



NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL FOOD COUNCIL

Working Collaboratively Across the State to Support North Carolina's Local Food Systems

UNSERVED PREPARED FOOD RECOVERY SURVEY Executive Summary

RESPONDANTS

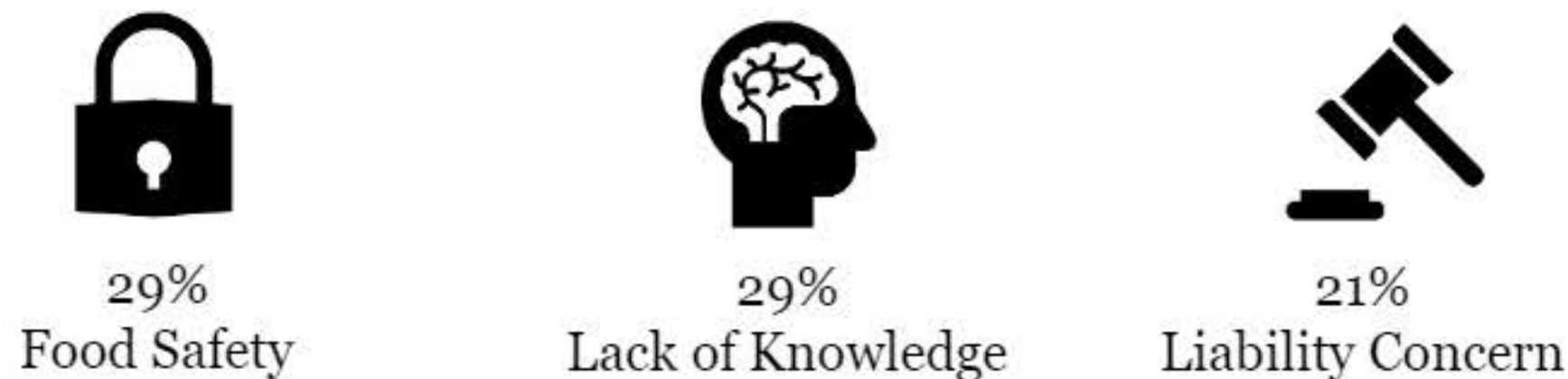
- ◆ 67 total responses, 26 counties represented from across N.C.
- ◆ Respondents were made up of 39% Food Councils, 19% Non-profit organizations, 16% Religiously affiliated, 5% Independent food pantries, and 21% Other or unknown.

DONATING ORGANIZATIONS



Top 5 reported sources of donated prepared food and the percent of respondents reporting donations.

WHY IS UNSERVED PREPARED FOOD NOT RECOVERED?



- ◆ “Probably for lack of clear guidance on liability...”
- ◆ “Unserved prepared foods are not being recovered out of local institutions because ... of lack of information for those with the capabilities and opportunities to implement.”



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WHAT ARE THE SUCCESSES?

Reported successes fell into 4 response categories:



Measurable Impact



Decreased Food Waste



Access to Fresh Produce



Community Partnership

- ◆ “I am seeing that one grocery store's food waste along with food recovery from farms feeds over 200 families per day.”
- ◆ “More individuals have access to more food because the food is donated rather than discarded.”

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

Reported challenges were coded into 4 response categories:



Transportation & Logistics



Publicity & Visibility



Food Safety & Liability Concern



State Guidance

- ◆ “For our agency, it would be manpower and transportation for pickup.”
- ◆ “The challenge we face is food donors' fear of liability.”
- ◆ “We really need policy guidelines in writing from the state level.”



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