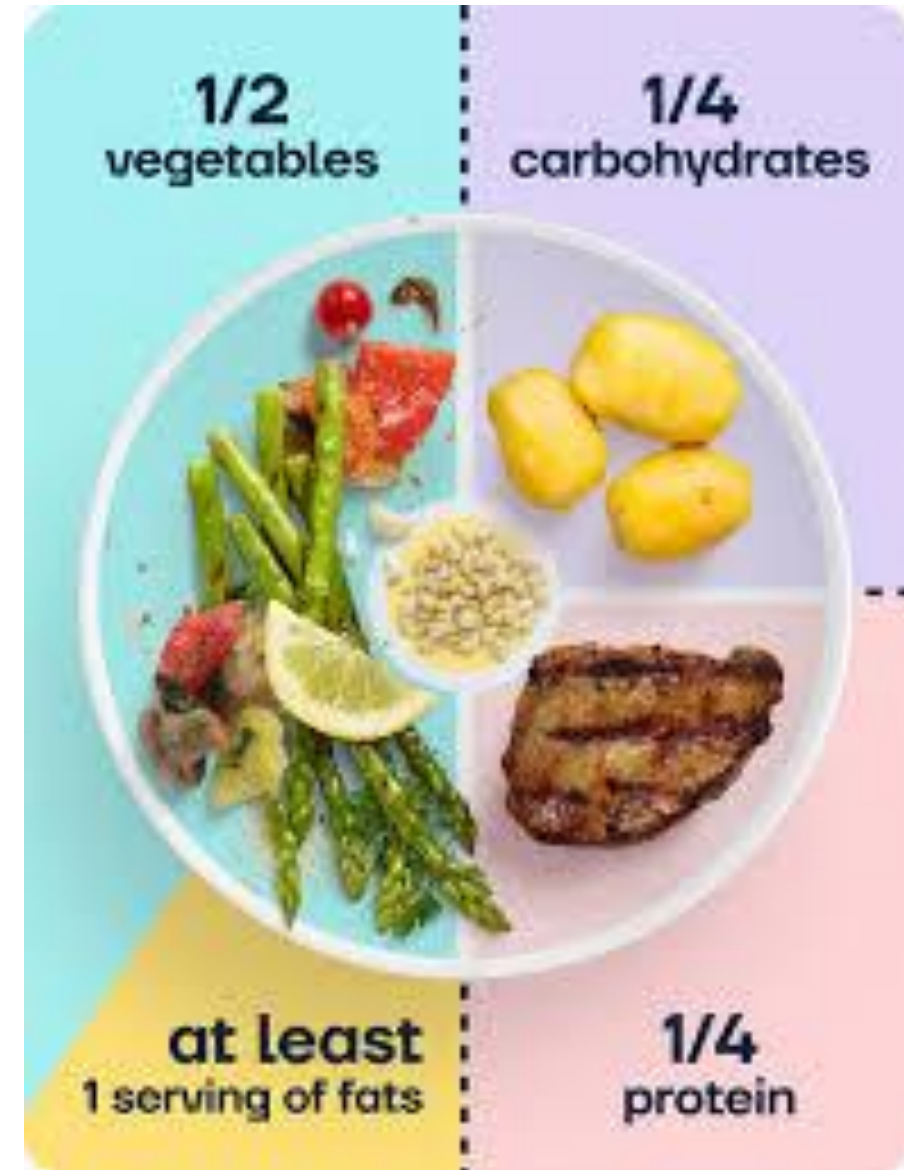
Inflation: 11.8% YoY

New SensaPay Study Reveals Top 14 Spending Priorities for Americans in 2025

	Category	Net Intent Q1	Purchases/ mo	Inflation % YoY	Notes
1	Fresh Produce	15	4.300	0.90%	Strong intent, essential, frequent
2	Meat & Dairy	13	4.300	7.00%	High inflation, but strong intent
3	Baby Supplies	13	1.000	10.30%	Higher inflation, but essential
4	Gasoline	10	2.200	11.80%	Deflation, frequent necessity
5	Pet Food & Supplies	6	1.000	0.20%	High stability, essential
6	Center-store Groceries	6	4.300	2.00%	Stable spending, essential

Weight Loss Medications' Ripple Effect

- Estimated 9% of Americans on these drugs
 - More likely to purchase whole, nutrient-dense foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and low-fat dairy, and to avoid snack foods, sugary drinks and alcohol.
- Morgan Stanley study revealed that monthly grocery spending fell by up to 9% in households with GLP-1 users, confirmed by a recent Cornell study.
 - Major food and beverage companies have experienced a marked decrease in sales of snacks and sweets.



Public Attitudes And Policy

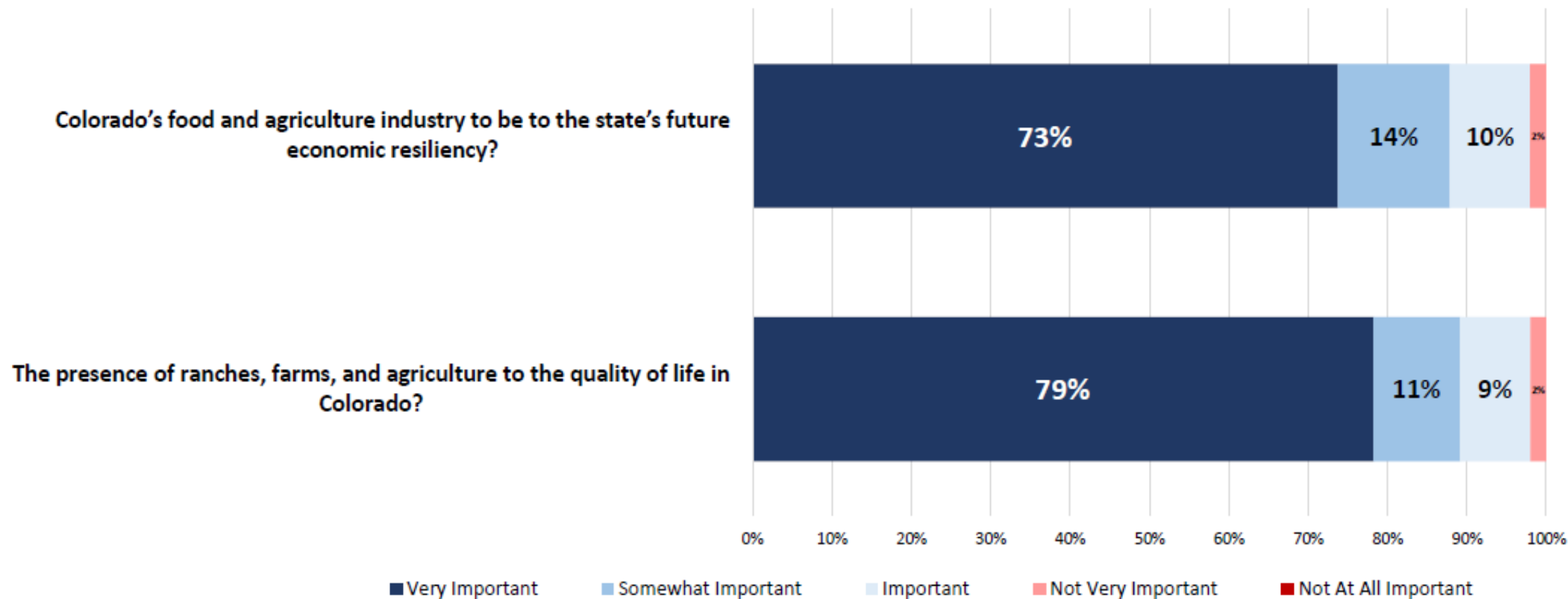


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<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/charts-of-note/chart-detail?chartId=109618>

Q7. How important would you consider...

by the percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided" responses)



MARKETING AND PRODUCT BRANDING

Elevating Colorado Products
in Food Markets

Respondents care more about **WHERE** their food is grown,
instead of **HOW** their food is grown



MARKETING CLAIMS THAT INFLUENCE FOOD PURCHASES

#1

Grown or raised
in Colorado

#2

Colorado Proud



MORE THAN
90%

believe farmers markets, farm stands
and CSAs are very supportive of
Colorado farms and CO Proud, and
2/3 purchase some of their food there



would buy more Colorado
products if available,
branded and affordable

Pueblo Chilis' growth in
awareness and placements in
stores/restaurants is one
successful example of
origin-based marketing



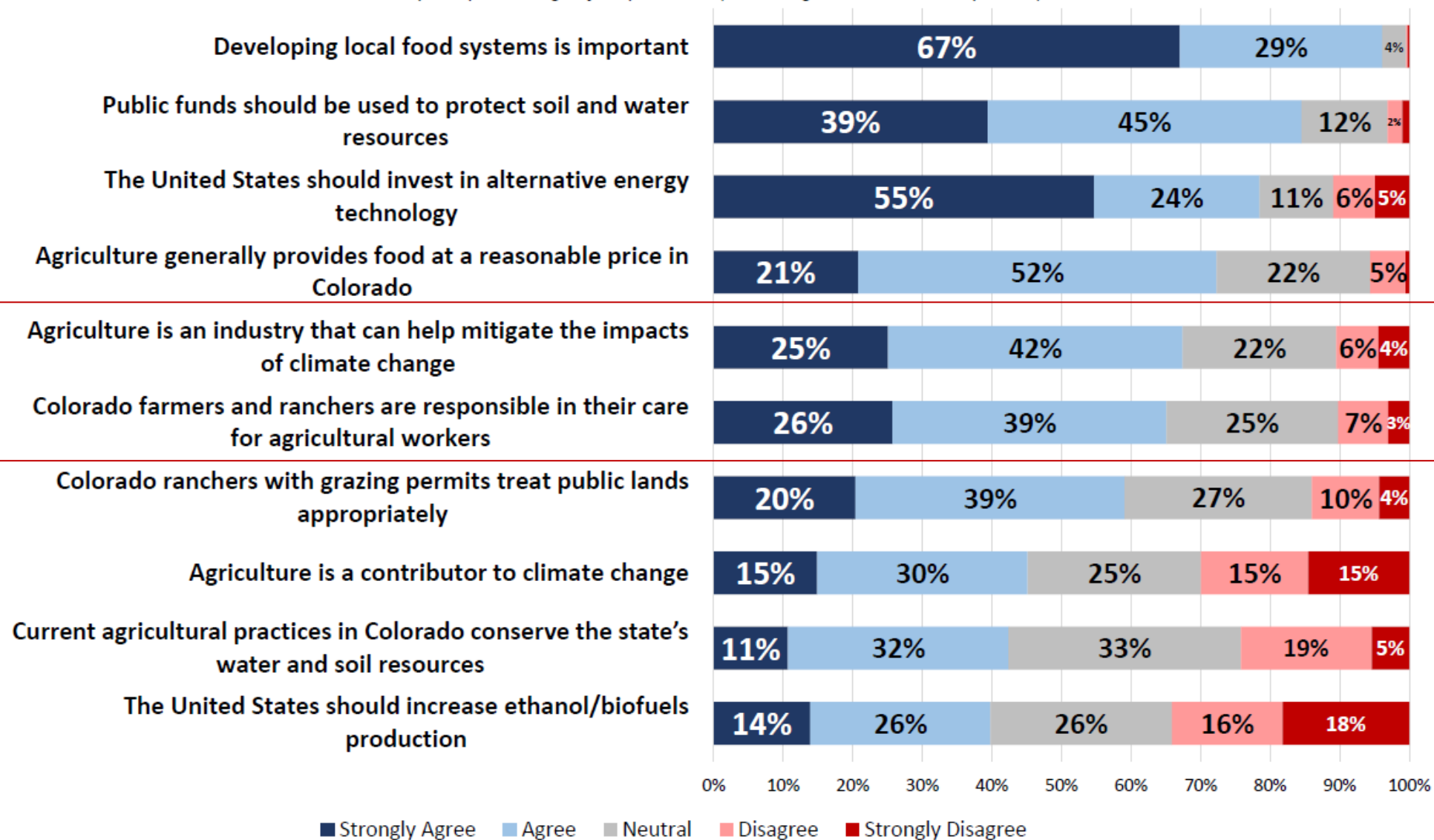
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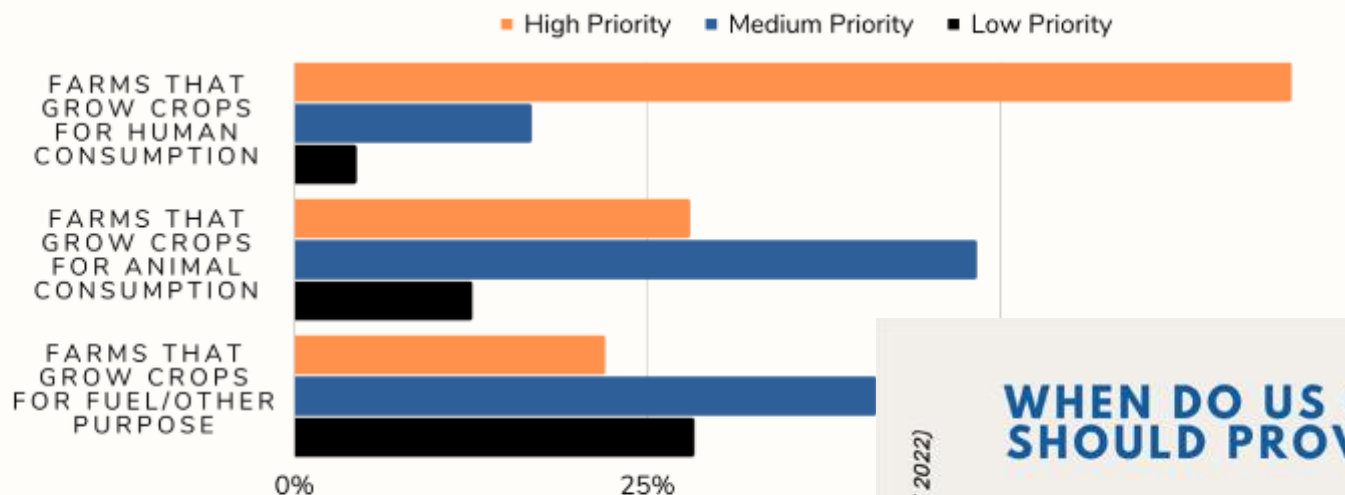
Q20. What is your level of agreement with the following statements?

by the percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know" responses)



WHAT FARM TYPES DOES THE PUBLIC THINK US GOVERNMENT FUNDING SHOULD PRIORITIZE?

% of participants who indicated each farm type was a high, medium, or low priority for financial support



US Perspective

WHEN DO US CONSUMERS BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FARMERS?



A NATURAL DISASTER (E.G., HURRICANE, TORNADO) HARMS FARMER'S CROP(S)



WHEN CROP PRICES ARE CONSIDERED TOO LOW



WHEN FARMERS ADOPT SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION PRACTICES



TO MAKE CROP INSURANCE PROTECTION MORE AFFORDABLE FOR FARMERS



DURING AGRICULTURAL TRADE OR EXPORT RESTRICTIONS



TO PROVIDE INCOME TO FARMERS

LEGEND: YES NO I DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

GARDNER FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY SURVEY (MAY 2022)





IMPACTS of COVID On Market Channels: A 2023 National Consumer Study of Households





Food At Home



Food Away From Home



Food Acquisition



SNAP

WIC

P-EBT



Local Markets
Traditional Markets

Survey 1.0
Oct. - Nov. 2020



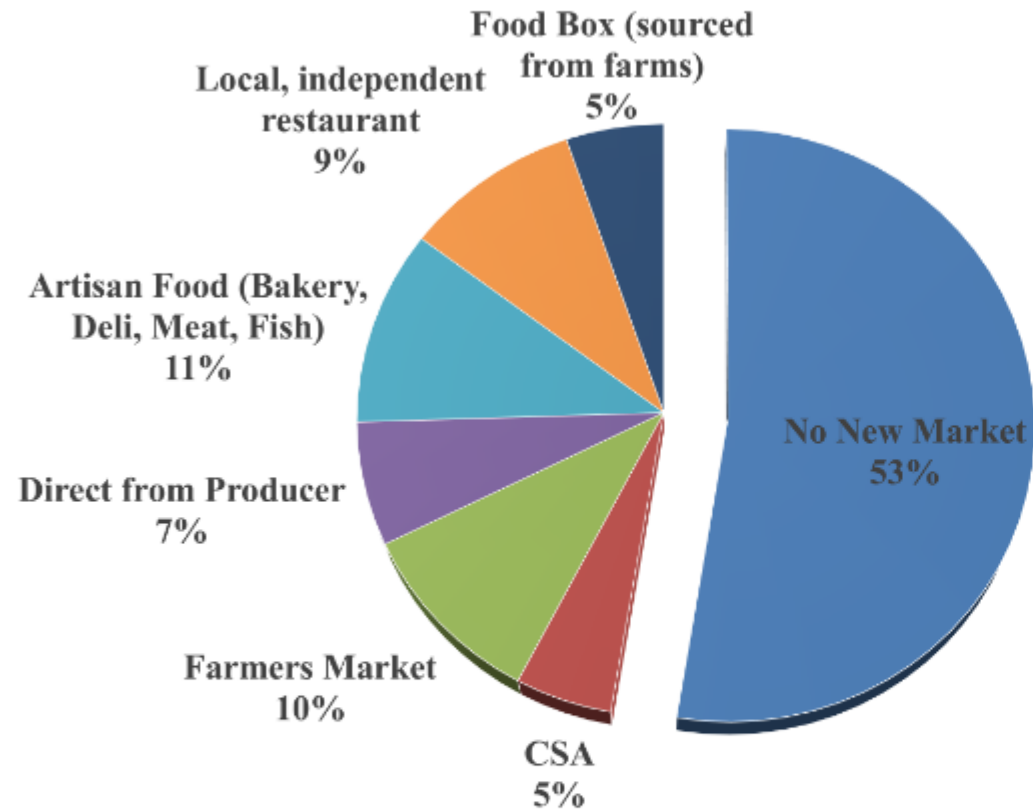
Survey 2.0
Nov. 2021 - Jan. 2022



Survey 3.0
Dec. 2023 - Jan. 2024

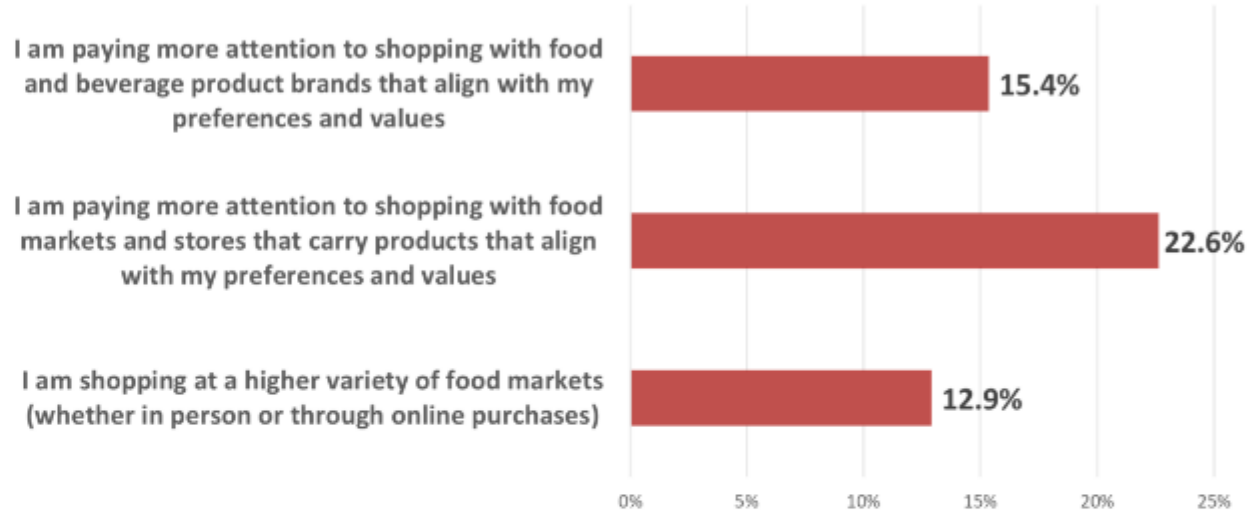


Did you purchase from a market for the first time, since October 1, 2020?



Among those who rated Locally Grown among top 3 motivations when buying food

How has your food purchasing behavior changed since early 2020 ? (before the COVID-19 pandemic, check all that apply)



577 out of 1271 (45%) of those motivated to buy locally grown tried at least one new local or regional market outlet/

These values-driven customers tried more markets with over half trying more than one new market channel

Market Channel Aggregations

Full Selection

- Supercenter/ Wholesale
- Supermarket
- Diverse, Full-line Selection
- National presence



Limited Selection

- Small-format Grocers
- Health Stores
- Niche, moderate selection
- Regional or national presence



Discount and Convenience

- Discount Stores
- Convenience/ Corner Stores
- Limited selection
- Local, regional or national presence



Local & Regional Stores

- Direct Markets
- Farmers Markets
- Gourmet/ Artisan Sellers
- Niche, limited selection
- Local or regional presence



Seller-based Limited Selection

- Food Boxes
- Meal Kits
- Niche, limited selection
- Local, regional or national presence



Natural and Wellness Products Are Driving Growth Across All Channels

2030

“Zennials” will hold **47–60%** of buying power

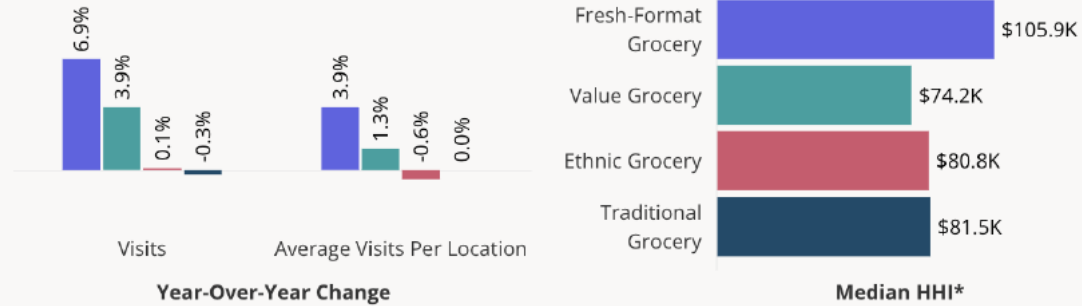
And they **shop with their values**, favoring people and planet as well as health

Natural Expanded Channel +3.7% Total Growth	Regional & Independent Grocery Channel -1.9% Total Growth	Conventional MultiOutlet +1.6% Total Growth	Convenience Channel +1.0% Total Growth
+6.6% NATURAL PRODUCTS	+1.1% NATURAL PRODUCTS	+4.4% NATURAL PRODUCTS	+5.0% NATURAL PRODUCTS
+2.3% SPECIALTY & WELLNESS PRODUCTS	+1.2% SPECIALTY & WELLNESS PRODUCTS	+3.0% SPECIALTY & WELLNESS PRODUCTS	+4.2% SPECIALTY & WELLNESS PRODUCTS
-1.1% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS	-3.1% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS	+1.1% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS	-1.3% CONVENTIONAL PRODUCTS



Value and Fresh-Format Grocery Stores Outperform Traditional and Ethnic Groceries

Q1 2025



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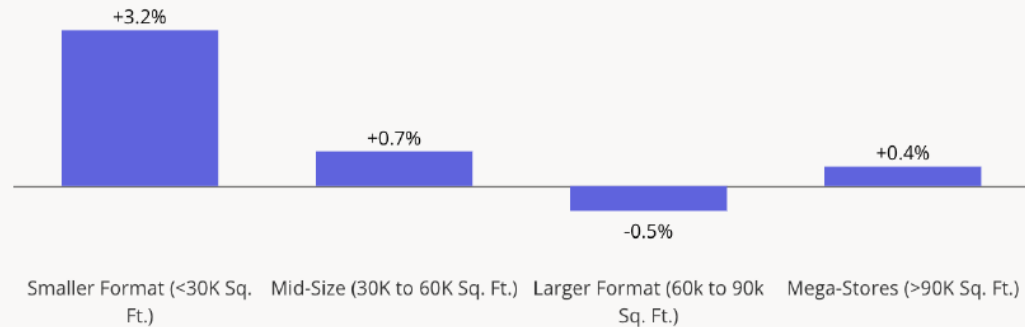
Download data

*Based on STI; PopStats Combined With Placer.ai Data for Captured Trade Areas.



Smaller Format Grocery Store Locations Outperformed Other Formats

Visits, Q1 2025 Compared to Q1 2024



Download data

Based on the 40 largest grocery store chains in the United States.



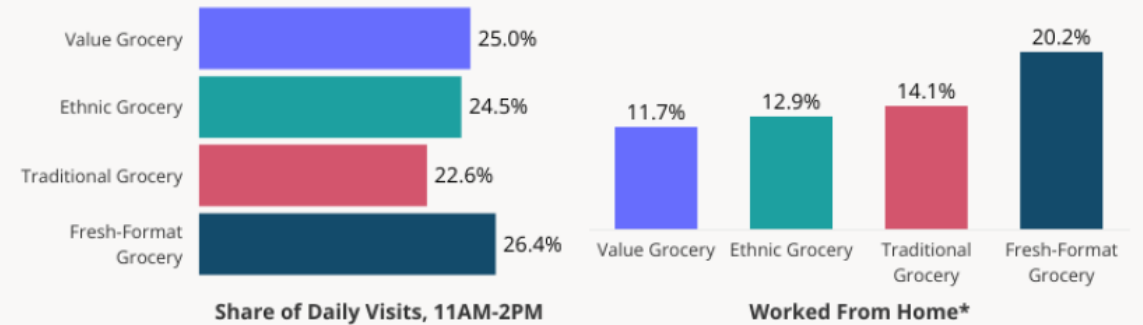
Report — May 2025

Grocery in 2025: Visitation Trends and Consumer Behavior

Dive into the data to see the trends shaping the grocery space in 2025 and uncover actionable insights for strategic decision-making in the competitive food-at-home market.

Fresh Format Grocers Lead in Midday Visits and Serve Trade Areas With Largest Share of Remote Workers

Q1 2025



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*Based on Census 2023 (ACS) Combined with Placer.ai Data for Captured Trade Areas

Top 3 motivations of food purchases, 2022 (N = 5,024)

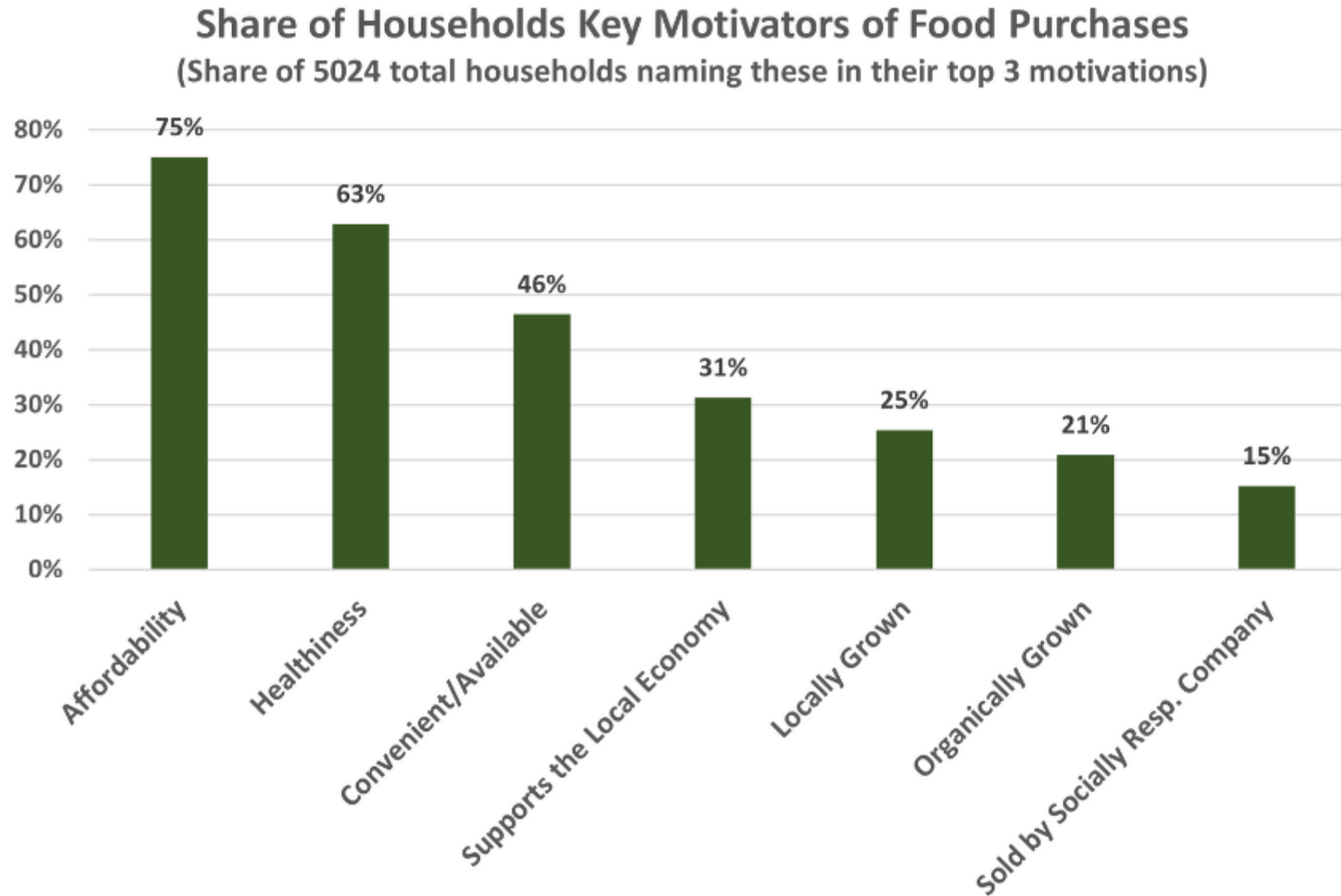
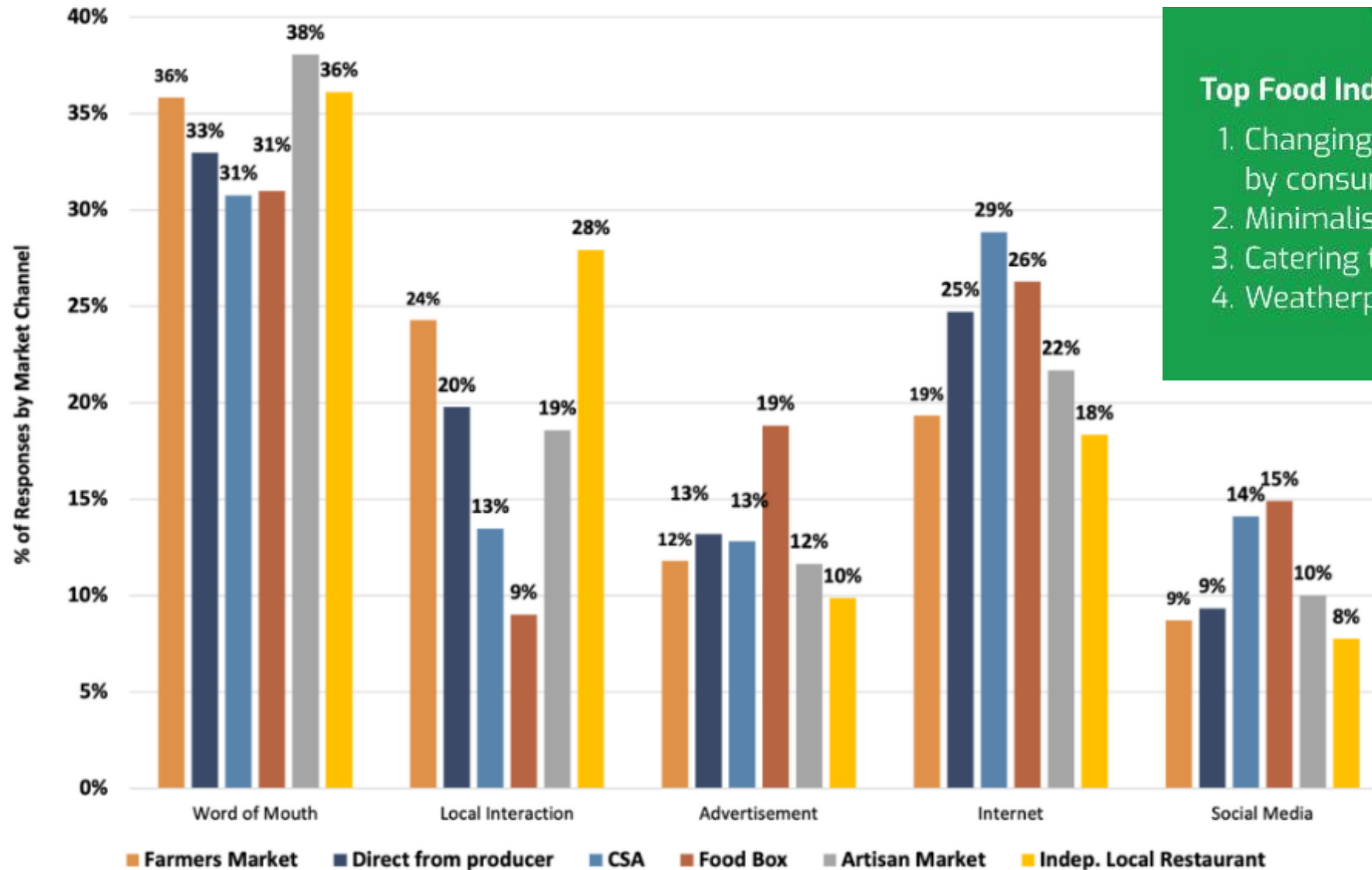


Fig. 3. Source for information about new local market channels between October 2020 and October 2021.



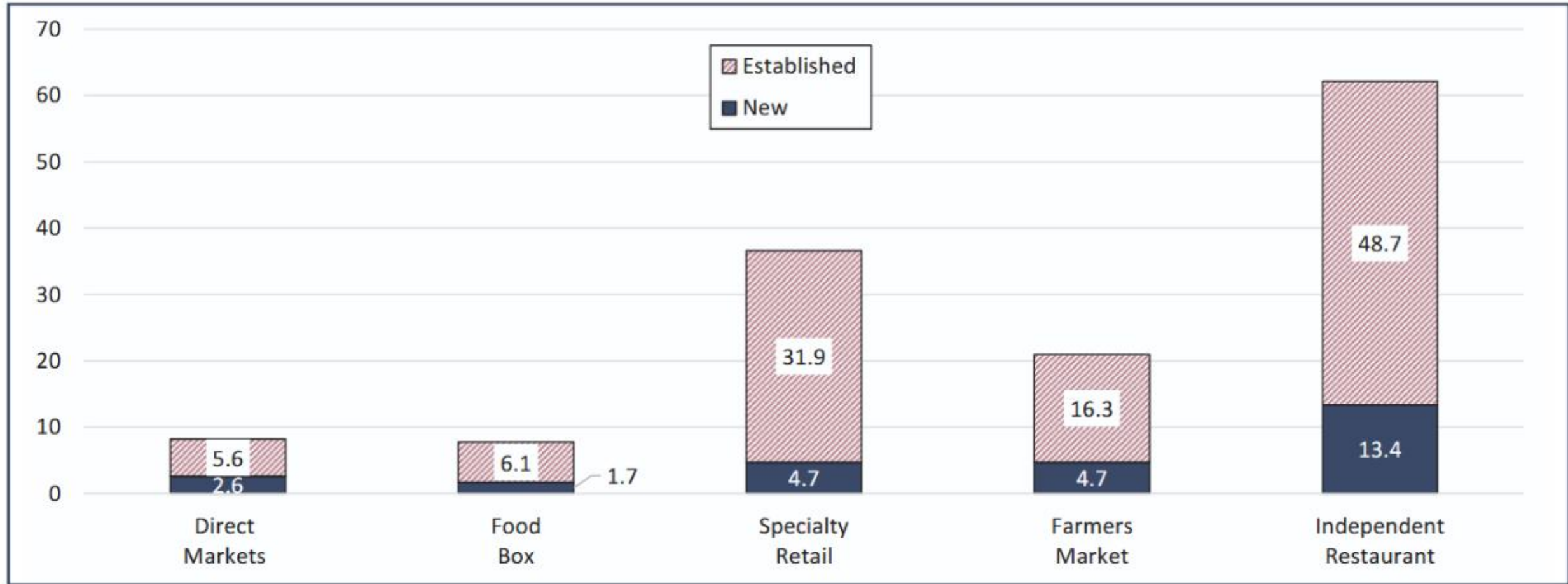
Top Food Industry Trends of 2023:

1. Changing definitions of "value" by consumers
2. Minimalist messaging
3. Catering to social media
4. Weatherproofing provisions

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Comparing New and Established Local Shoppers: Heartland Region

Figure 2: New & Established Local Market Channel Users (% in October 2023)



Comparing Channel Usage Intensity

• Heartland region

compared to the

NW Rocky Mountain

Figure 3: Diversity of Local Market Channel Usage (% in each category for 2023)

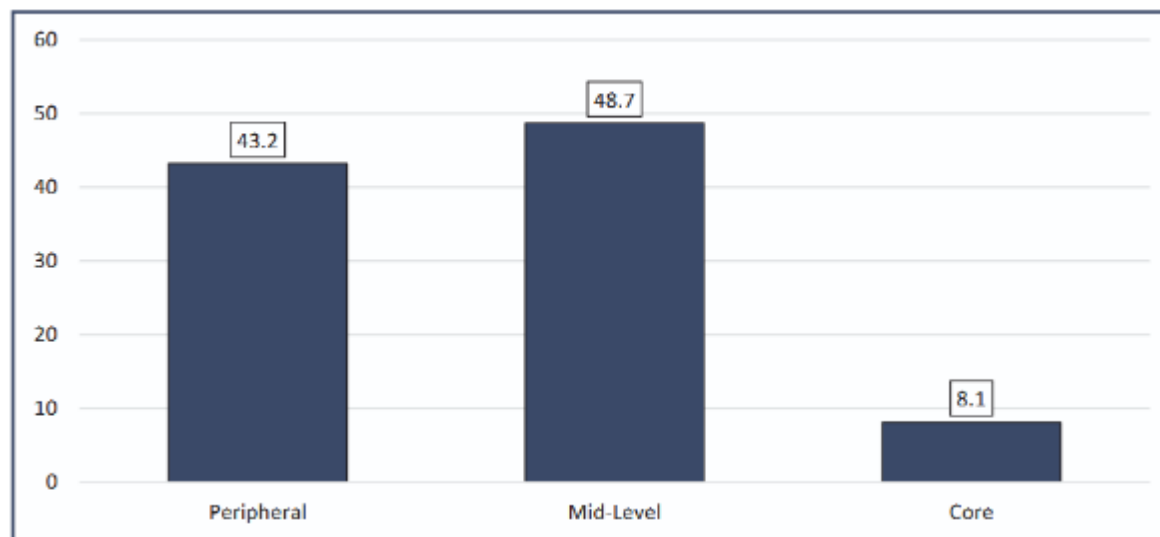
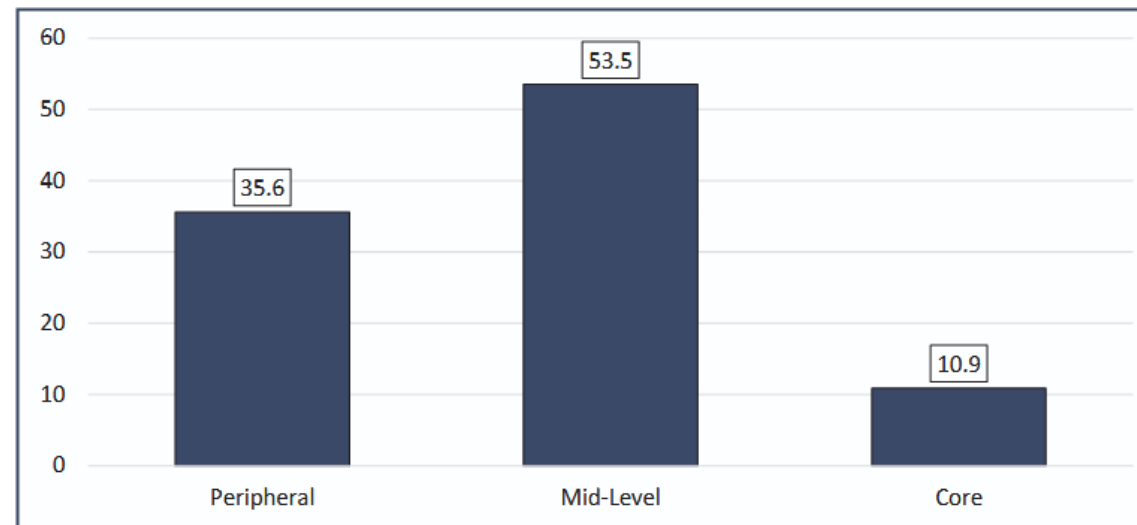


Figure 3: Diversity of Local Market Channel Usage (% in each category for 2023)



- Core Local Consumers: purchased from at least **four** different local market channels in **both** 2022 and 2023
- Mid-Level Local Consumers: purchased from **at least three** local market channels in 2022 **or** 2023
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Comparing expenditures across Time

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Figure 6: October 2022 Expenditures by Market Channel Users, by Consumer Segment (\$ per week by household)

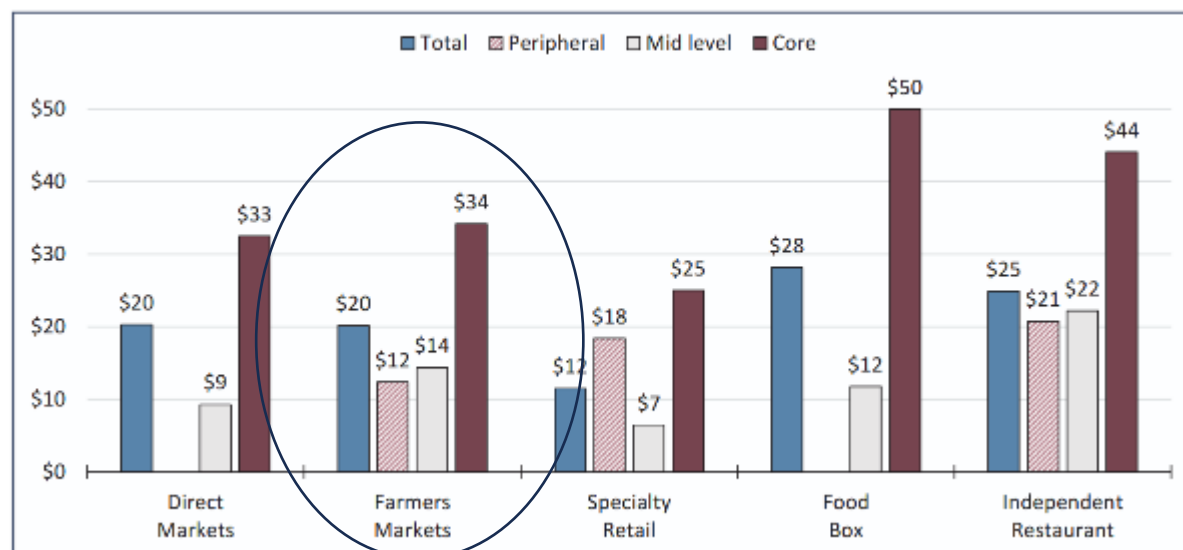
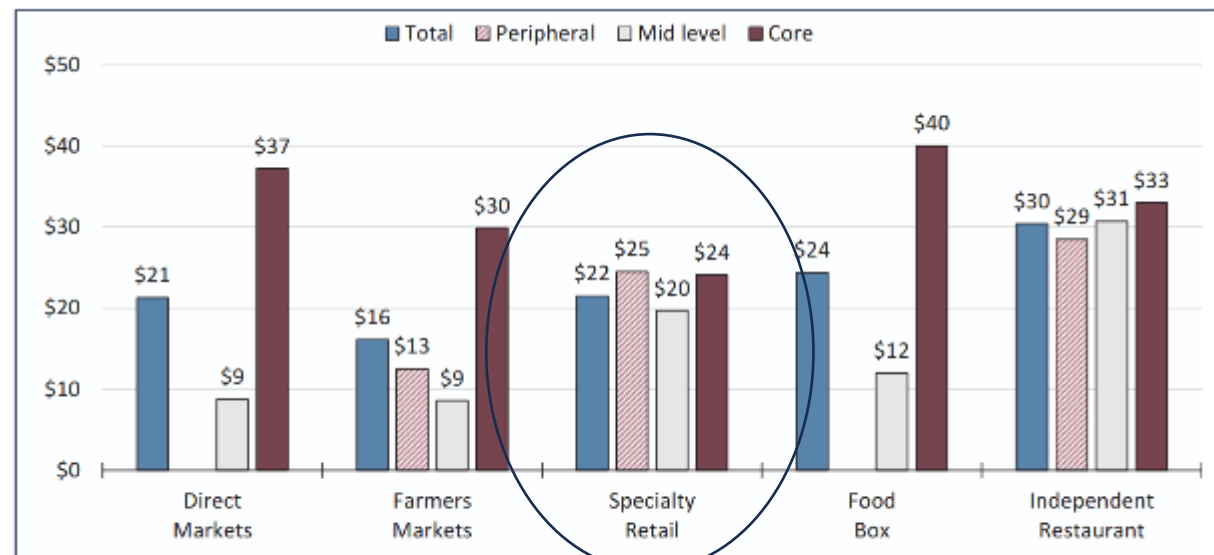


Figure 5: October 2023 Expenditures by Market Channel Users, by Consumer Segment (\$ per week by household)



Note: In this analysis, we exclude survey participants who indicated that they did not shop at these market channels so these dollars are only representative of the share of respondents reported using those channels.

The core group consistently spends more on food boxes and at farmers and direct markets, but restaurant spending went down in 2023.

- Mid-level users had more stable spending between 2022 and 2023, but a notable increase in spending at specialty retailers between 2022 and 2023 (increasing from \$7 to \$20 weekly) and a drop in farmers market spending (from \$14 in 2022 to \$9 in 2023).

How do CONSUMER VALUES VARY FROM SUPERMARKET to LRFS CHANNELS?

Food At Home Market Channels

Farmers Market



- Locally grown
- Organic
- Support local economy
- COVID affected shopping
- Have purchase method options

Food Box Delivery



- Locally grown
- Organic
- Support local economy
- Meet cultural preferences
- COVID affected shopping

Direct from Producer/CSA



- Locally grown
- Organic
- Health
- Support local economy
- Meet cultural preferences
- COVID affected shopping

Food Away From Home Market Channels

Bakery/Deli/Specialty



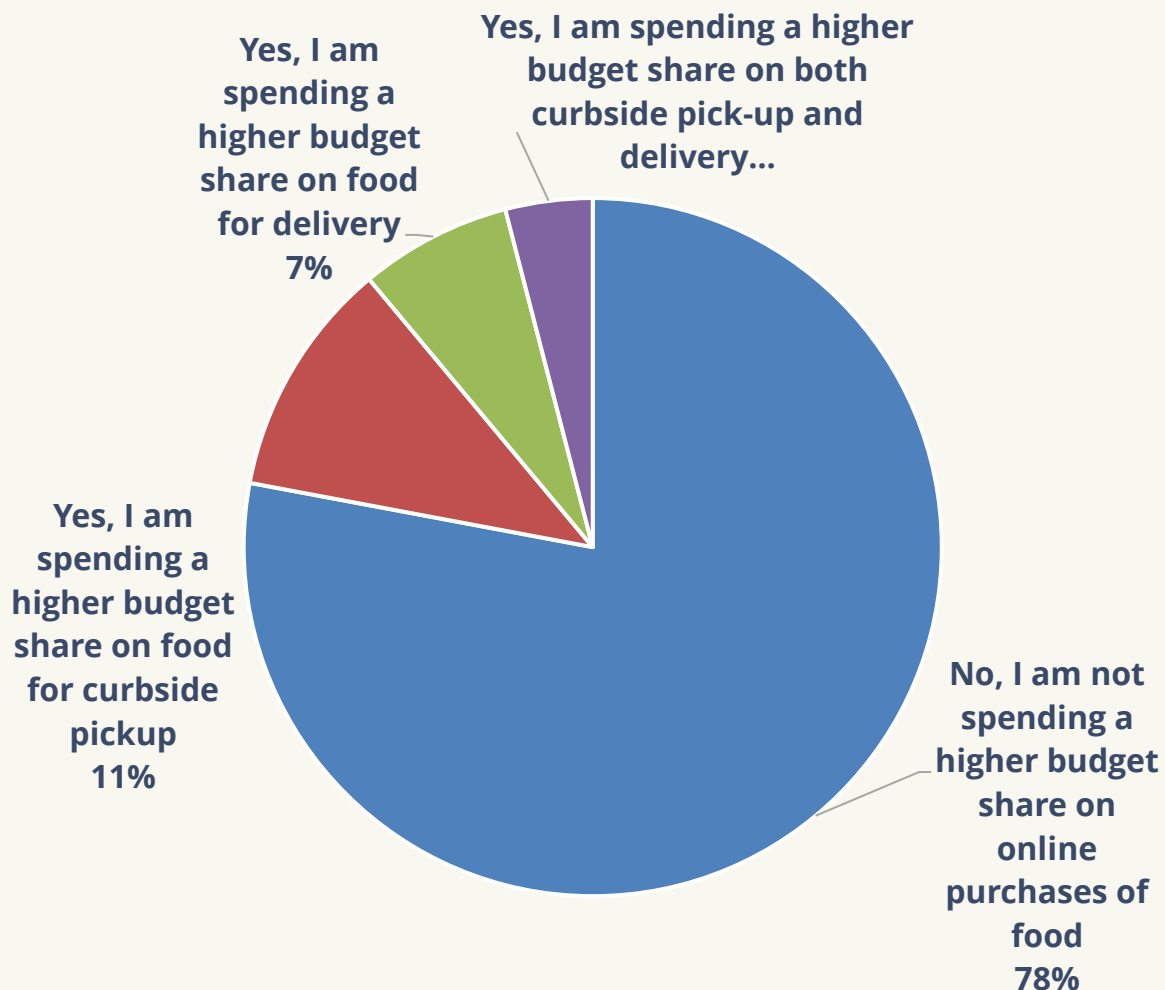
- Support local economy
- Meet cultural preferences
- COVID affected shopping
- Impact local economy with purchases
- Confident in safety protocols

Local, Independent Restaurant



- Impact local economy with purchases
- Otherwise, similar to broader restaurant patrons

Change in Online Food Shopping Since the Pandemic Began



Are you spending a higher share of your budget on online ordering for food?

For the heaviest spenders (and users) of online food shopping...

- Delivery utilization at supercenters, supermarkets, health food stores, and small format grocers is higher.
- Reflect a decrease in delivery from farmers markets and direct markets.



USDA REGIONAL
FOOD
BUSINESS CENTERS
NORTHWEST & ROCKY
MOUNTAIN

Connecting, Strengthening
and Scaling Food Supply
Chains in the Northwest and
Rocky Mountain Region

Local Food Systems

Wave 1



Rural places still give incentives to larger VA businesses

Wave 2



Meat Processor Expansion
Beginning Farmer/Rancher
3rd Wave synergies

Wave 3

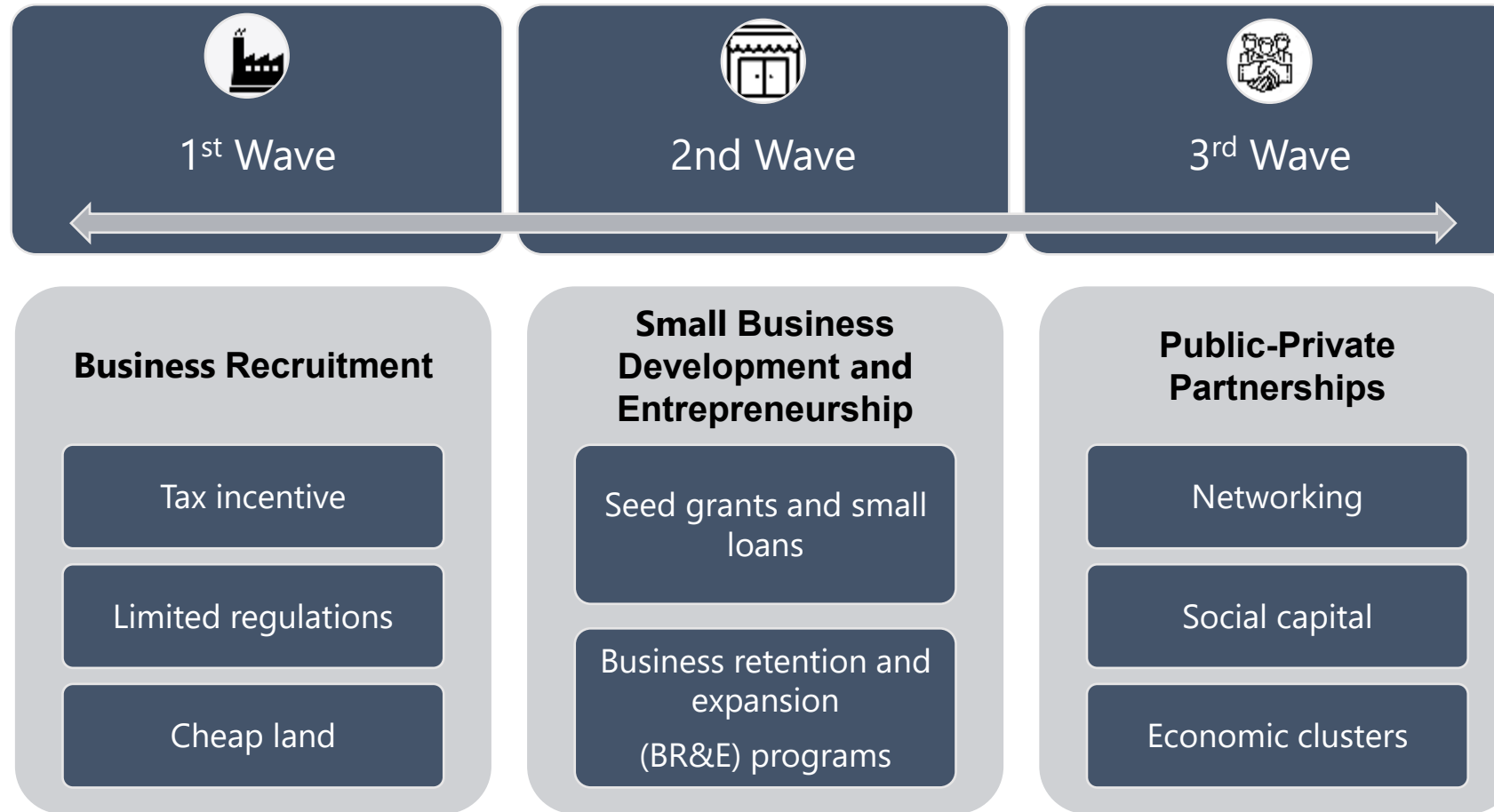


Connections & Collaboration
Build networks & hubs
Enterprise clusters:

- lower transaction costs
- Aggregation
- Knowledge spillovers

With a decreased public role, who plays the role of network builder?

Waves of Economic Development



Food Enterprise Dynamics



Infrastructure Regulations

Cottage Foods/Shared Kitchens

Cottage food laws, Women in workforce,
Income (-)
(McDonald, 2019; O'Hara et al., 2021)

Food Manufacturing

Local/Organic Producers, Rurality,
Distribution Infrastructure, Amenities
(Low et al., 2021; Goetz, 1997)

Supply Chain Environment



Procurement practices Transportation & Logistics

Meat Processing

Metro/adjacent, Scale, Retail/Wholesale
Sales/Diversification, Workforce
(Isley and Low, 2023)

Food Hubs/Wholesalers

Population, Social Capital,
Complementary Food Businesses
(Cleary et al., 2019; Barham et al., 2012)

Food Markets & Consumers



Direct Markets Retail Stores Websites

Consumer Characteristics Values Dietary Choices

Direct to Consumer

State Grown, Fair Return to Producers,
Local Economy, Freshness, Food Safety
(Low et al., 2015; Onozaka et al., 2015)

Community Outcomes



Health

Food Security

Environmental Sustainability

Food Justice, Sovereignty & Equity

Community: State, Tribal and National Context

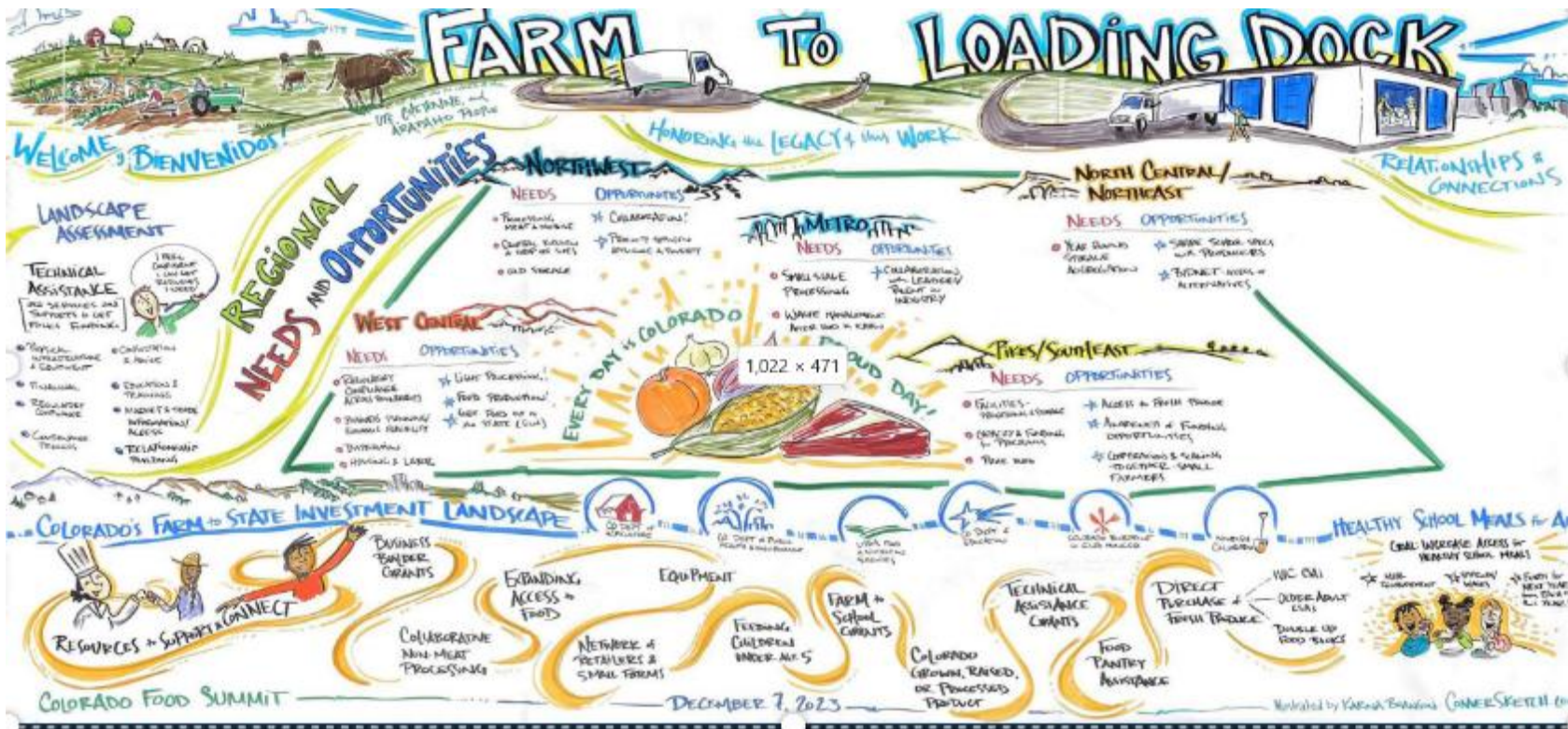
Social Capital, Institutions, Infrastructure, Policy

(Goetz, 1997; Rupasingha, et al., 2006; Van Sandt et al., 2022; Johnson et al., 2020)



The growth in regional markets

- ❖ Kansas direct Sales grew from \$9.9 to over \$20 million in 2022 (over 100%!!)
- ❖ In the US, largest growth between 2017 and 2022 was local foods sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products
 - ❖ US sales grew from \$9 to \$14 billion since 2017, an increase of over 55%
 - ❖ For Kansas, grew from \$4.2 to \$6.9 million or 64%
- ❖ Why? Not certain, but as far back as the 2015 USDA report (Low et al)
 - ❖ Key institutional buyer/market, school districts with farm-to-school programs, increased by 430%
 - ❖ Between 2006-2007 and 2015, the number of food hubs increased by 288%
 - ❖ Low et al (2015) also highlight that market intermediation is commonly an important part of scaling up for direct sales enterprises to transition to more viable wholesale models
 - ❖ Requires a shift in technical assistance and investments as local and regional marketing strategies evolve



- Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) through \$12.5 million in federal funds
- CDHS Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program (FPAG) through \$4.5 million in state funds
- Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Local Food for Schools Cooperative Grant Program through \$2.6 million in federal funds
- CDE Local Food Pilot Program (LFPP) through \$1.5 million in state funds

Increasing Portfolio of Federal and State Purchasing Programs

Center purpose, design & What's Next!

The USDA Regional Food Business Centers (RFBCs)

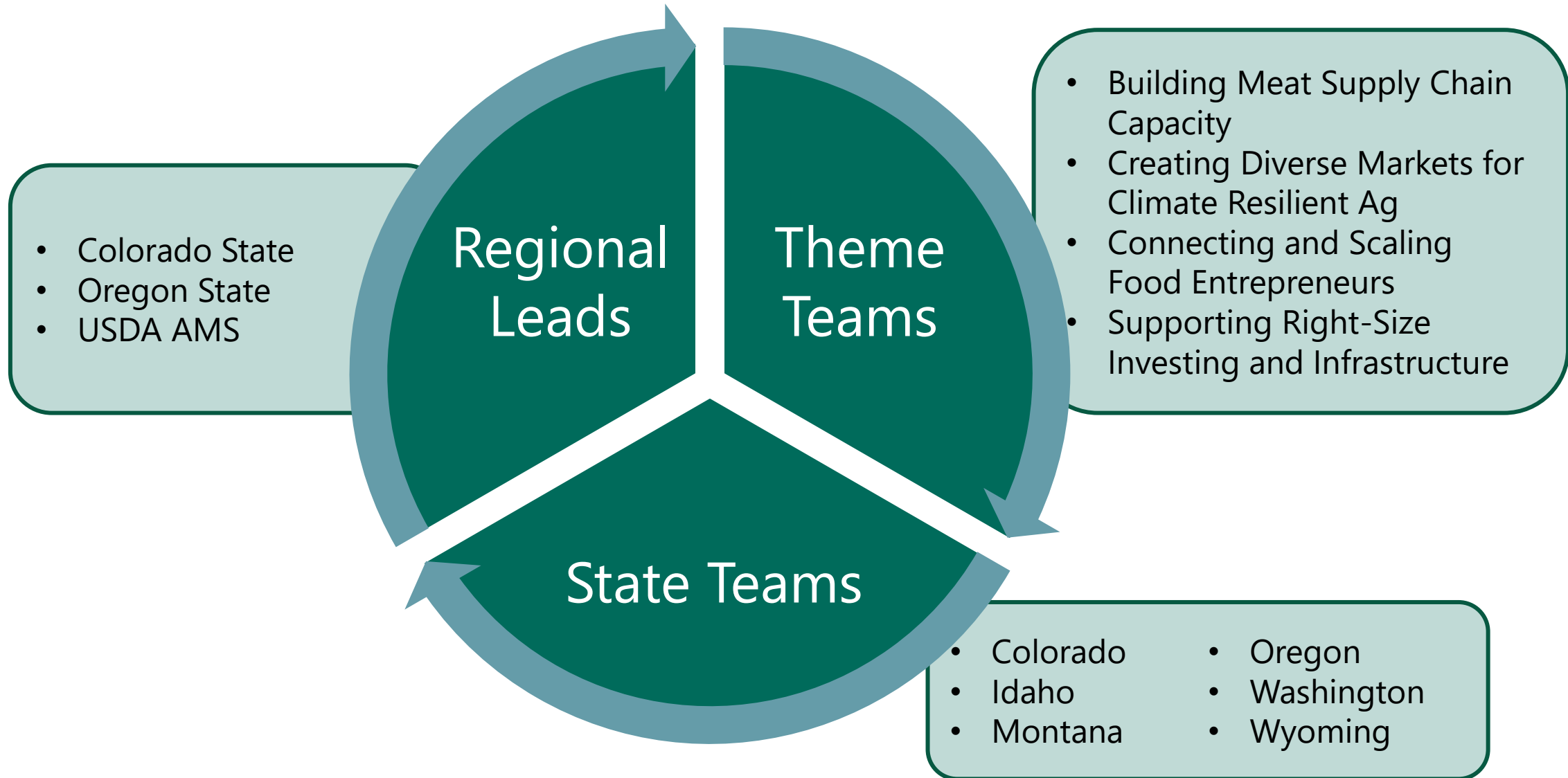
are established to drive economic opportunities across their region, creating a more diversified and resilient food system.

RFBCs are designed to:

- Create opportunities for targeted, region-specific solutions.
- Maximize locally driven investment impact.
- Complement and support other USDA programs.
- Collaborate with USDA Agricultural Marketing Service to ensure ongoing, regionally appropriate support and coordination.



TA & Funding Opportunities



Themes = cross-cutting focus areas



Supporting animal protein supply chains that respond more nimbly to changes in demand or supply



Assisting food entrepreneurs in successfully entering local, regional or national markets



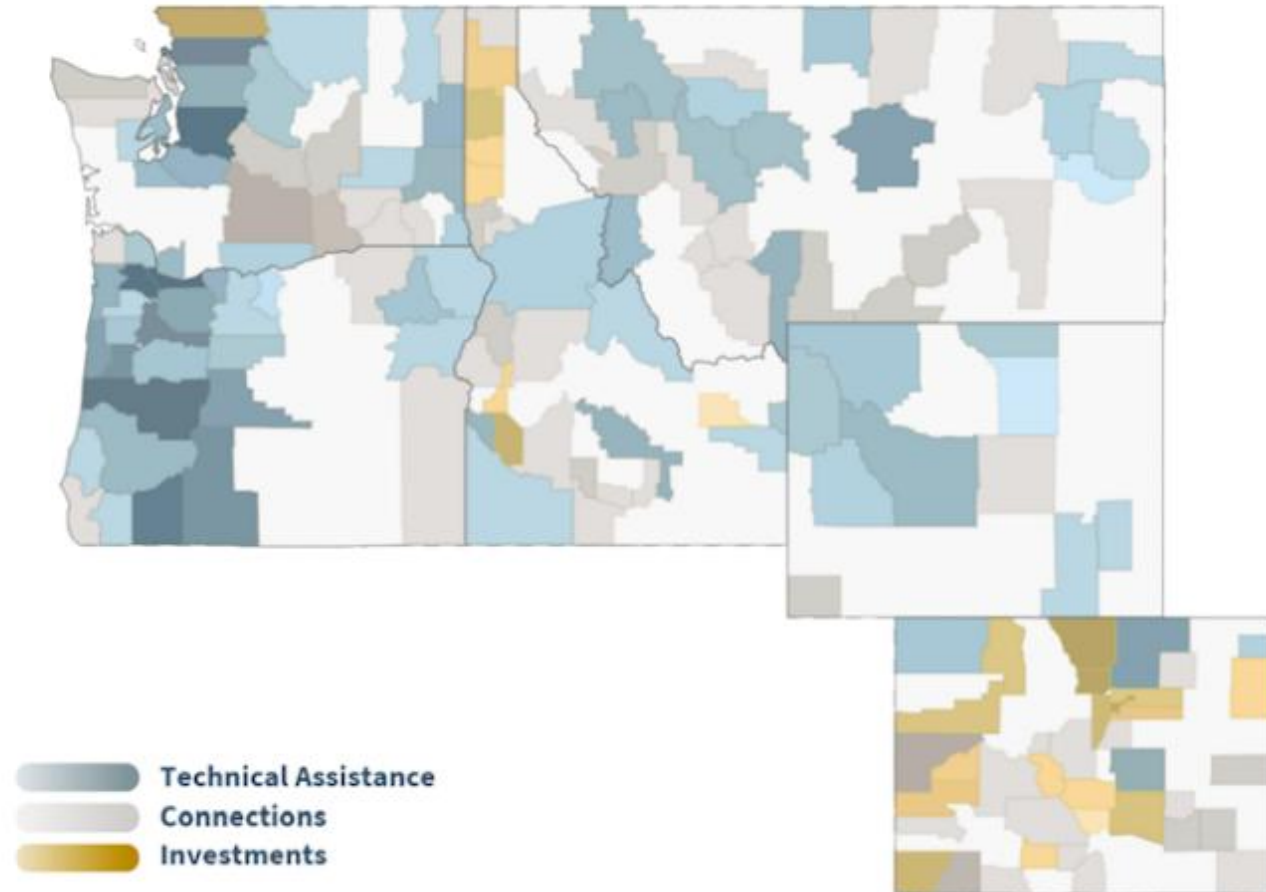
Expanding and diversifying markets for climate resilient agricultural products



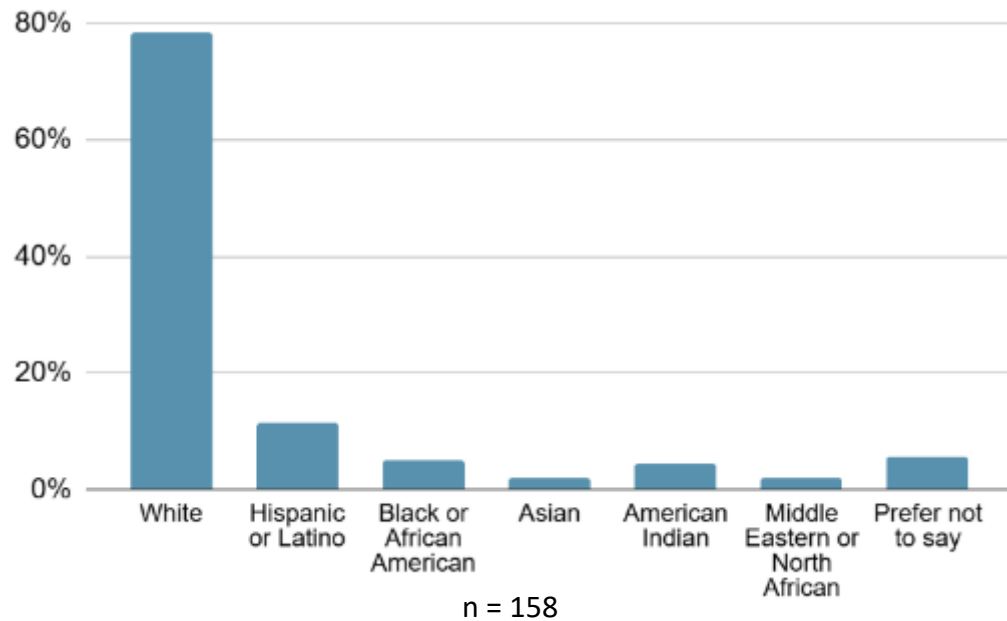
Supporting right-sized, appropriately targeted investment in food value chain infrastructure to enhance business success and long-term viability

Colorado Activities

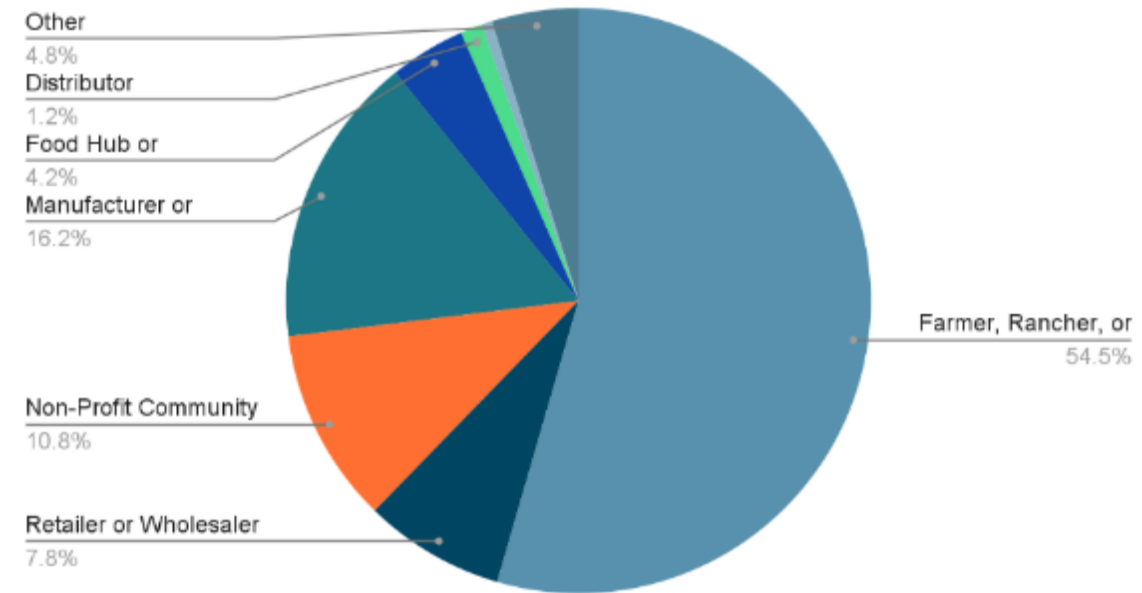
- Over 4000 contacts – some outside region
- Over 130 Biz Builder grants representing more than \$2 million
- Meat Summit and Meat School (online)
- Over 50 Businesses sponsored at food shows
- Grain Summit–Salida March 2025



- 124 beginning operations (<10 years of experience)
 - 2017 average start date



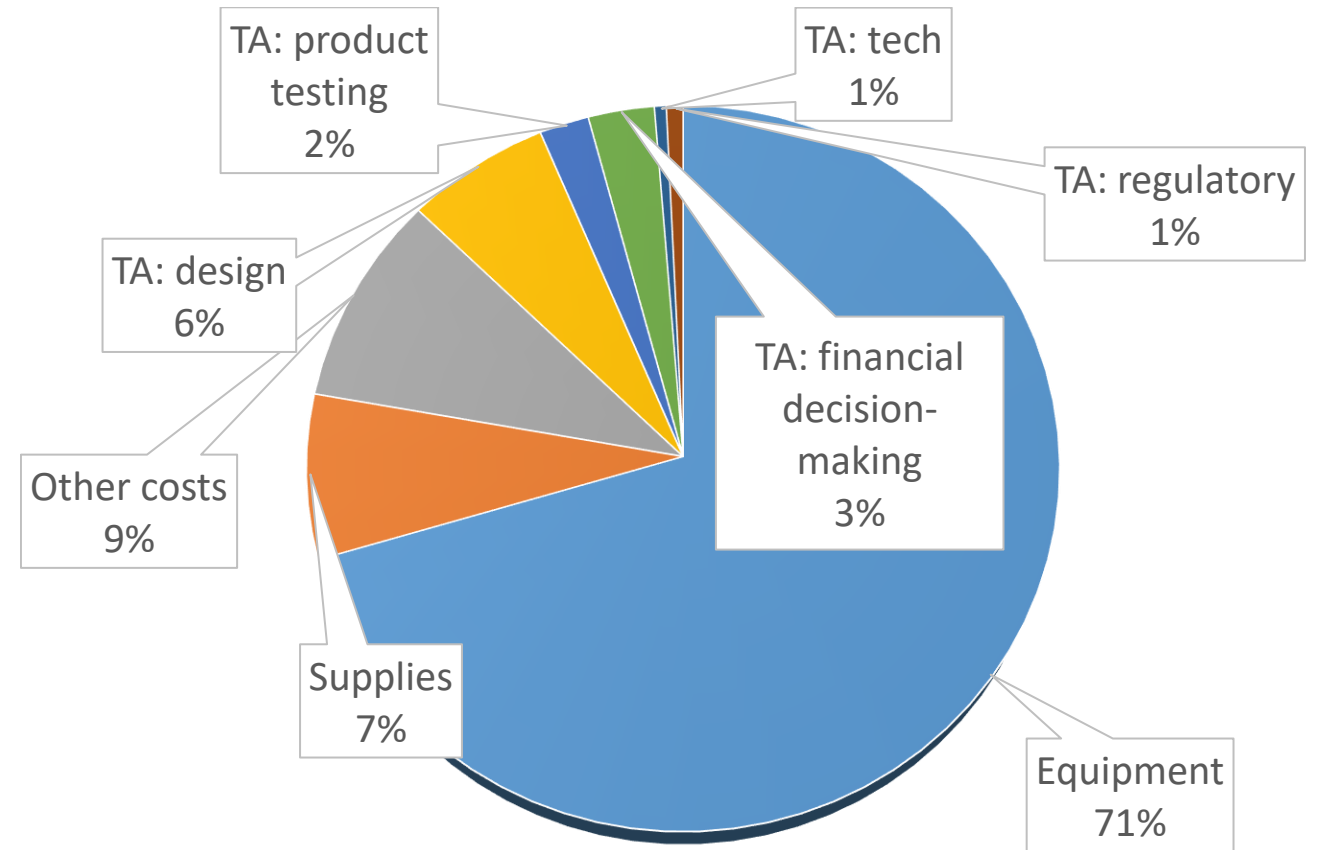
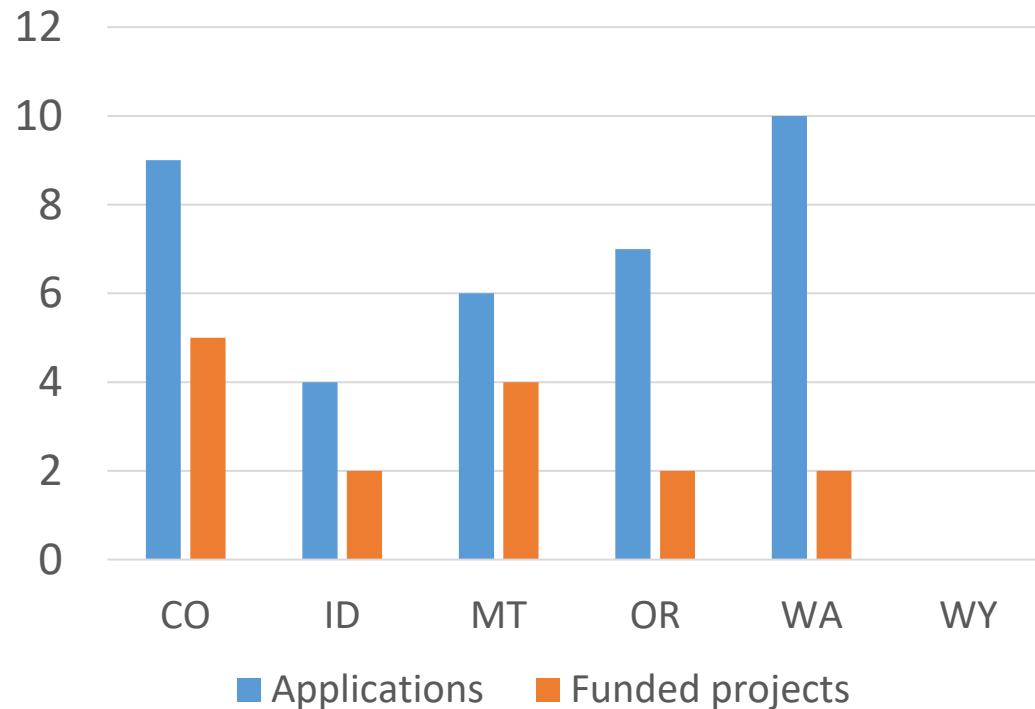
Business Type



Fruit and Vegetable	109
Value-added Products	74
Meat	53
Poultry eggs	47
Grain/Forage	41
Dairy	26
Nursery	21
Tree nuts or Oil Seeds	12
Forage/Wild Harvested Foods	11
Seafood	5

Business Builder grant program support for new markets for grains, pulses and pseudocereals

New Markets grants received vs funded, by state



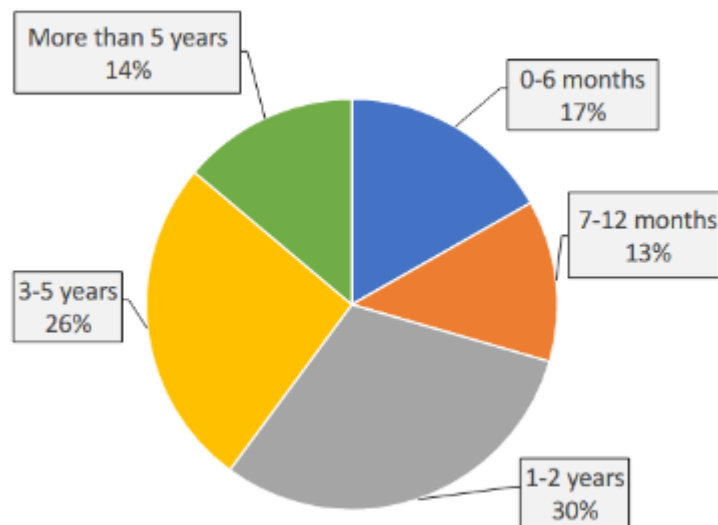
New Markets funded grants, by expenditure category

Technical Assistance



Shared Kitchens Biz Development Phases

Figure 2. How long have you been producing in a shared kitchen?



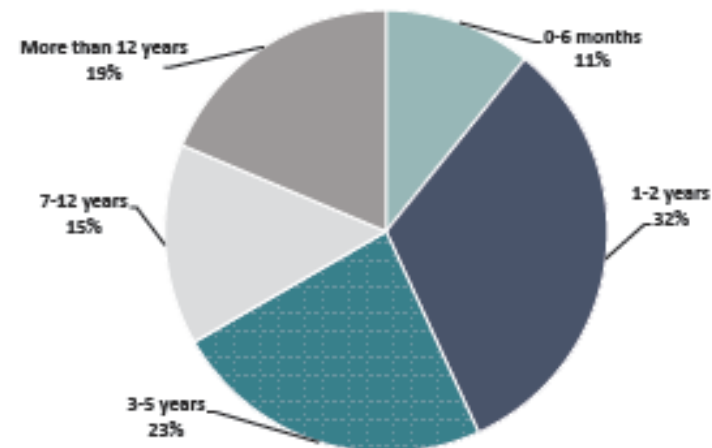
Note: N=179, respondents could select one option.

Figure 1. Business Type by Number of Years in Operation

Food business	0-6 months	1-2 years	3-5 years	7-12 years	More than 12 years	Total
Baker	11	11	9	6	5	42
Beverage	2	2	5	2	3	14
CPG	6	21	15	9	9	60
Food truck/ mobile vendor	5	11	8	5	4	33
Meal prep	6	7	6	0	2	21
Other	0	6	8	3	1	18
Producer	0	5	2	0	0	7
Total	30	63	53	25	24	

Note: N=179. Respondents could select all that apply, so totals may exceed 179. "Not applicable" is not shown.

Figure 4. Years in the Shared Kitchen, When Operators Reported It Was Their Primary Occupation



Note: n=105, all respondents who chose "primary occupation" to the question on one's role in the business. Other options included: supplementary occupation, hobby, other, and don't know.

Tapestry Segment Profiles




LifeMode Group: Affluent Estates

Top Tier

Households: 2,113,000

Average Household Size: 2.84

Median Age: 47.3

Median Household Income: \$173,200



WHO ARE WE?

The residents of the wealthiest Tapestry market, *Top Tier*, earn more than three times the US household income. They have the purchasing power to indulge any choice, but what do their hearts' desire? Aside from the obvious expense for the upkeep of their lavish homes, consumers scale salons, spas, and fitness centers for their well-being and shop at high-end retailers for their effects. Whether short or long, domestic or foreign, vacationers spare no expense. Residents fill weekends and evenings with opera, classical music charity dinners, and shopping. These highly professionals have reached their corporate career with an accumulated average net worth of over \$1 million and income from a strong investment portfolio. Many of these older residents have moved to rural roles or operate their own businesses.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Married couples without children or married couples with older children dominate this market.
- Housing units are owner occupied with the highest home values—and above average use of mortgages.
- Neighborhoods are older and located in the suburban periphery of the largest metropolitan areas, especially along the coasts.

SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS

- Top Tier* is a highly educated, successful consumer market: more than one in three residents has a postgraduate degree.
- Annually, they earn more than three times the US median household income, primarily from wages and salary, but also self-employment income (Index 177) and investments (Index 251).
- These are the nation's wealthiest consumers. They hire financial advisers to manage their money and stay abreast of current trends.
- Socially responsible consumers, they are goal oriented, spend time for their kids or grandkids, and are part of a group of friends.
- These busy consumers are interested in the fine arts; read the Internet, radio, and newspapers.
- They regularly cook their own food, and value good nutrition and fresh ingredients.

Note: The Index represents the ratio of the segment's value to the national average. Consumer preferences are estimated from the index.



LifeMode Group: Cozy Country Living Green Acres

Households: 3,923,400

Average Household Size: 2.70

Median Age: 43.9

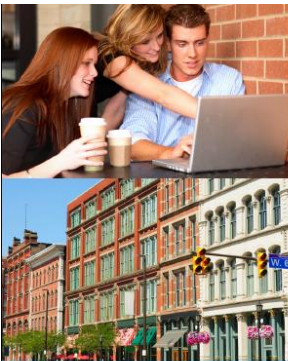
Median Household Income: \$76,800

WHO ARE WE?

The *Green Acres* lifestyle features country living and self-reliance. They are avid do-it-yourselfers, maintaining and remodeling their homes, with all the necessary power tools to accomplish the jobs. Gardening, especially growing vegetables, is also a priority, again with the right tools, tillers, tractors, and riding mowers. Outdoor living also features a variety of sports: hunting and fishing, motorcycling, hiking and camping, and even golf. Self-described conservatives, residents of *Green Acres* remain pessimistic about the near future yet are heavily invested in it.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Rural enclaves in metropolitan areas, primarily (not exclusively) older homes with acreage; new housing growth in the past 15 years.
- Single-family, owner-occupied housing, with a median value of \$235,500.
- An older market, primarily married couples, most with no children.



LifeMode Group: Uptown Individuals Laptops and Lattes

Households: 1,307,500

Average Household Size: 1.87

Median Age: 37.4

Median Household Income: \$112,200

WHO ARE WE?

Laptops and Lattes residents are predominantly single, well-educated professionals in business, finance, legal, computer, and entertainment occupations. They are affluent and partial to city living—and its amenities. Neighborhoods are densely populated, primarily located in the cities of large metropolitan areas. Many residents walk, bike, or use public transportation to get to work; a number work from home. Although single householders technically outnumber couples, this market includes a higher proportion of partner households, including the highest proportion of same-sex couples. Residents are more interested in the stock market than the housing market. *Laptops and Lattes* residents are cosmopolitan and connected—technologically savvy consumers. They are active and health conscious, and care about the environment.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- 30-something single householders (Index 174), with a number of shared households (Index 246); low average household size of 1.87.
- City dwellers, primarily in apartment buildings: with 2–4 units (Index 186), 5–19 units (Index 218), or 20+ units (Index 533).
- Older housing, 2 out of 3 homes built before 1970; 40% built before 1940 (Index 311).
- Most households renter occupied, with average rent close to \$1,970 monthly (Index 189).
- Many owner-occupied homes valued at \$500,000+ (Index 533).
- Majority of households own no vehicle at 36% (Index 390) or 1 vehicle (41%).



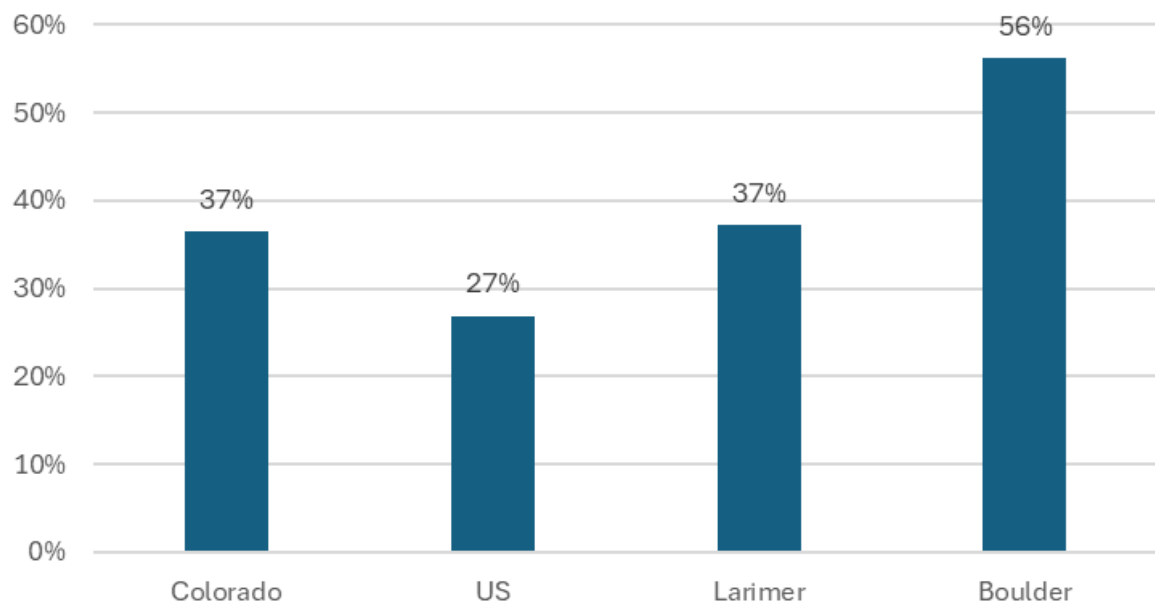
Our Target Segment Values and Priorities

- Top Tier
- Professional Pride
- Boomburbs
- Savvy Suburbanites
- Exurbanites
- Urban Chic
- Pleasantville
- Enterprising Professionals
- Laptops and Lattes
- Metro Renters
- Trendsetters
- Comfortable Empty Nesters
- In Style
- Green Acres

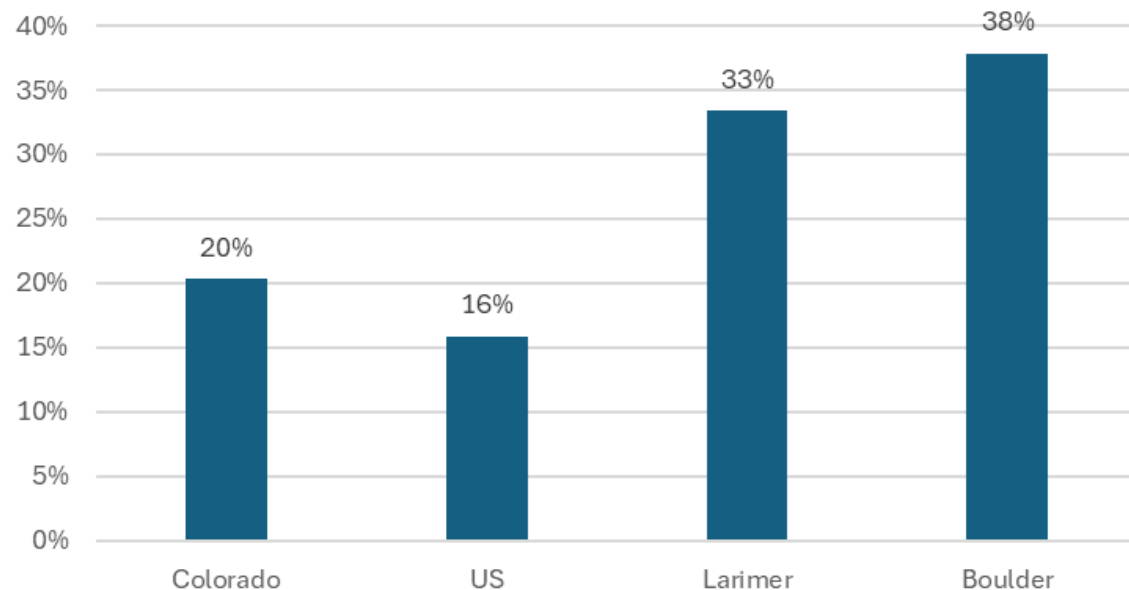


Leveraging Tapestry Market Segments

Target Market Segments by Location



Core Segments by Location



Meet 2 out of 3 of the following household criteria (Core Segments meet all 3):

High income (>\$70,000),

Mention food/environmental values,

High HH budget index spent on food (mostly > 110)

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☐ Composting facilities, location (2023)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE | FOOD HUBS

☒ Food hubs, by location (2023)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE | INSTITUTIONS

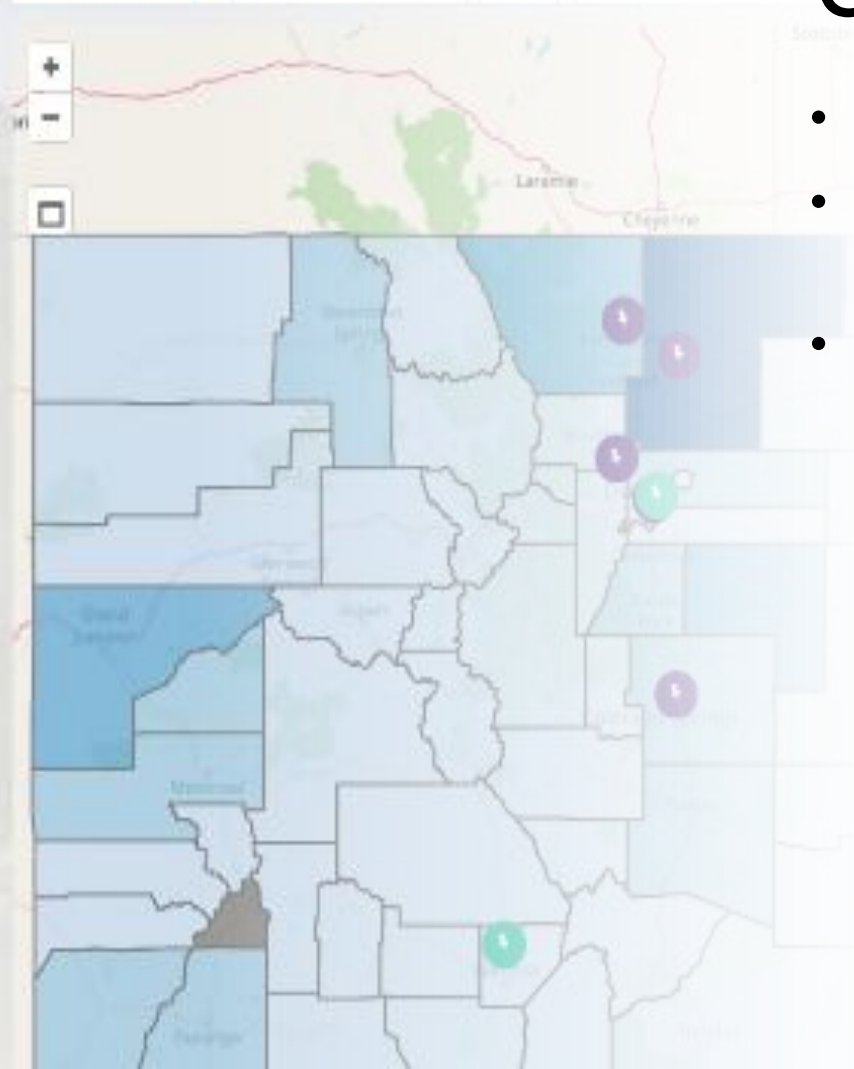
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Transforming Food Systems

Changing Priorities for Food Consumers and Policymakers

- Food Market Dynamics were catalyzed by COVID but may be settling into a new normal
- Ag, food and beverages are getting renewed policy attention in the context of economic and community development
- Resiliency, infrastructure, entrepreneurs, equity and access
 - Resiliency is an evolving concept
 - Risk management in a new light
 - Efficiency vs. stability
 - What are ag and food's "shock absorbers"?

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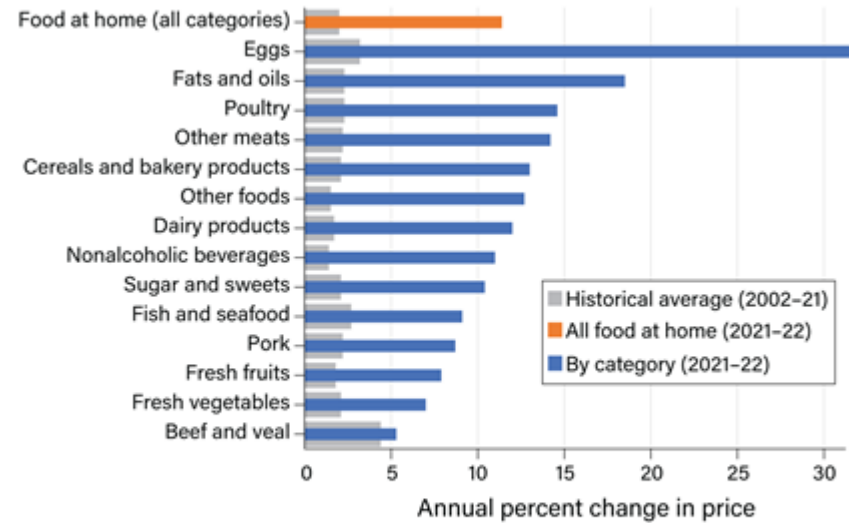
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What is up with Eggs?

Price changes for CPI food-at-home categories, 2021-22



Note: CPI = Consumer Price Index.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index data.

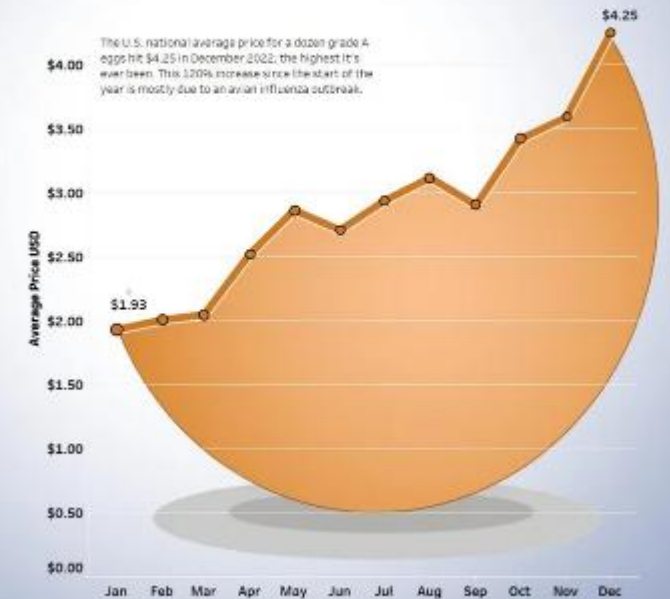
Weekly Loose Shell Egg, Large, White, National Index (f.o.b. dock, cents per dozen)



Source: USDA AMS L&P Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News

Surge in Egg Prices

2022 rise of avg price for grade A dozen eggs in the U.S.



Data Source: <https://www.bls.gov/charts/consumer-price-index/consumer-price-index-average-price-data.htm>

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Consumer Food Insights 2.0

National survey including 5,000 households

50%

Women

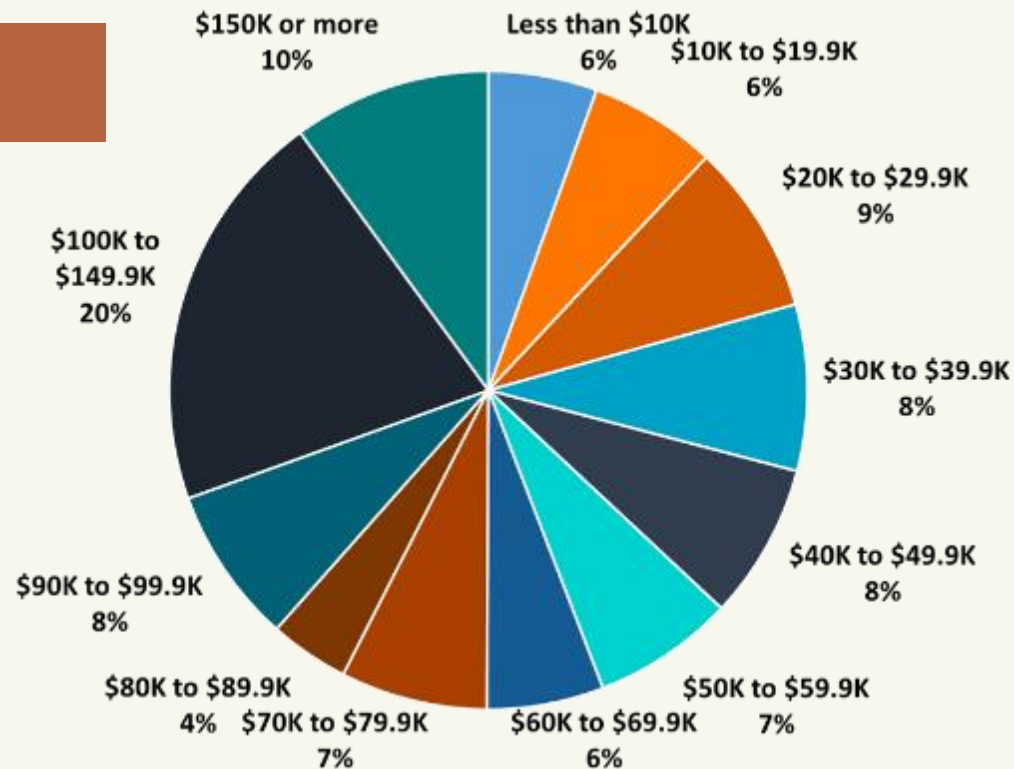
49%

Men

0.5%

Self identified

Income



HH
size
2.74

37%

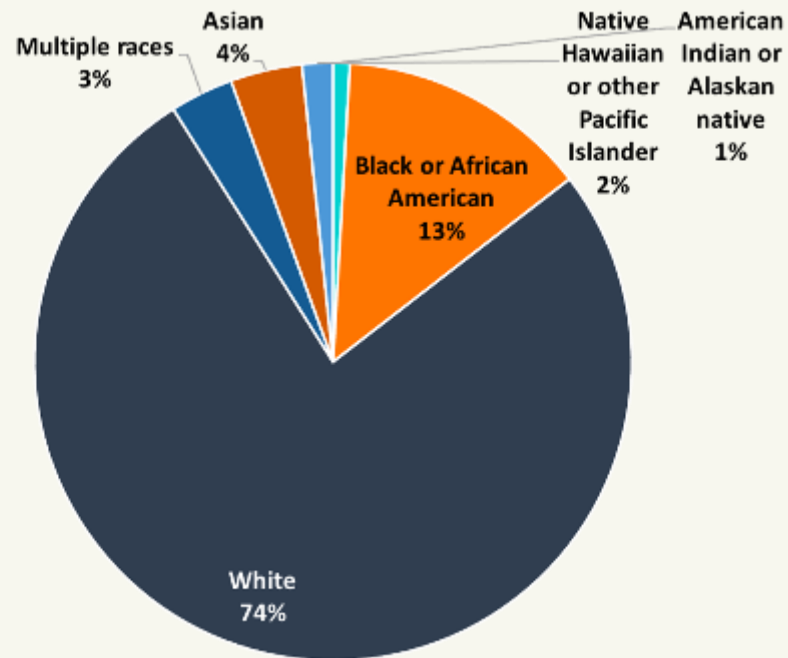
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Households

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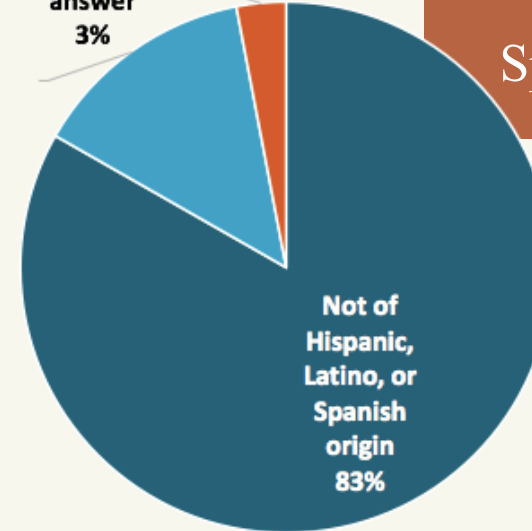
Race

Note: 3% of respondents chose not to respond.

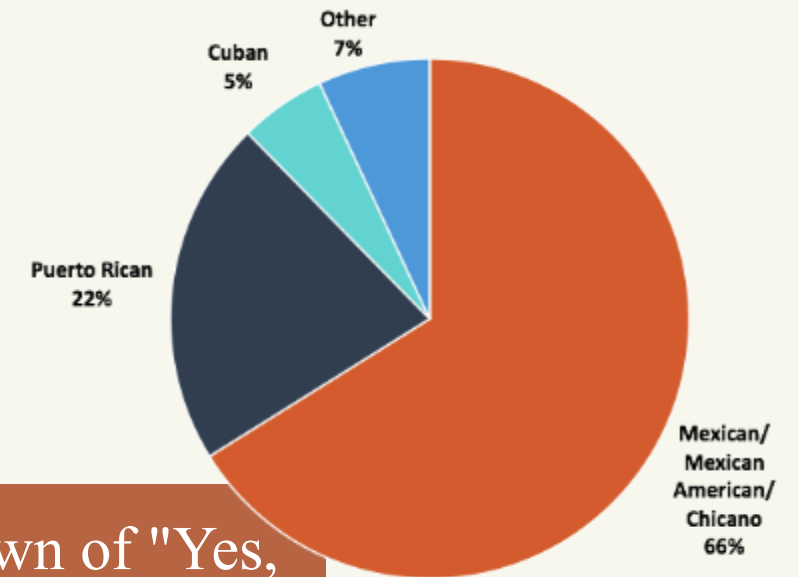


Yes, of
Hispanic,
Latino, or
Spanish
origin
14%

Prefer not to
answer
3%



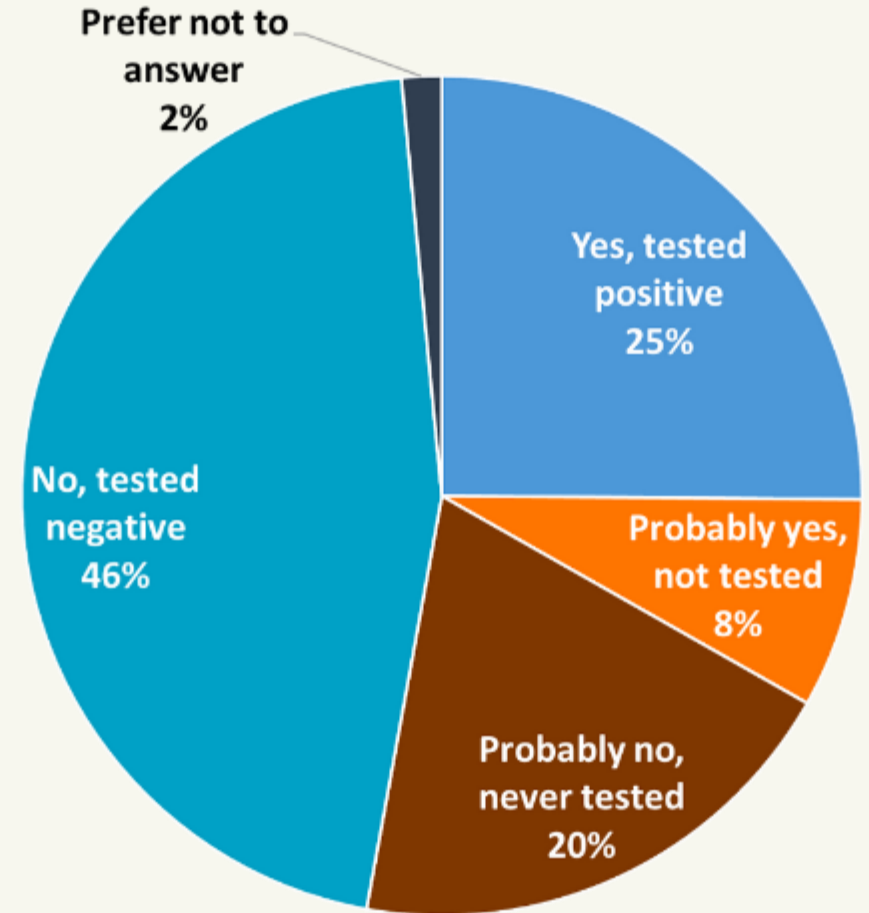
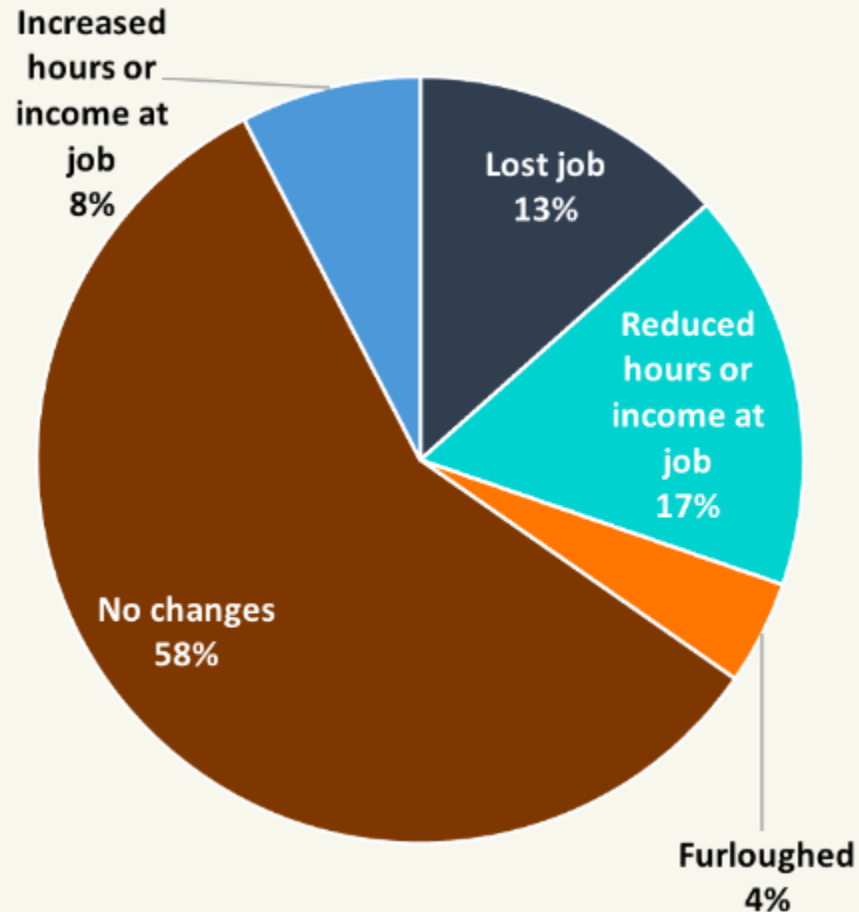
Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?



Breakdown of "Yes,
of Hispanic, Latino,
or Spanish origin"

Consumer Food InsIGHTS 2.0: Economic Impacts

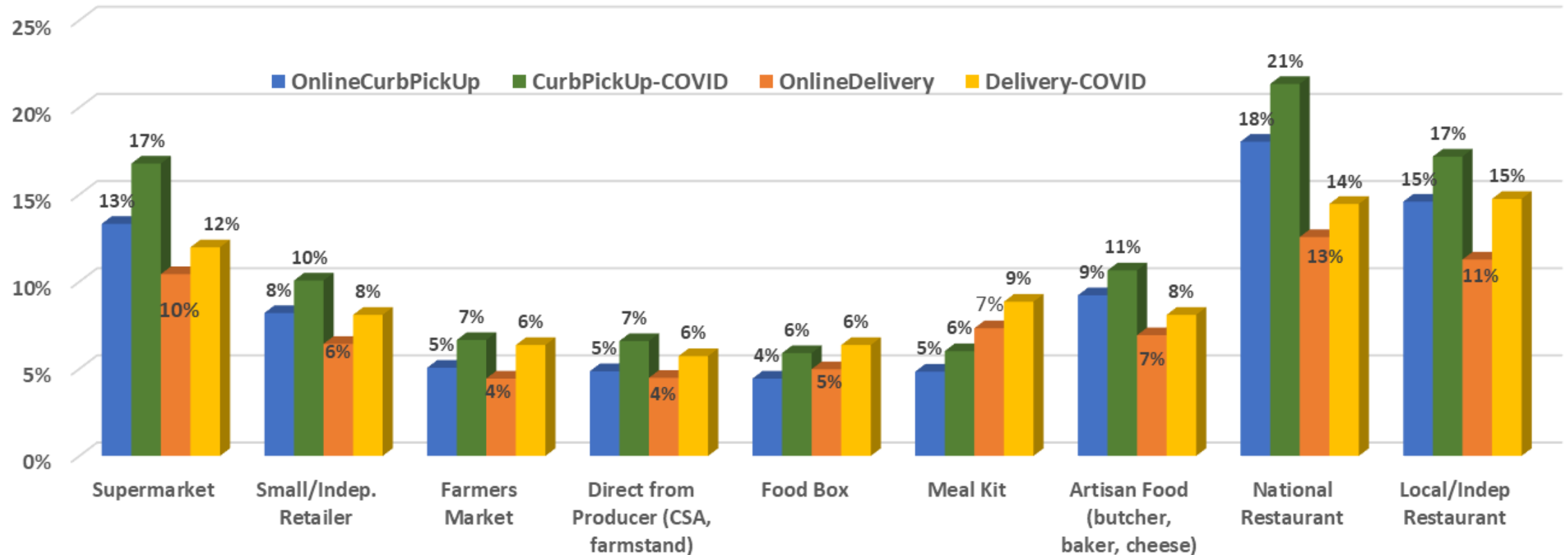
Household change in income or job since the COVID-19



Household exposure to COVID-19

Percent of households using online platforms by channel and covid implication (October 2020)

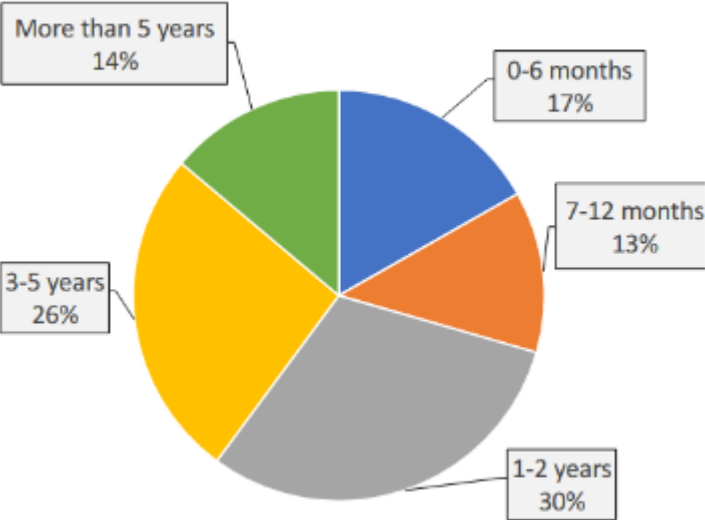
% of Households using Online Platforms
by Channel and COVID implications, October 2021



Note: COVID implications include someone in the household having COVID or at high risk of implications if they were to get COVID

Overview of Start Up Biz Development Phases

Figure 2. How long have you been producing in a shared kitchen?



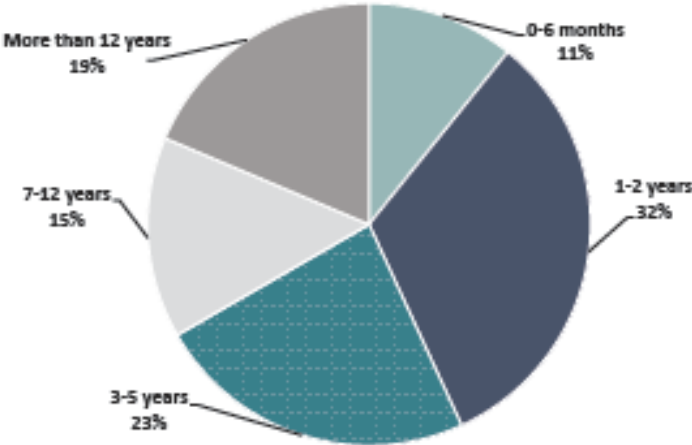
Note: N=179, respondents could select one option.

Figure 1. Business Type by Number of Years in Operation

Food business	0-6 months	1-2 years	3-5 years	7-12 years	More than 12 years	Total
Baker	11	11	9	6	5	42
Beverage	2	2	5	2	3	14
CPG	6	21	15	9	9	60
Food truck/ mobile vendor	5	11	8	5	4	33
Meal prep	6	7	6	0	2	21
Other	0	6	8	3	1	18
Producer	0	5	2	0	0	7
Total	30	63	53	25	24	

Note: N=179. Respondents could select all that apply, so totals may exceed 179. "Not applicable" is not shown.

Figure 4. Years in the Shared Kitchen, When Operators Reported It Was Their Primary Occupation



Note: n=105, all respondents who chose "primary occupation" to the question on one's role in the business. Other options included: supplementary occupation, hobby, other, and don't know.

Factors Influencing Establishment Location

Figure from *The Tale of Two Food Supply Chains:
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