

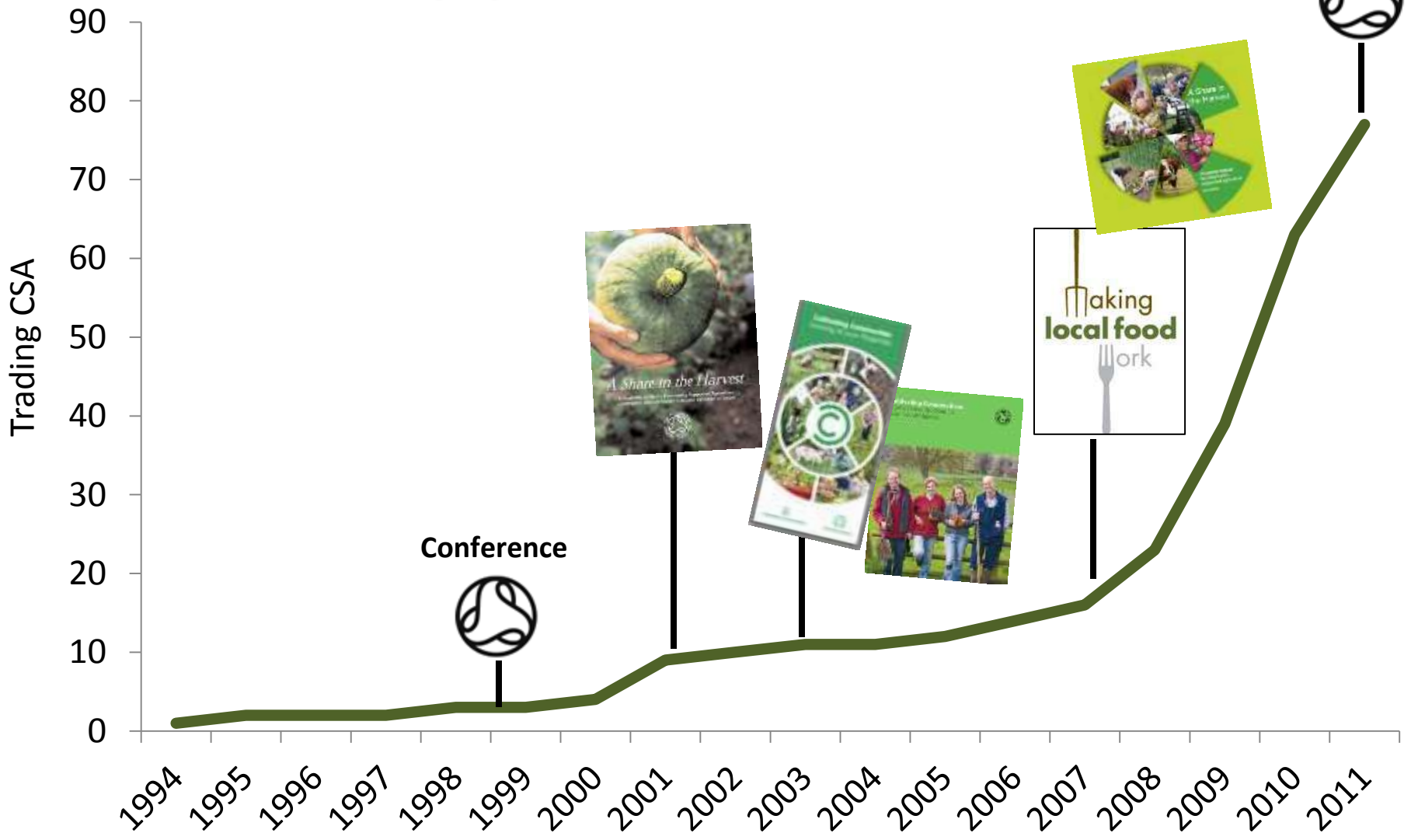
HIGHLIGHTS FROM
The Impact of Community
Supported Agriculture



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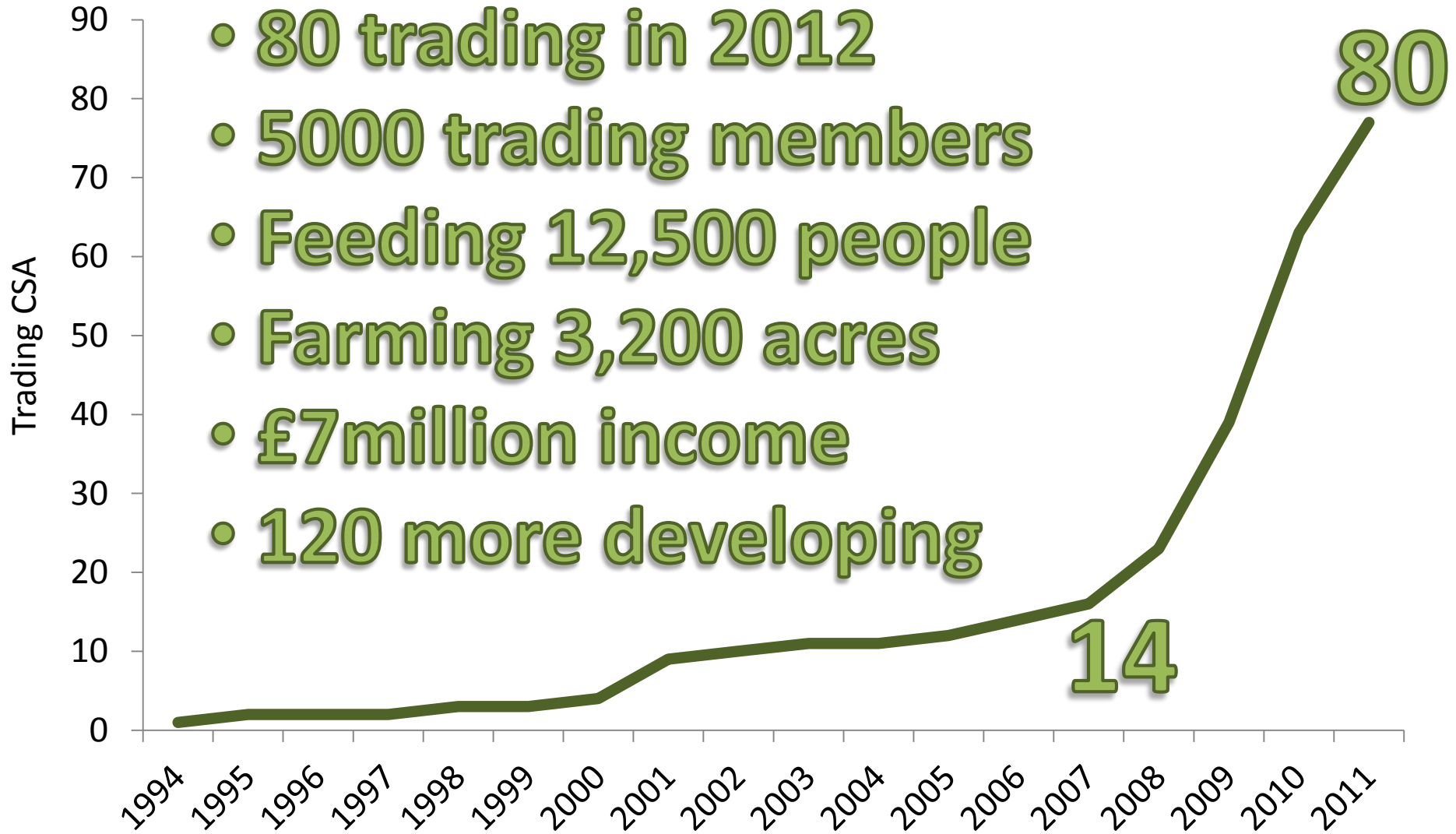
The rise of CSA


& Soil Association projects on CSA



Some things we know about CSA

- 80 trading in 2012
- 5000 trading members
- Feeding 12,500 people
- Farming 3,200 acres
- £7million income
- 120 more developing



A large pile of pumpkins in a field. The pumpkins are of various sizes and colors, including orange, yellow, and green. In the background, a blue tractor is visible in a field under a clear sky.

70% of members say their cooking
and buying habits have changed
to using more local, seasonal and healthy food

46% say their
health has
improved

70% of members say
their overall quality
of life is improved



There are c. 40 members
per CSA and most of
them volunteer



Over 75% of schemes provide training
and over a third of participants say
being involved has increased their skills

Nearly 40% of schemes offer a service for those at risk of social exclusion



12% of members have a household income under £15,000



Members top motivations:

- Sustainably produced food
- Healthy high quality food
- To support local farmers



CSA employment/hectare
is five times higher
than the agricultural average



55% of CSAs planted more hedges & trees
61% have introduced new wildlife areas





66% trade with non-members
38% with other local businesses

	LARGE	SMALL
CARROTS	L 2kg	S 1.3kg
LEEKs	L 6	S 4
SPRING ONIONS	L 5	S 3
CAULIFLOWER	L 1	S 1 or bag
SPRING GREENS	L 300g	S 200g
SPINACH	L 225g	S 150g
BALAD	L 300g	S 200g
PARSLEY	L 90g	S 60g

Over 50% make land more accessible to the public.



45% of members feel their scheme has had a positive impact on the wider community

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