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Whatcom Community Food Assessment Ready for Public Review

BELLINGHAM, WA -- What is the state of Whatcom County's food ecosystem? The Whatcom County Food System Committee has the answer as they have published [the 2021 Community Food Assessment](#) (CFA) for public review.

This snapshot of how food is produced, transported and consumed throughout Whatcom County is an update to [the 2017 Community Food Assessment](#), originally produced by the Whatcom Food Network. The 2021 CFA is based on over 50 interviews with local farmers, farmworkers, community health professionals, natural resource experts and more.

"We can't just look at challenges with export farming or food access in isolation," said Riley Sweeney, chair of the Food System Committee. "We need to see it as a vital system, interconnected from seed to table. This assessment is an attempt to capture that bigger picture." The assessment will inform a County-wide food system plan, which will outline policies and actions for a more sustainable, equitable food system.

A draft of [the 2021 Community Food Assessment](#) is available for public review. Comments may be submitted in the following ways by September 30, 2021:

Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/reviewCFA>

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