



The Food Access Landscape of Colorado



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Background

In 2023, 12.7% of Coloradans experienced food insecurity (1)—a challenge directly tied to food access. While research on this issue is abundant, what’s missing is a coordinated, statewide, approach to align the efforts of food system organizations. Building a shared database of food access points and evaluating current funding streams is essential, particularly considering shifting government and legislation, like the impacts of “The One Big Beautiful Bill.” Understanding the current landscape of food access will help providers, distributors, and consumers in Colorado work together toward the shared goal of ensuring access to healthy, nutritious food.

Main Goal

Support the creation of a comprehensive, state-level landscape assessment of food access services in Colorado.

Questions

1 What is the distribution of food and agricultural organizations serving Colorado?

2 What does funding for Colorado food systems look like?

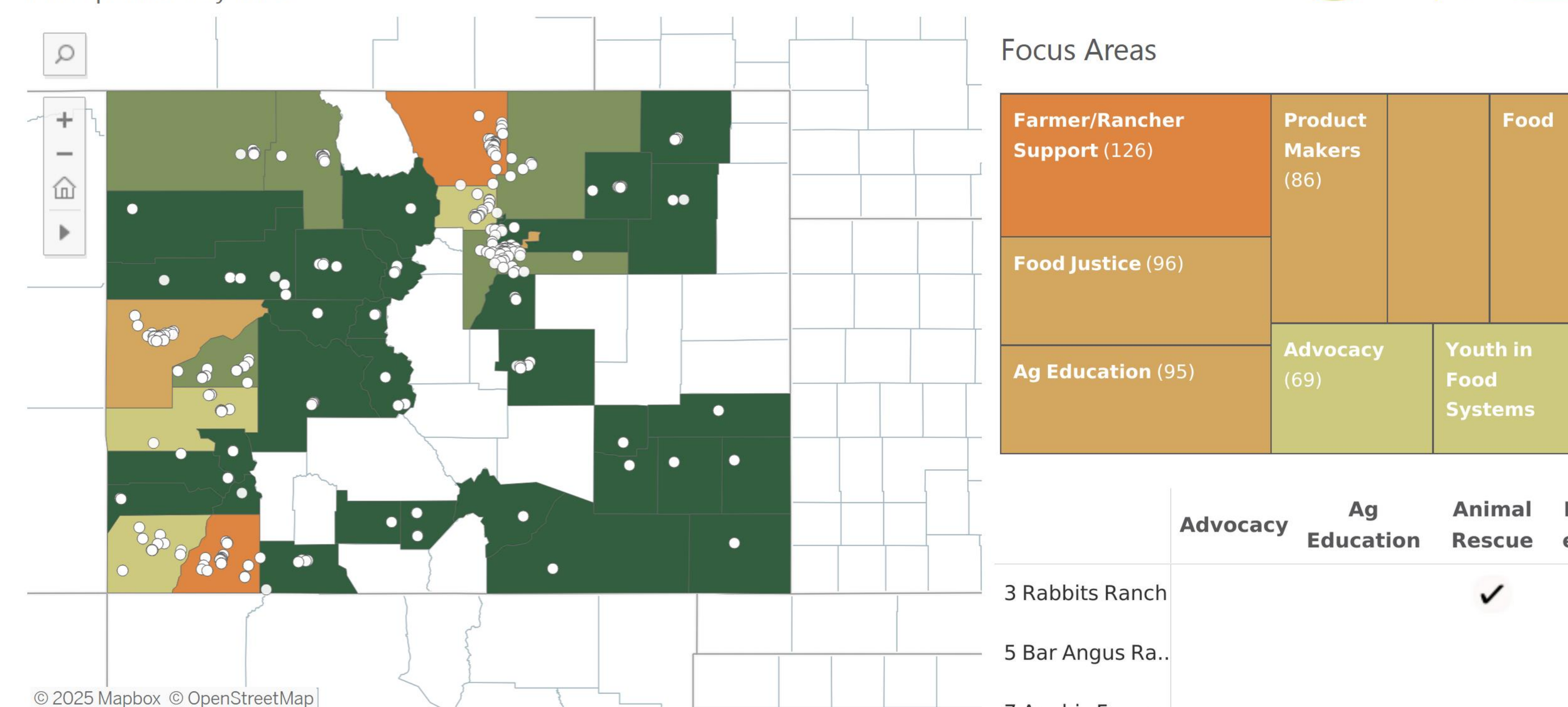
CO Food & Ag Organizations

1 What is the distribution of food and agricultural organizations serving Colorado?

- There are over **335 food organizations** serving Colorado.
 - Around 89.85% of the food organizations reported are in Colorado.
 - Other organizations are in: California (1), District of Columbia (1), Florida (1), New Mexico (1), New York (2). 28 omitted a location.
- The top three Colorado counties with the most food organizations are: Larimer County (32), La Plata County (26), and Denver County (24).
- The top three focus areas are: Farmer/Rancher Support (126), Food Justice (96), and Ag Education (95).

Colorado Food Organizations

Last Updated: July 2025



Click an organization below to view their website!

Organization	Mission
3 Rabbits Ranch	Rescue and rehome domestic rabbits, educate the public, and support rabbit owners.
5 Bar Angus Ranch	Raise high-quality Angus cattle using proven genetics and sustainable practices.
7 Anubis Farms	Promote sustainable farming and animal welfare through regenerative agriculture.
Adams County ..	Champion businesses in Greater Adams County through

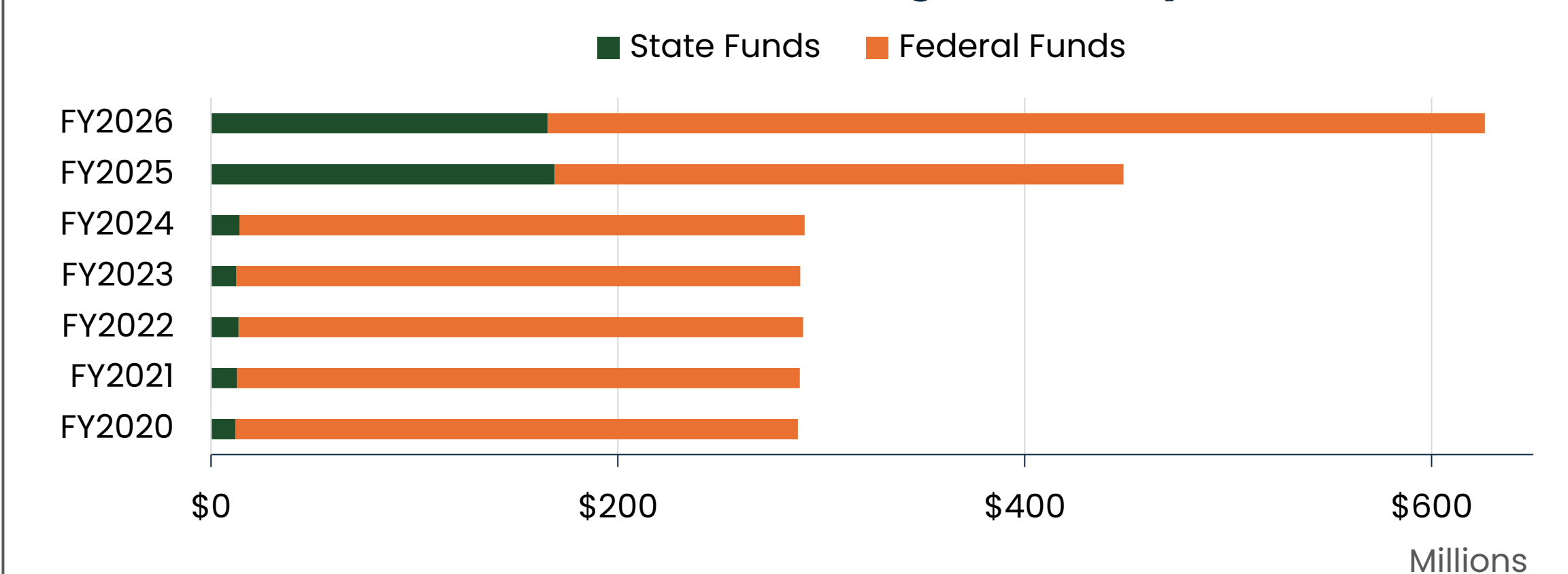
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Funding

2 What does funding for Colorado food systems look like?

- Since July 2019, government food systems budgeting is **increasing**, but recent bills may affect this.
- Private grants still exist but are fewer in number.

CO Government Funding for Food Systems



Discussion

While the dashboard and funding spreadsheet are a good basis for understanding the food access landscape, further coordination between CO state programs and food organizations is necessary. Further development of resources (i.e., open-source grants sheet, social network analysis survey) is needed to better understand food access in Colorado. Collaboration and resource development could help address the data gaps concerning county-to-county funding, and any missing organizations.

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