



# MIFFS

## Michigan Food & Farming Systems

Supporting the Many Faces of Farming

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## WELCOME TO OUR Monthly Newsletter



### Greetings Subscriber!

Winter is bringing more storms, cold and snow to Michigan. We continue to wish everyone a safe, restful, peaceful and warm month ahead as we take the plunge into the new year.

It is a good time of year to reflect on the diversity of actions we can take to grow the resilience of our farms, gardens, food businesses, local food systems and networks. One of the ways we can do this is to take advantage of webinars, conferences, workshop and volunteer opportunities offered free or low cost.

MIFFS works hard to regularly compile and share free, low cost or scholarship available options in our region. Check out the events and resources linked in this newsletter and follow us on social media where we share a wider variety of possible opportunities. Come visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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!

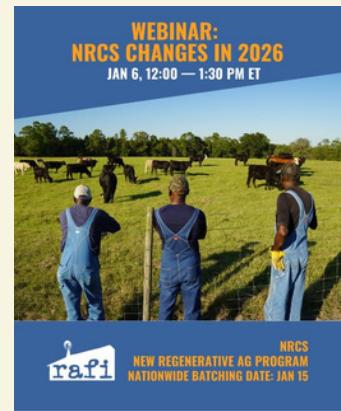
WEBINAR: NRCS CHANGES IN 2026

What do NRCS's 2026 Changes Mean for Farmers?

NRCS recently announced a single nationwide batching deadline (Jan. 15, 2026) and a new Regenerative Pilot Program using EQIP and CSP funds.

Join RAFI on January 6 (12–1:30 pm ET) for a farmer-focused webinar explaining what's changed, next steps, and how to communicate with NRCS so you can make informed decisions before the 2026 deadline.

Register: <https://bit.ly/4avaK4s>





# Educational Opportunities

**WEBINARS, TRAININGS & CONFERENCES**

**EDUCATION**



## Funding Opportunities

**GRANTS, LOANS &  
RESOURCES**

**FUNDING**

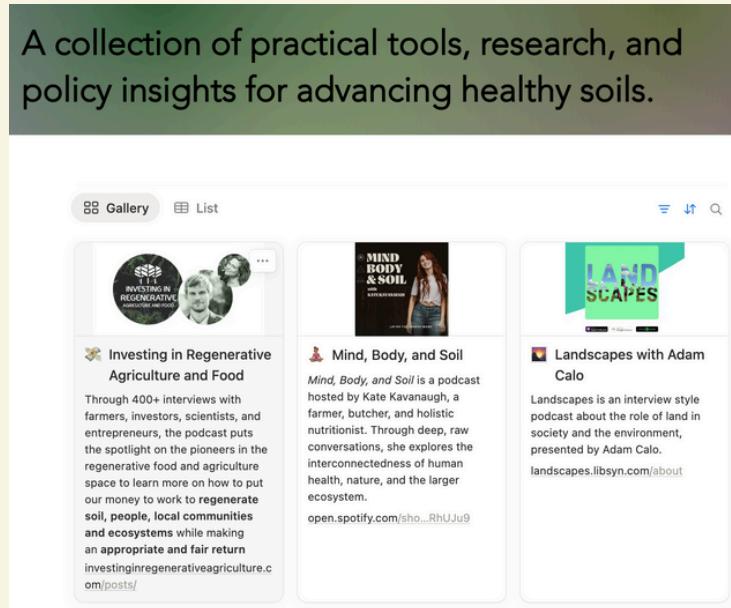


## Employment Opportunities

**JOBs, INTERNSHIPS &  
FELLOWSHIPS**

**EMPLOYMENT**

A collection of practical tools, research, and policy insights for advancing healthy soils.



Gallery List

**Investing in Regenerative Agriculture and Food**  
Through 400+ interviews with farmers, investors, scientists, and entrepreneurs, the podcast puts the spotlight on the pioneers in the regenerative food and agriculture space to learn more on how to put our money to work to regenerate soil, people, local communities and ecosystems while making an appropriate and fair return [investinginregenerativeagriculture.com/posts/](http://investinginregenerativeagriculture.com/posts/)

**Mind, Body, and Soil**  
*Mind, Body, and Soil* is a podcast hosted by Kate Kavanaugh, a farmer, butcher, and holistic nutritionist. Through deep, raw conversations, she explores the interconnectedness of human health, nature, and the larger ecosystem. [open.spotify.com/show/RhUJu9](http://open.spotify.com/show/RhUJu9)

**Landscapes with Adam Calo**  
Landscapes is an interview style podcast about the role of land in society and the environment, presented by Adam Calo. [landscapes.libsyn.com/about](http://landscapes.libsyn.com/about)

## The Living Healthy Soils Knowledge Base is Now Public

The National Healthy Soils Policy Network has launched a public resources page showcasing some of the tools and strategies driving farmer-led soil health campaigns nationwide.

Through this page, visitors can now find: a searchable library of toolkits, reports, and key articles related to healthy soils campaigns; an overview of policy types and their strategic value; a directory of enacted state legislation establishing state Healthy Soils Programs; and a curated list of related podcasts. [\*\*Browse the resources.\*\*](#)

### 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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