

Farm to Plate 2022 Annual Report

Joint Presentation to Senate
Agriculture and House
Agriculture and Forestry
Committees

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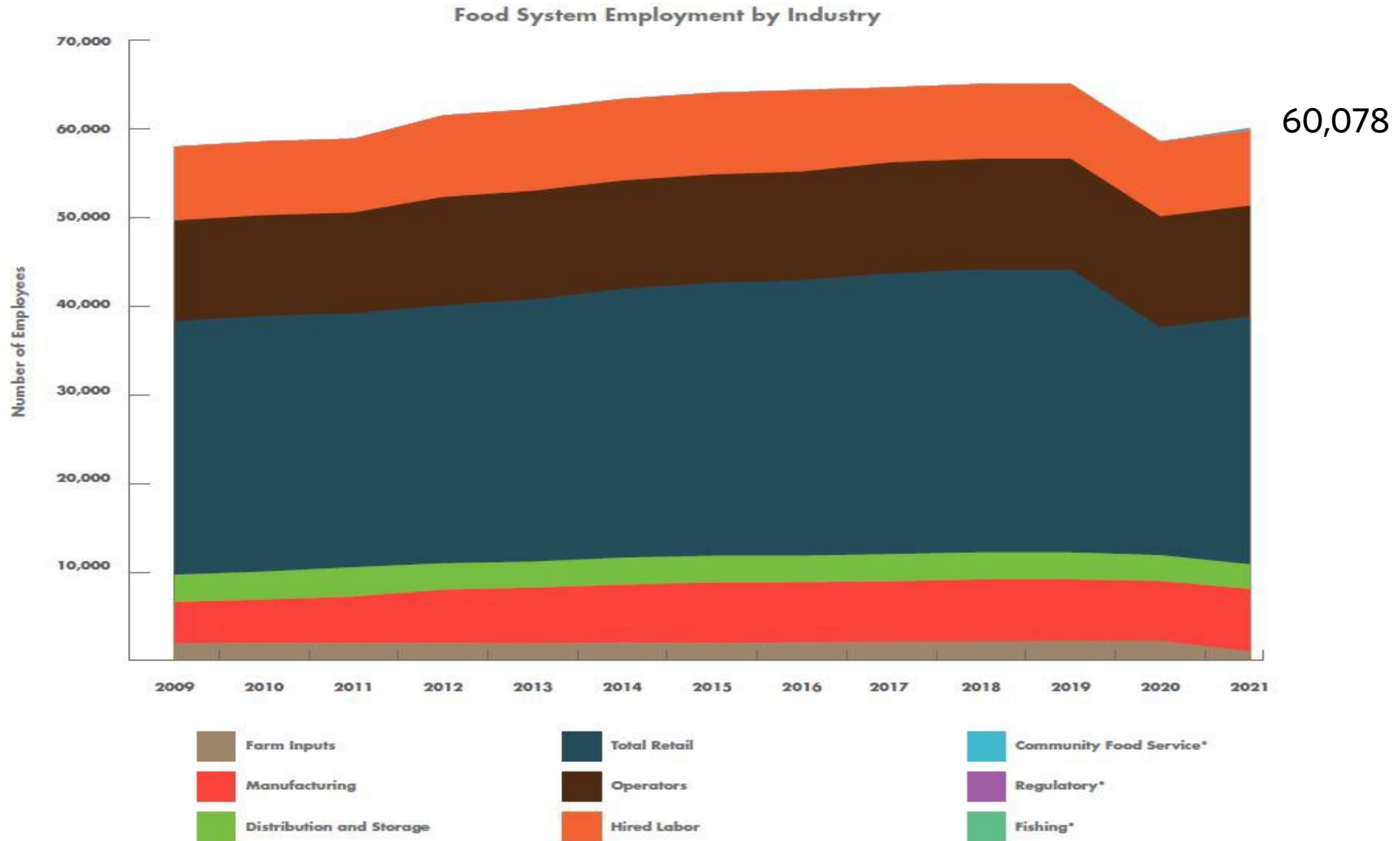


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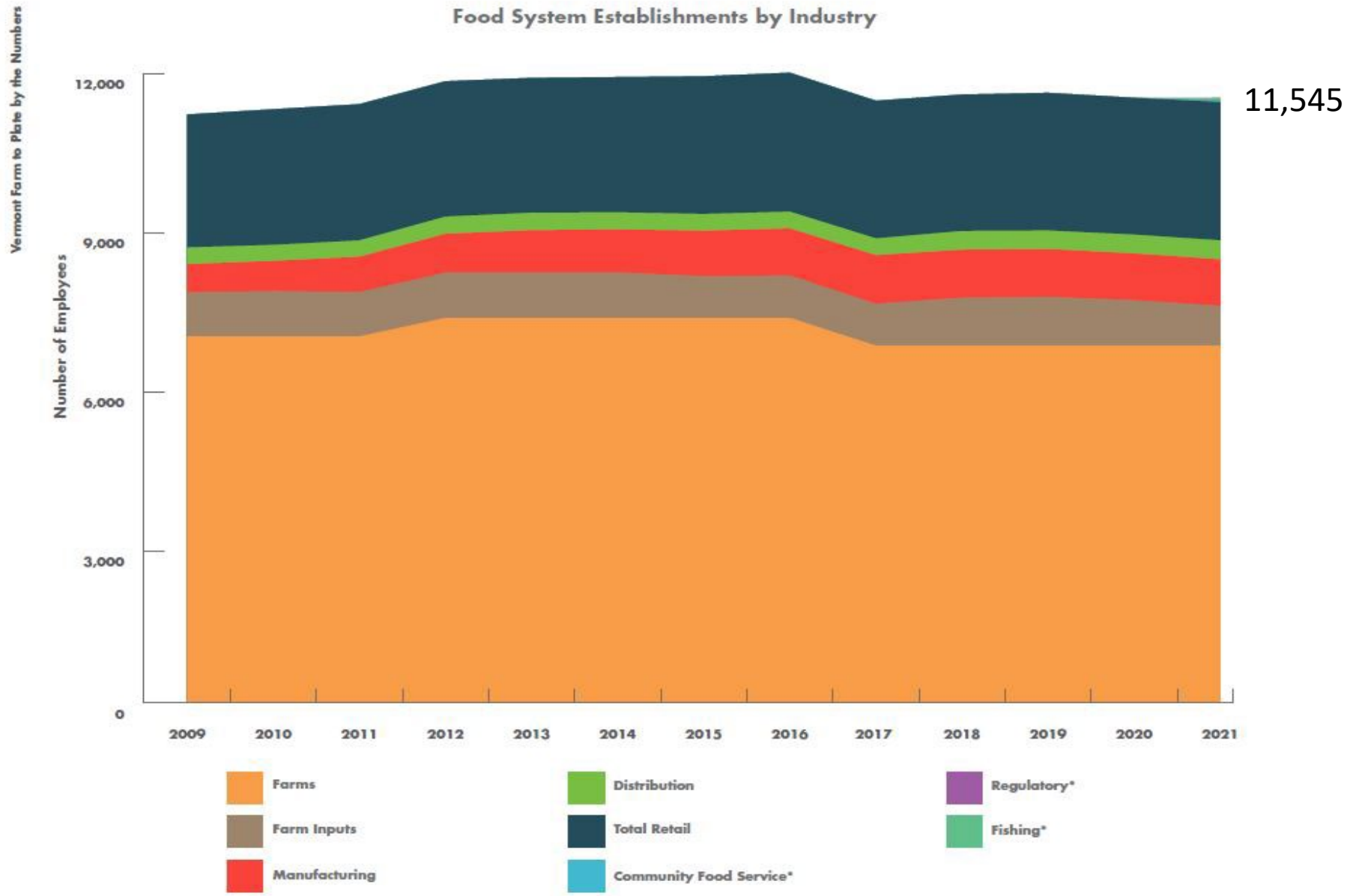
“With all of the changes that have occurred in the last two years across the globe and in Vermont, it would be disingenuous to say we are closer to returning to normal. Rather, we are in a state of transition to a new “normal,” and with that there is ample opportunity to integrate what we have learned through the pandemic into existing endeavors and to innovate and introduce new ways of doing things...”

By the Numbers - Jobs (pg 3)

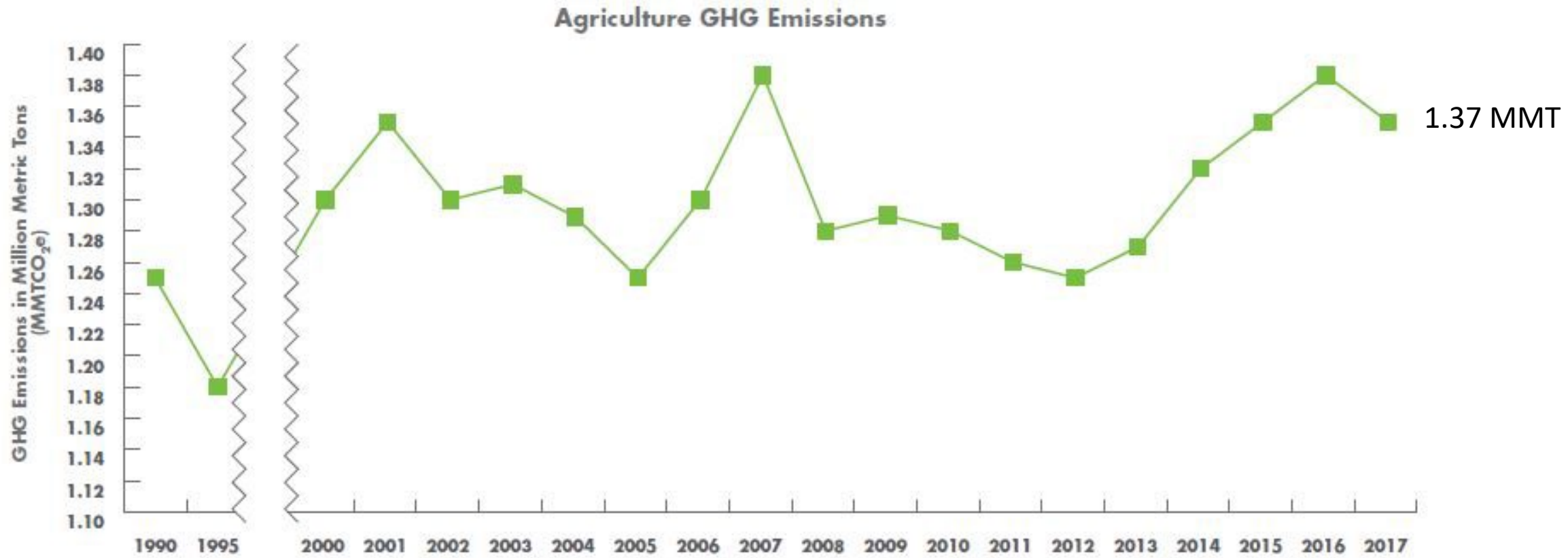


* Note: 2021 is the first year for employment and establishments that Farm to Plate has included data on the Community Food Service, Fishing, and Regulatory categories.

By the Numbers - Establishments (pg 4)

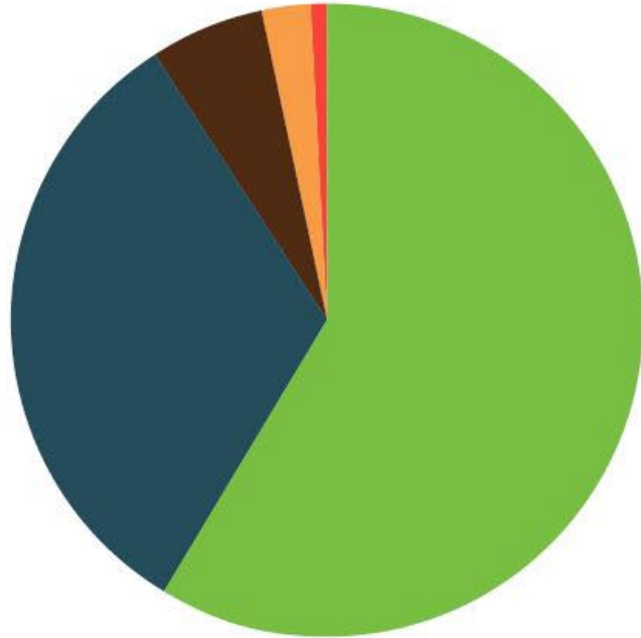


By the Numbers - GHG Emissions (pg 4)



By the Numbers - Vermonter Poll (pg 5)

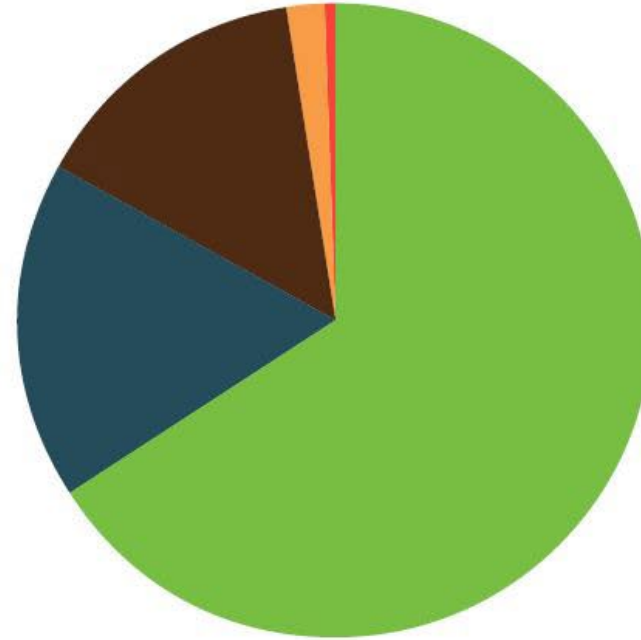
2022 Vermonter Poll:
Agriculture in Vermont has an overall positive impact on Vermont's environment.



58.8% Strongly Agree
32.2% Somewhat Agree
5.7% Neither Agree nor Disagree

2.7% Somewhat Disagree
0.6% Strongly Disagree

2022 Vermonter Poll:
How Vermonters define "locally grown or processed" food:



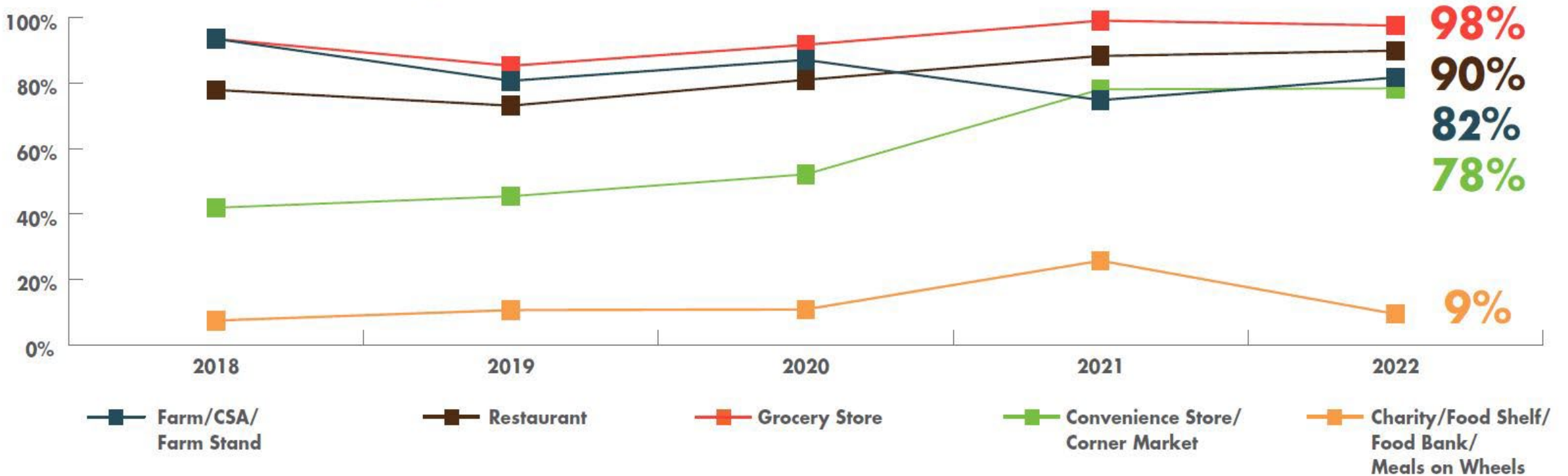
65.9% in Vermont
17.4% within 30 miles of Vermont's border

14.3% within 100 miles
2.1% within 250 miles
0.3% within 400 miles

By the Numbers - Vermonter Poll (pg 5)

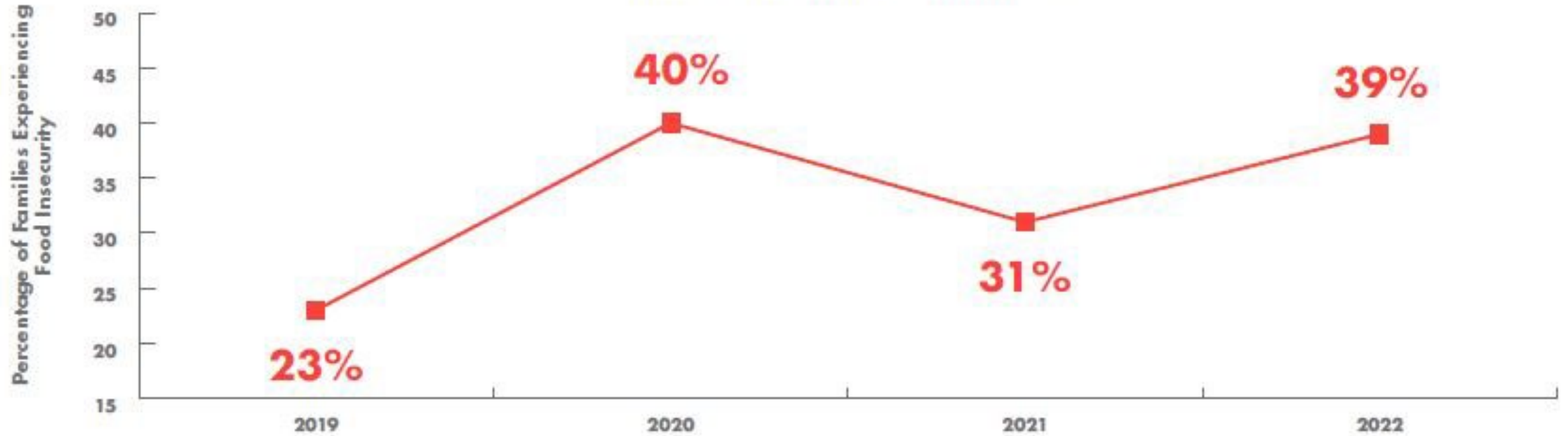
Vermonters continue to regularly obtain local food from a diversity of markets and charitable sources. More than 80% of Vermonters obtained local food either directly from a farm, at a grocery store, or in a restaurant.

Percentages of Where Vermonters Purchased or Obtained Local Food



By the Numbers - Food Security (pg 5)

Food Insecurity Among Vermonters



Source: National Food Access and Covid Research Team (NFACT)

F2P Network Development (pg 6)



Farm to Plate Network Reorganizes to Implement New Plan

F2P Network Development (pg 6)

The 15 Statewide Food System Strategic Goals

Guiding the work of the Farm to Plate Network are the fifteen strategic goals that articulate the results we will achieve by 2030, in service to the Vermont Legislature's intended outcomes for the Vermont Farm to Plate Investment Program, which are:

- 1. Increase sustainable economic development and create jobs in Vermont's food and farm sector**
- 2. Improve soils, water, and resiliency of the working landscape in the face of climate change**
- 3. Improve access to healthy local foods for all Vermonters**

New F2P Network Structure and Groups (pg 8)



List of Network Groups by Group Type

Priority Strategy Teams

- Vermont Food Security Plan Team
- Meat Supply Chain Team
- Agroforestry Team
- Retail Grocers Team
- Policy Team
- Aggregation, Distribution, & Storage Infrastructure Team
- Racial Equity Action Plan Team
- Food/Ag Literacy Team
- Financing for Farmland Access Team
- Regenerative Agriculture Investment Solutions Team

Topic Exchanges

- Production, Processing, & Market Development
- Education, Workforce, & Labor
- Food Security
- Land Access and Land Use
- Climate, Soil, & Environment

Communities of Practice

- Agritourism
- CSA and Healthcare
- Farm Viability Indicators
- Food Cycle Coalition

Find all info about the Plan, Network, Goal Progress, and the VT Food System at Large on the New Website (pg 9)



Visit the new site at:
vtfarmtoplate.com

Network Highlight - Beef on Dairy Program (pgs 10-11)

Network Highlight:
Developing the Beef on Dairy Program

Beef on Dairy project launches to develop a model for strengthening beef and dairy farm partnerships, enhancing farm viability, and scaling cooperative value-added beef.

Network Highlight - Community Based Composting (pgs 12-13)

**Network Highlight:
Expanding Community-Based Composting**

**Exploring how Vermont farms
can provide composting services
to their local communities**



Network Highlight - Food Security Plan (pgs 14-15)

**Network Highlight:
Addressing Food Insecurity in Vermont**

**The Vermont Food Security Plan:
The Farm to Plate Network
develops a path to food security
in Vermont**



On the Horizon(pg 16)



- Racial Equity
- Financing for Farmland Access
- Agroforestry
- ...and more!

Questions, Discussion, and Thank You!