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Michigan Food &

Farming Systems

Supporting the Many Faces of Farming

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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter



Greetings Subscriber!

Spring has arrived in Michigan with a bang. We hope folks have safely weathered the recent storms, loss of power, and other destabilizing weather events with minimal damage and stress.

We are grateful for your continued readership and send you our very best wishes for a productive and successful beginning to the spring season.

Stay safe!

In Solidarity,
the MIFFS Team

Highlight This Month!

NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS BIRD FLU SURVEY

In response to the recent rapid increase in bird flu (a.k.a. H5N1, HPAI, avian influenza) cases in poultry, cattle, and humans across the world, and especially in the United States, a group of folks from **Young Farmers** and **Not Our Farm** are working to compile resources for farmers and farmworkers to keep ourselves, our animals, and our communities safe from the threat of infection and its cascading effects.

To help inform these resources, we are asking farmers, farmworkers, and the general public about their experiences and understanding of bird flu. Anyone is welcome to complete the survey, which is available in both English and Spanish. [Complete the survey here.](#)





Educational Opportunities

WEBINARS, TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

EDUCATION



Funding Opportunities

**GRANTS, LOANS &
RESOURCES**

FUNDING



Employment Opportunities

**JOBs, INTERNSHIPS &
FELLOWSHIPS**

EMPLOYMENT



Center for
Regional Food Systems

Explore 80+ funding opportunities for food businesses in our new digital directory! With this new, interactive, digital directory, learn how to jumpstart your business with the featured resources in the latest edition of the [Funding Sources for Food-Related Businesses](#).

This digital directory resource from MSU Center for Regional Food Systems identifies local, statewide, national and global opportunities for financial support for farmers, food producers, distributors, food hubs, other food-related businesses, and business assistance providers.

Formerly published in PDF format, this digital version of the [Funding Sources for Food Related Businesses](#), allows the reader to search funding sources by:

- Ownership
- Funding type
- Business sector
- Funding amounts

Publishing the document in an interactive format will allow for improved accessibility and inclusion, making the resource recognizable and relevant to all readers.

[Explore and share this resource with your networks!](#)

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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