



Salt Lake City

Community Food Assessment

Food System Analysis

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To help make relevant and practical decisions about Salt Lake City's future, the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office and the city's Division of Sustainability embarked on a project **to look at challenges and opportunity for a more sustainable local food system.**

Recognizing the need for more information about the current state of its own food system, the City initiated a process to identify important information that could shed light on specific influences and impacts within the local food framework. To help understand more about food production within Salt Lake City and its regional food shed, the City has developed this Community Food Assessment.

The Community Food Assessment covers issues related to:

COMMUNITY & HEALTH

PRODUCTION

CONSUMPTION

PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION

FOOD ASSISTANCE

FOOD WASTE

This community food assessment is a "snapshot in time" of Salt Lake City's food system. It provides analysis of data and current policy, and supplies the Food Policy Task Force, the City, and the public with basic information about our food system, in order to make informed decisions about how we can work together to develop a more local, affordable, and sustainable food system.

<http://www.slcclassic.com/slcgreen/food/CFA.htm>

FOOD SNAPSHOT:

From 1997 to 2007, Utah Certified Organic operations Increased from **3 to 48**

In 2010 Salt Lake City had a **slightly higher level of diabetes occurrence** than the national average of 6.75%, with **7.64%**. These numbers were also higher than the county and Utah averages.

Salt Lake City is home to more than **22 community, school, and neighborhood gardens**, providing fresh, healthy food for hundreds of residents.

Salt Lake City is home to eight farmers markets, providing a direct link between residents and the people growing their food, and providing more convenient, fresh, local food while growing our local food economy.

The Utah Food Bank operates a "grocery rescue" program throughout the state of Utah. Each week the UFB gathers donations from participating grocers, and delivers it immediately to local pantries. **In fiscal year 2012 this program diverted more than 12 million pounds of food to families in need.**

In December 2011, there were 22,780 participants in the Federal Food Stamps program in Salt Lake City alone.

The **largest material type** by weight in Salt Lake City's residential waste stream is food scraps (approximately 20%).