



MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD

2023 SUMMIT

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

May 19, 2023 at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Since 2010, people across the state and country have gathered at the Michigan Good Food Summit to network, share, reflect, and learn about good food work happening in Michigan. Aligned with the goals and priorities of the Michigan Good Food Charter, the biennial Michigan Good Food Summit aims to advance good food in Michigan by amplifying the stories and efforts of people across the state.

We are excited to host a hybrid event with in-person and virtual participation options. This interactive agenda will bring together food systems advocates and practitioners to:

- Celebrate the publication of the 2022 Michigan Good Food Charter
- Highlight leaders working towards Michigan's good food future
- Connect with others to plan for action, collaboration, and next steps

Agenda

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	OPENING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration, Refreshments & Networking
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MORNING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks • Keynote • Summit Storytellers • Q+A
12:10 PM - 1:10 PM	LUNCH BREAK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person: Lunch provided
1:15 PM - 3:00 PM	DISCUSSION BREAKOUTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person/online - Choose from 6 tracks (listed on page 2).
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	CLOSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share back & Celebration

We will add more details as they become available!



Breakout Discussion Tracks

Each Breakout Discussion Track will involve getting into smaller group “roundtables” based on shared interest in food systems actions. For example - if you chose the policy breakout, you might specifically want to connect with others about policies affecting food security or policies affecting farmers.

In the registration form, you have the opportunity to select one of the following tracks and let us know what 1-3 topics you would most like to connect with others. These breakouts will be facilitated and we will provide tools and resources to help with the discussion!

Note that participants joining virtually will be in online-only breakout sessions and those joining in-person will be joining in-person only breakout sessions. This is to ensure a good experience for all participants!

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Coordinate Food Policy Action: Anyone involved in a food council, food and farm policy work, etc. can join this track to connect with others on specific policy actions or advocacy goals. Policies may also be discussed in other breakouts, and we wanted to provide space for those actively working on, planning or just getting started with policy advocacy to connect with each other.

Strengthen Michigan Local/Regional Value Chains: Folks involved in farm to institution, farm and food business and value-chain investment and development can join this track to seek opportunities for collaboration, share models, or workshop common challenges. This breakout may also include topics around employment equity and career pathways in food systems jobs.

Care for & Connection to the Land and Ecosystems: People interested in land conservation & stewardship initiatives, repairing relationships with and exploring our collective responsibility to the land and ecosystems can join this breakout track to connect with others to share challenges and strategies. This would be a great opportunity to explore land tenure, addressing food waste and plastic use reduction strategies, and sustainable or regenerative agricultural models.

Design and Learn Together: This breakout would be designed to foster connections around equitable food research & project development, funding & philanthropy. This could also be a space to connect around building equitable food systems leadership pathways. We’re hoping to provide a space for those who might be already working on or interested in co-developing projects with the community toward food sovereignty, community-serving research, and exploring how community-led initiatives, researchers, and others can together cultivate the culture changes needed to enact the recommendations in the Charter.

Culturally Relevant Food and Health Connections: Food systems educators, health professionals, and others who wish to explore how we promote health and healing through food and food systems would be encouraged to join this breakout track to explore and identify opportunities to connect food, nutrition, and health.

Open Session/Unsession: In this session, we provide the same tools and facilitation support as the other sessions, but participants joining this session will propose their own topics that may not fit in the other tracks. This is similar to “[open-space technology](#)” but adapted for our planned framework!

