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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!

We are extremely pleased to open this month's newsletter with some excellent news: 24 organizations and local governments who had received grant agreements under the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access (LCM) Program won their court case against the USDA in a federal district court this week.

The court's order reinstates \$127 million for organizations across the nation who are working to strengthen their local food systems.

MDARD has announced new requirements for certain warm blooded, domestic animals entering the state due to the New World screwworm outbreak in the SW. Review the new import requirements [here](#).

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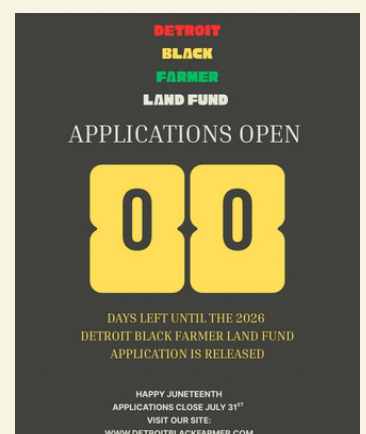
You can also access our database of resources by visiting our website at [www.miffs.org/resources](http://www.miffs.org/resources).

In Solidarity,  
the MIFFS Team

## *Highlight This Month!*

**SEASON 7 DETROIT BLACK FARMER LAND FUND  
APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!**

The Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund is a coalition of 3 Detroit urban farming organizations with a collective mission to rebuild inter-generational land ownership for Black Farmers in Detroit. Since their inception in 2020 they have distributed 307 awards resulting in the purchase of over 33 acres of land by awardees. Learn more and apply [here](#).





# Educational Opportunities

WEBINARS, TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

**EDUCATION**



## Funding Opportunities

GRANTS, LOANS & RESOURCES

**FUNDING**



## Employment Opportunities

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

**EMPLOYMENT**

# Targeted Grazing for Fuel Load Reduction

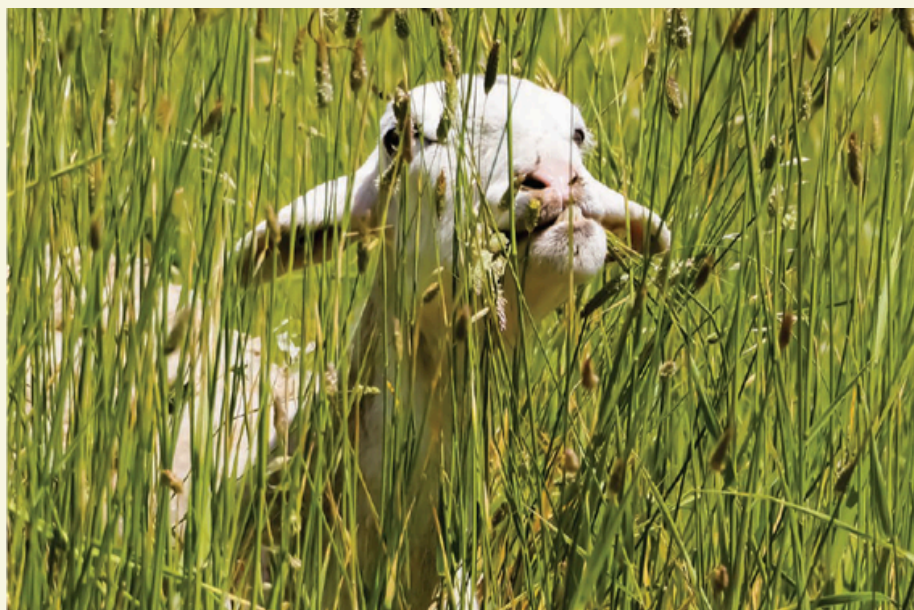


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**Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Projects  
University of California Cooperative Extension**

Wildfires in California and throughout the West are growing increasingly severe. Fire season is lasting longer, wildfires are larger, and wildfire effects are negatively impacting ecosystems and communities. The lack of fuels management, especially in and adjacent to the wildland-urban interface (WUI) is exacerbating these impacts and threatening both natural resources and human communities. Municipalities, homeowner associations, utilities, and other landowners and managers are searching for cost-effective and ecologically sensitive tools for addressing annual and long-term fuel-loading. In the California North Bay counties of Sonoma and Marin, as well as in the Sierra Foothill counties of Placer and Nevada, grazing can be one of the most effective tools available.

Concurrently, rangeland livestock producers are increasingly interested in diversifying their operations to include targeted grazing services. Unlike conventional grazing management, targeted grazing refocuses the outputs of grazing from livestock production to vegetation management and landscape enhancement (Launchbaugh and Walker 2006). While there is increasing demand for these services, ranchers have concerns over animal well-being, especially in the context of forage nutrition.

**[Read the abstract and view the project final report 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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