



**MIFFS**

**Michigan Food &  
Farming Systems**

Supporting the Many Faces of Farming

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WELCOME TO OUR  
**Monthly Newsletter**



## Greetings Subscriber!

Fall harvest time and cooler temperatures are upon us. The summer has passed quickly and we wish everyone a safe and abundant harvest this autumn.

Since March 2024, 70 cases of avian influenza A(H5) (H5 bird flu) have occurred in humans in the United States, mostly among workers exposed to infected dairy cows and commercial poultry farms.

However, cases have also occurred among people exposed to birds kept in non-commercial, backyard flocks.

CDC is interested in learning more about backyard flock owners and their flocks. Learn more and take the survey in the highlight below. The survey is also available in Spanish.

For access to our database of other resources please visit our [website](#) and follow our social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

In Solidarity,  
the MIFFS Team

## *Highlight This Month!*

**ARE YOU RAISING A BACKYARD FLOCK?  
THIS SURVEY IS FOR YOU!**

CDC is interested in learning more about backyard flock owners and their flocks. The survey is anonymous and asks general questions about backyard flock owners, their families, and their flocks.

CDC will use the survey results to improve H5 bird flu prevention activities. Questions can be sent to [h5flustudy@cdc.gov](mailto:h5flustudy@cdc.gov).

**Take the survey [here](#).**





# Educational Opportunities

WEBINARS, TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

EDUCATION



## Funding Opportunities

GRANTS, LOANS &  
RESOURCES

FUNDING



## Employment Opportunities

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS &  
FELLOWSHIPS

EMPLOYMENT





## How This Indigenous Farmers Is Solving Food Security

As climate chaos increases around the world, Michelle Week, a farmer outside of Portland Oregon is drawing on her Sinixt indigenous knowledge to adapt her farm to the changing seasons.

By practicing techniques like seed saving and dry farming, Michelle is combating the increasing food security crisis while continuing to provide fresh food to her local community.

Women of the Earth is a new show on PBS Terra, produced by Summer Moon Productions, featuring stories of women across America who are leading a new movement to restore and protect the land. By focusing on women in land stewardship roles like farmers and shepherds, the series will explore women's unique relationship to the earth and their innovative undertakings to heal the earth from climate change. **Watch this episode here.**

### Support Our Mission

Connecting beginning and historically underserved farmers to each other and resource opportunities; ensuring social justice, environmental stewardship, and profitability.

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