
Food Systems, Equity, and Central Appalachia



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Agenda

General definitions and terms

Food System and its parts: Production, Processing,
Distribution, Consumption, Post Consumption
Recovery and Waste

Central Appalachia

Commonalities across a region with a breadth of
variation in topographies and in history of
migration, settlement, and agricultural production

Contemporary Equity Challenges throughout Food System

Elements of Food System

Production

Processing

Distribution

Consumption

Post Consumption waste and
recovery



Inequality

Unequal access to opportunities



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Equity

Custom tools that identify and address inequality



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Equality?

Evenly distributed tools and assistance

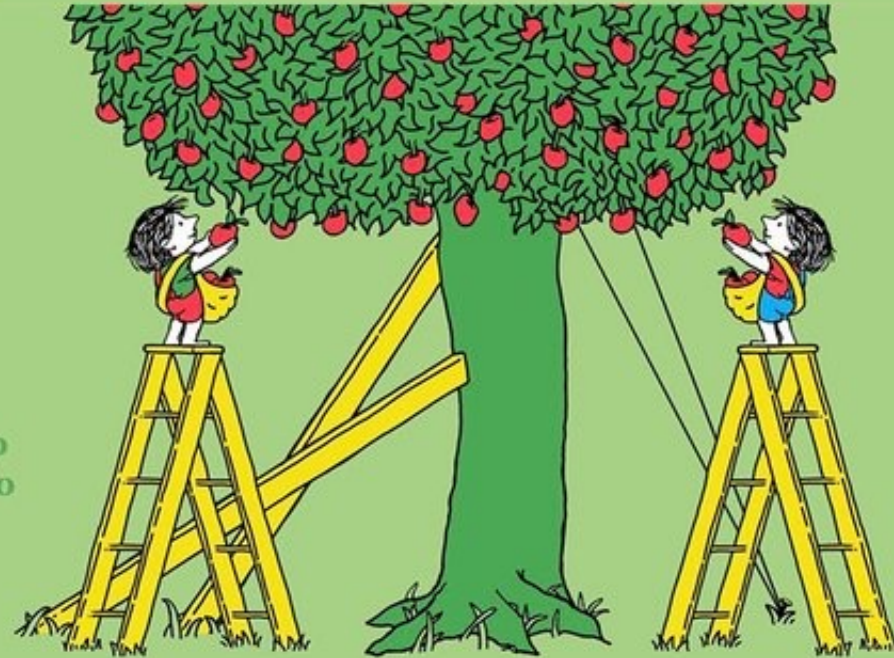


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Justice

Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities



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ARC Subregions

North Central

Central

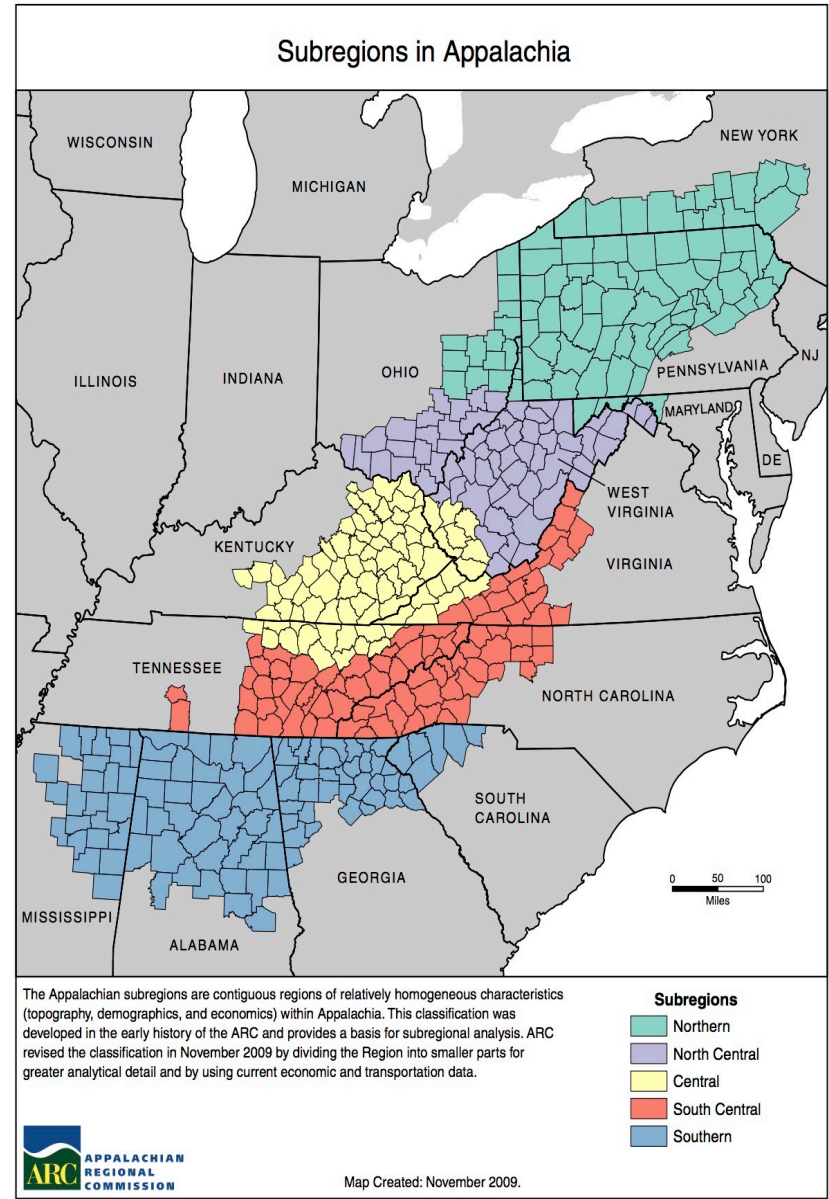
South Central

Commonalties in Agricultural History :

Resource Rich

Settlement

Relative Geographic Isolation



Equity Challenges in the Food System

Production

Federal farm and food policies uneven support

Federal Land Management and lending practices

Poor wages and working conditions

Climate Change Impacts

Processing

Vulnerable workforce

Unsafe work conditions

Detrimental health impacts

Distribution

Corporate Consolidation

Limited regional infrastructure

Community exposure to transport emissions

Low wages, low job security

**Equity Challenges
in the Food System**

Consumption

Inequitable access

Inadequate assistance

Recovery and Waste

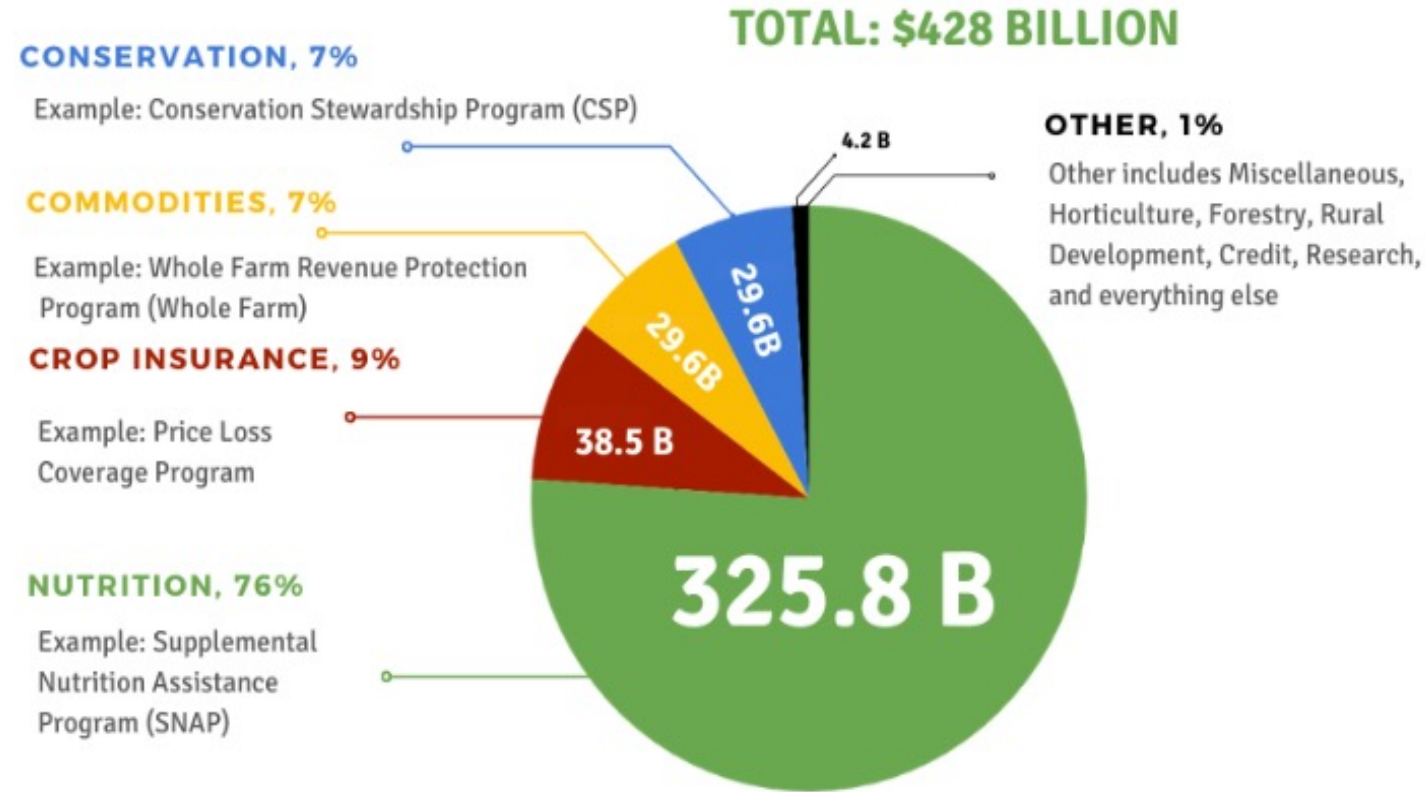
**Inadequate public
information**

Policy environment

**Accountability of waste
management**

Way Forward for Equity in Food System?

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