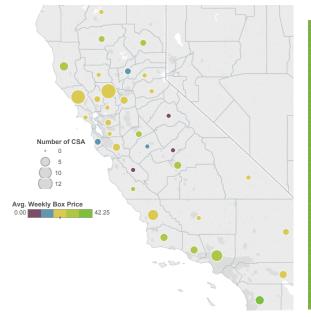


CSA Characteristics	n = 95
Deliver to drop-off locations	65.3%
Share is consistent	61.0%
Farm pickup	57.9%
Items reflect seasons of abundance and scarcity	52.6%
Multiple shares available (e.g., full, half)	43.2%
Regular add-ons available	42.1%
Various delivery frequencies	39.0%
Deliver to individual homes	32.6%
Shares are customizable	17.9%

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## **Distribution of CSA Responses**



## **CSA** Facts:

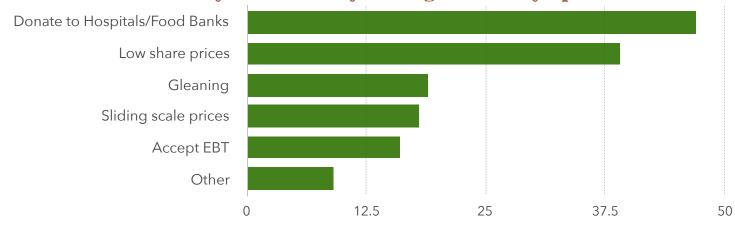
Average weekly price \$26.27, and average retention rate of 62.9%

Over half of CSAs saw an increase in membership between 2012 and 2013, while the remaining half of CSAs saw stagnation or loss in members, yet, over 68% of CSAs still want more members

Large variation in farm size (0.25-5,700 acres) and membership numbers (5-2,000)

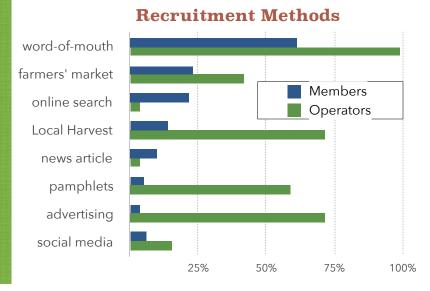
Over 75% of CSAs incorporate an activity to improve food access

**Farm Income Source Mix** 



# **Community Food Security Strategies Used By Operators**

While operators rely on word-of-mouth, Local Harvest, and general advertising as ways to recruit members, there is a disparity between these methods and ways members find CSA.



# 30 22.5 15 7.5 0 Weekly Bi-Weekly 3 weeks Monthly 1.5 Months 2 Months Quarterly Half Season Full Season

## **Minimum Payment Plans of CSA**