



## NCIOM 2015 Annual Meeting: Food Policy for a Healthier North Carolina

“Connection Between Agriculture, Economic Development, and Population Health” Breakout

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### ASAP Mission

Our mission is to help local farms thrive, link farmers to markets and supporters, and build healthy communities through connections to local food.



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### ASAP Vision

Our vision is of strong farms, thriving local food economies, and healthy communities where farming is valued as central to our heritage and our future.



### ASAP's Programs and Approach



- Drive Demand
- Build Capacity
- Make connections
- Assess



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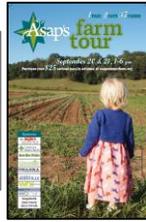
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**Supportive Environment = Farmers, Businesses, and Communities Innovate, Invest, and Institute**

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Supportive environments are created through multiple intervention points

**Building and driving demand**




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Supportive environments are created through multiple intervention points

**Making local food available where people shop**

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Making local food and local food education available in our preschools and schools

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Going "upstream"  
growing minds @ university

GM@U universities: Western Carolina University, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Appalachian State University, and University of North Carolina Asheville

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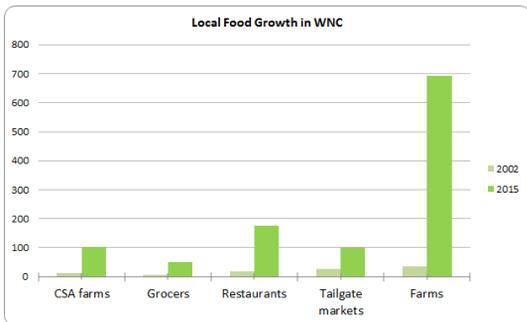
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