

# Carroll County Food Access Needs Assessment



Dear Farmer/Producer

Carroll County Food Access Network ([CCFAN](#)) was created to be a resource to optimize access to affordable, nutritious, food for all people with efforts focused on supporting the local food system in Carroll County, New Hampshire. In collaboration with [UNH Extension](#), CCFAN received a grant through [Well Connected Communities](#) to conduct a needs assessment research study (IRB-FY2023-112) to learn more about access to food, including local food. From this information we will create action steps to increase and improve access to healthy, affordable food in Carroll County.

We have created a farmer/producer survey to be completed in 5-10 minutes by farmers/producers 18 years or older who live, work or sell their product in Carroll County. This survey is confidential and will help us learn more about the lived experience of people in the community. We are asking that farmers/producers complete the Community Survey (10 minutes) as well as a small section specially created for farmers/producers. You can find the survey here or with the QR Code. Anyone who completes the Community Survey will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

There are also several focus group opportunities that are uniquely designed for three groups: agencies, farmers/producers, and community members. We would like to invite you to attend the focus group designed for farmers/producers so we can learn more about the details behind increasing local food access to the community. We know that your time is valuable so all farmer/producer focus group participants will receive a \$50 gift card for their participation. If you have further questions or want to participate in the focus group, please contact Joy Gagnon [joy.gagnon@unh.edu](mailto:joy.gagnon@unh.edu) or Lora Colten [lora.colten@unh.edu](mailto:lora.colten@unh.edu).

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