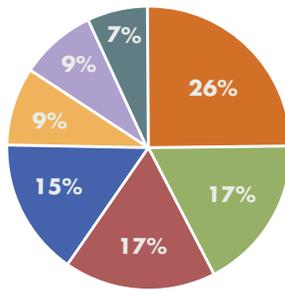


2018-in-Numbers



In 2018, CEFS' Food System Initiatives convened more than 1,800 people on topics including Building Food System Networks, Local/Regional Food Business Development, Local Foods, Niche Meat, Sustainable Agricultural Production, Racial Equity, and Youth.



- Niche Meat
- Local/Regional Food Business Development
- Building Food System Networks
- Local Foods
- Youth
- Sustainable Agricultural Production
- Racial Equity

FARMER OUTREACH

CEFS envisions a future of vibrant farms, resilient ecosystems, strong communities, healthy people, and thriving local economies.

Our commitment to support farmers in North Carolina includes workshops, trainings, and demonstrations at CEFS' Field Research, Education, and Outreach Facility at Cherry Research Farm in Goldsboro, NC.



FARMERS ENGAGED 1,490

through initiatives such as Amazing Grazing, NC Choices, NC Growing Together, Farm to Fork and the Organic Field Day.

Reducing Farm-Level Food Loss

Whole Crop Harvest worked with farms representing 19% of the total land area occupied by produce farms in NC.



Field Production and Research



\$2,000,000 funding for a new cover crop breeding project to develop new varieties of winter pea, crimson clover and hairy vetch



\$500,000 funding for a new greenhouse gas emissions project in the Farming Systems Research Unit



4,500 trees pruned in the Agroforestry experiment over the last two years



700 yellow poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) saplings planted in the Farming Systems Research Unit for natural cattle shade and development of a new agroforestry design



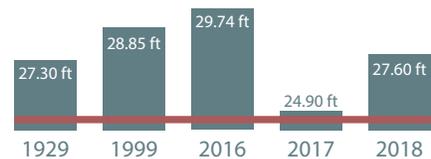
16+ species of forages available for livestock grazing on the farm



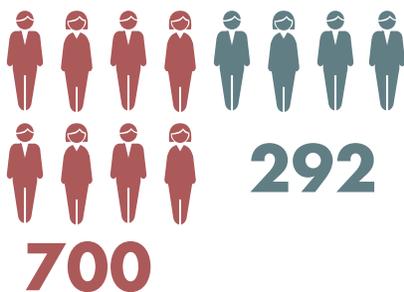
Hurricane Florence's Impact on CEFS' Field Research, Education, and Outreach Facility at Cherry Research Farm

In September 2018, flooding of the Neuse River close to Goldsboro exceeded major flood stage by almost 4 feet. Major flooding events are becoming more frequent, with adverse impacts on the farm and staff working and living nearby. Careful preparation ensured that all farm livestock survived and minimized damage to crops and infrastructure.

Floods exceeding "Major Flood" benchmark (24ft)



Visitors



Fresh Food Produced



 Small Farm Unit at CEFS' Field Research, Education, and Outreach Facility at Cherry Research Farm in Goldsboro, NC.

 Agroecology Education Farm

CEFS INTERNS, APPRENTICES, and GRADUATE FELLOWS



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



50

Youth engaged through the Food Youth Initiative Network



26

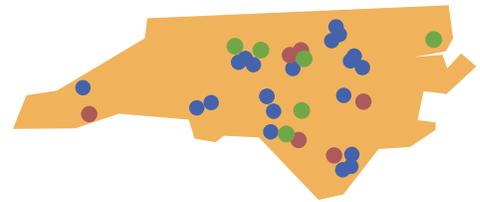
Elementary schools partnering with FoodCorps NC



6

Universities participating in the Local Food Ambassador Program

SITES OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



- Local Food Ambassadors
- FoodCorps NC
- Food Youth Initiative

COMMUNITY REACH

50+

ORGANIZATIONS IMPACTED



Including NGO and grassroots organizations, farmers, youth and early child care centers, Land Grant Universities, Cooperative Extension, food councils and networks

34

FOOD COUNCILS IN NC



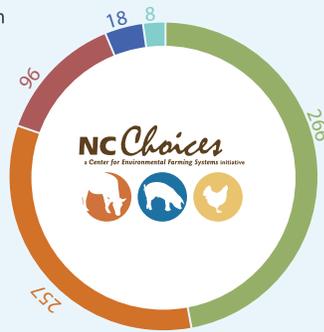
Covering 36 of the 100 counties and 2 statewide councils:
Healthy Native North Carolinians Network (HNNC)
North Carolina Local Food Council (NCLFC)

SUPPLY CHAIN INITIATIVES

Audience Breakdown for NC Growing Together and NC Choices Events and Presentations



- NC Cooperative Extension
- Producers
- Public
- Entrepreneurs
- Small Business Development
- Academics
- Public Officials



- Farmers/Prospective Farmers
- Consumers/Other
- NC Cooperative Extension
- Retailers
- Processors



Institutional Partners Committed to Local Food Procurement



130

K-12 schools including 4 County School Districts



26

Local Governments



19

Universities



2

Hospitals



NC Farm to Early Care & Education
A Center for Environmental Farming Systems Initiative

20

Child Care Centers partnered with Farm to Early Care and Education

1,417

PARTICIPANTS



Plus 32 farmers, 37 chefs and 28 local businesses supporting local food economies to raise funds for beginner farmer programs in North Carolina

1,636

WEBINAR PARTICIPANTS



with Community Food Strategies, Committee on Racial Equity in the Food System, NC Growing Together and NC Choices

CEFS



Amazing Grazing
Pasture-Based Livestock Education Program



COMMUNITY FOOD STRATEGIES



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