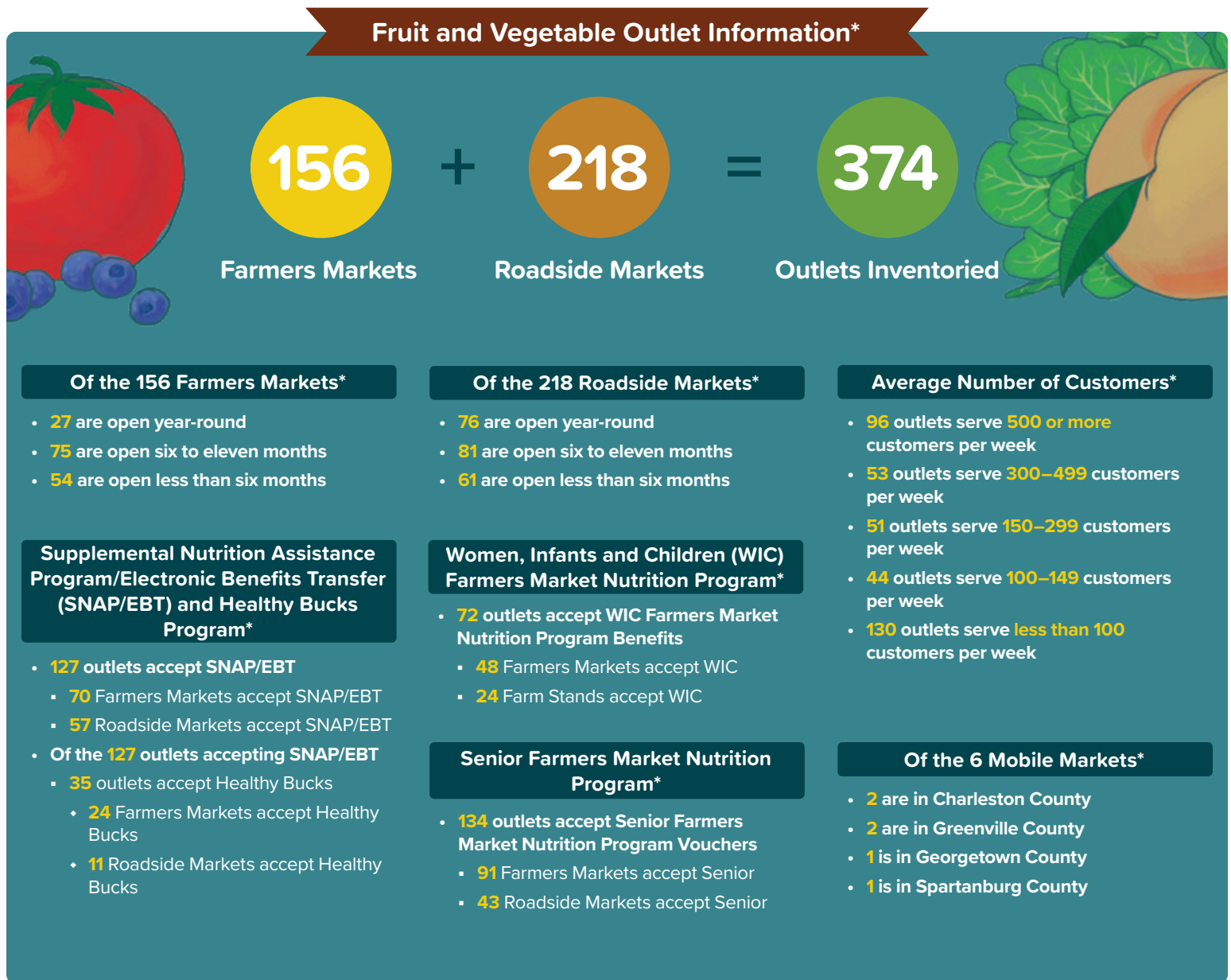


2024 SOUTH CAROLINA FRUIT AND VEGETABLE OUTLET INVENTORY OVERVIEW

The South Carolina Fruit and Vegetable Outlet Inventory identifies farmers markets and roadside markets with predictable locations and hours where fruits and vegetables are sold. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) regional community health staff conducted the Fruit and Vegetable Outlet Inventory at the local level. In 2015, the first year of the inventory, 229 outlets were inventoried by staff. In 2023, the number increased with 374 outlets inventoried (156 farmers markets and 218 roadside markets). Six mobile markets were also identified.

The outlets inventoried have been mapped to promote those locations where community members can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables (<https://gis.dhec.sc.gov/farmersMarkets>). The information obtained from the inventory helps partners from DHEC, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the South Carolina Association of Farmers Markets identify areas in the state with minimal access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Partners use this information to focus their efforts on improving access to healthy foods in those areas.



*Data based on the 2023 SC Fruit and Vegetable Outlet Inventory. Visit <https://gis.dhec.sc.gov/farmersMarkets> for additional information.