



MSUE Community Food Systems Work Team

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Growing Michigan's Good Food

- Coordinating a range of local projects that support the work of the Michigan Good Food Charter.
- Securing over \$12 million in grant funding over the past five years to support local food projects in Michigan.
- Leading the development of a new food hub in Traverse City.
- Administering Michigan's FoodCorps service program which reaches thousands of school children across the state each year.
- Building a local food system in the Upper Peninsula through www.upfoodexchange.com, food sovereignty programs with area Tribes, and programs by the MSU Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center.
- Educating consumers through MSU Extension's Michigan Fresh campaign at seven farmers markets across Michigan.
- Launching Lansing's Food Innovation District and the new Food Product Innovation Center.
- Helping to expand local food purchasing by K-12 schools, hospitals, colleges and universities through www.CultivateMichigan.org



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