



# MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD CHARTER SUMMARY

## WHAT IS THE CHARTER?

The Michigan Good Food initiative is a statewide effort to promote, implement, and track progress toward the Michigan Good Food Charter goals.

The initiative is coordinated by the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems (CRFS) staff and guided by the Michigan Good Food Charter Council.

The Michigan Good Food Charter is a road map for a food system rooted in local communities and centered on good food.

The Charter outlines a vision, a description of a good food system, six goals, six strategies and 22 actions to advance the vision.

## HISTORY & UPDATE PROCESS

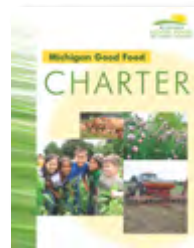
Initially published in 2010, the Michigan Good Food Charter helped build momentum for efforts across Michigan to advance a food system that promotes equity, health, sustainability, and thriving economies.

The original charter generated food policy action and the growth of regional and statewide networks supporting local and regional food systems efforts. The 10 Cents a Meal program, for example, started as a priority action described in the 2010 Charter.

As food systems initiatives have grown and deepened over the past decade, the updated charter will reflect areas of progress as well as new ideas to help us achieve a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system.

The updated 2022 Michigan Good Food Charter was developed collaboratively by CRFS with statewide and regional partners including representatives from Michigan agriculture, food, health, education, and governmental organizations.

A public feedback campaign introduced broader audiences to the proposed updates through 2020 to 2021. Many individuals contributed their time, insight, and expertise to the process.



[www.michiganfood.org](http://www.michiganfood.org)

## HOW CAN WE USE THE CHARTER?



Explore ideas, illuminate gaps and systemic inequity



Identify common ground for collaboration within and across sectors



Inform policymakers of statewide and local priorities



Build action coalitions around food systems policy change



Organize shared measurement for greater impacts



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## OUR VISION

Michigan has a thriving food economy distinguished by equity, health, & sustainability.

## A GOOD FOOD SYSTEM IS:

Accessible	Fair
Diverse	Equitable
Healthy	Sustainable

## STRATEGY SUMMARY

- ▶ Cultivate thriving local/regional farm and food businesses.
- ▶ Prioritize local and regional food systems within a global economy.
- ▶ Use the power of collaboration to dismantle racism and systemic inequity in food systems.
- ▶ Establish fair compensation, safe working environments, and opportunities for career advancement in food systems.
- ▶ Foster climate resilience through equitable land stewardship.
- ▶ Support people to have real choices that lead to good food and health.

# OUR PRIORITIES

The following areas of focus guide us toward achieving our vision.

## Food Access to Food Sovereignty

Everyone has the resources to access and afford healthy, culturally appropriate food where they live, work, learn, and play and the ability to shape the food system(s) that impact them.

## Food & Farm Business Viability

The food system supports a dynamic mix of local, regional, national, and global food sources that offer opportunities for small-scale and marginalized Michigan farm and food businesses to thrive.

## Health Equity

The food system supports opportunities for everyone to be as healthy as possible, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

## Fair Wages & Economic Opportunity

People who plant, harvest, process, pack, transport, prepare, serve, and sell food have access to living wages, benefits, safe work environments, and pathways for career advancement and leadership.\*

## Sustainable Ecosystems

The food system protects air, water, and soil now and for future generations.

## Climate Change Mitigation & Resilience

Communities are resilient in the face of climate change and the food system actively mitigates its impact on the climate.

\* Adapted from Food Chain Workers Alliance