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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!

It is hard to believe the summer is over and the fall has begun. We hope the harvest season comes to a fruitful and safe close for everyone.

We continue to plan for the 21st Annual Michigan Family Farms Conference which will happen in **March 2025** at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or volunteering at the conference please email the Conference Coordinator Lacey Ingrao at mffc@miffs.org.

We continue to seek conference presenters, you can learn more and apply [here](#).

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

With Energy, the MIFFS Team

Highlight This Month!

BELLEVILLE HARVEST FEST 2024

Saturday, October 12th, 2024 from 11am-4pm.

We will be at the Belleville Area District Library & 4th Street Place. Tractor Parade on Main Street
Plus so much more fun stuff to do and see!





Educational Opportunities

WEBINARS, TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

EDUCATION



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RESOURCES

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Employment Opportunities

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FELLOWSHIPS

EMPLOYMENT

DETROIT'S ANIMAL KEEPING ORDINANCE GOES TO VOTE THIS FALL



Council President Pro Tem James Tate's proposed [Animal Keeping Ordinance](#) (including chickens, bees and ducks) is expected to go to vote this fall. Come out and show your support! Below are dates and details for upcoming meetings to show support. Also, see attached for a current draft of the ordinance and FAQ info sheets about the proposed ordinance. Regarding attendance at the public hearings, anyone can make a public comment in person at Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (13th Floor, 2 Woodward Ave) or via Zoom ([click here](#)).

Public Health and Safety (PHS) meets at 10:00 AM on Mondays and Planning and Economic Development (PED) meetings Thursdays at 10:00 AM. NOTE: Dates are subject to change

Public and Virtual attendance and comment are open and encouraged at each of these meetings. We are encouraging people prioritize the last 3 sessions.

10/03/24 – Introduce Chapter 50 in PED
10/07/24 – Introduce Chapter 6 in PHS
10/08/24 – Introduce Chapter 6 and 50 at Formal Session
10/21/24 – Chapter 6 Public Hearing in PHS
10/24/24 – Chapter 50 Public Hearing in PED
10/29/24 – Approve at Formal Session

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

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