



# 2026 Food and Farm Priorities

Strong food systems are built on relationships; between farmers and their land, and between growers and the communities they feed. Growing food responsibly takes time and investment, but too often our farmers are left to bear the costs of caring for land and community on their own.

Programs that support soil health, local food purchasing, and nutrition incentives help farmers stay rooted in their communities while expanding access to healthy food for families who need it most. As one Colorado farmer put it, ***“When I think about agriculture policy, I think about how we can use taxpayer funding to do together what’s hard to do alone.”*** Investing in these connections strengthens local economies and ensures that fresh, nourishing food remains within reach for all.

Policy plays a critical role in making this work possible. To advance our work for producers, food system workers, and consumers, Nourish Colorado has identified the following priorities for 2026:

## Public Purchasing for Strong Communities

**H.R. 4782 - Local Farmers Feeding Communities Act**

**S. 2338 - Strengthening Local Food Security Act**

These acts would establish a federal program to fund local governments to purchase and distribute food from regional producers to bolster local food security, supply chain resilience, and nutrition access.

Thank you for your support of H.R. 4782!


 *Action Requested: Senate Co-Sponsorship of S. 2338*



## Strengthen Produce Access Through WIC

**H.R. 6776 - Farmers to Families Act**

This act would amend the Child Nutrition Act to let participants use federal cash-value benefits and coupons to buy fresh, local foods from farmers while improving electronic benefit access for local sellers.

 *Action Requested: Co-Sponsorship of H.R. 6776*

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## SNAP Incentives

The Colorado SNAP Produce Bonus (CSPB) provides SNAP participants with automatic incentives to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, improving nutrition while supporting local farmers.


 *Action Requested: Support CSPB by continuing the USDA eHIP pilot program & reintroduce the **GusNIP Improvement and Expansion Acts** of the 118<sup>th</sup> congress*



## Older Adult Nutrition


### Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Senior FMNP provides low-income seniors with coupons to buy fresh, locally grown foods at farmers markets while also supporting local agricultural producers and expanding access to nutritious food.

 *Action Requested: Continue to enhance the impact of Senior FMNP*

## Nutrition Education

Through hands-on lessons, community partnerships, and outreach, nutrition education empowers individuals to make healthy food choices and stretch their food dollars further, helping to prevent disease and lower healthcare costs. For every \$1 spent on nutrition education, up to \$10.64 is saved in health care spending.

 *Action Requested: Develop a national program that supports healthy eating on a budget*



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We thank Colorado's Congressional Delegation and staff for your leadership in advancing a more resilient and nourishing food system for Colorado.

