A crowd-sourced atlas of maps exploring the geography of food

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Food: An Atlas is a collection of maps cooperatively-created by the guerrilla cartography community, a loose band of people who are passionate about geography, food, or both. The atlas endeavors to map food in its myriad contexts and conditions at all scales of research and geography. Dealing with subjects as varied as global cropland distribution, Los Angeles’s historic agrarian landscape, community-supported fisheries in Massachusetts, the redistribution of food surpluses in Italy, and Taco Trucks of East Oakland, its chapters focus on food production, food distribution, food security, and cuisine. Be sure to look out for a young kid chapter brought to you by NG Emerging Explorer Daniel Raven-Ellison’s Geography Collective!

The atlas fuses traditional cartography, poster art, infographics, and journalistic text blocking to create the map as a narrative device. Maps are a fantastic medium for illuminating complicated issues, and food is an exciting and compelling theme to explore. While food is an incredibly important aspect of all our lives, few of us have a comprehensive understanding of current food systems. By exploring and mapping the world of food we are able to gain a better understanding of the role food plays in our lives and our communities.
Collaborators on this project include more than 100 people across the globe—80+ volunteer researchers and cartographers who created the maps, the design and production team who compiled the atlas, and the editorial panel who critically reviewed the maps—all working in the spirit of collaboration and community knowledge-caching.