



## MSUE Community Food Systems Workgroup

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## Growing Michigan's Good Food

### Events

For a list of upcoming Community Food System and related events, visit the MSU Extension website

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- Coordinating a range of projects that support the work of the Michigan Good Food Charter.
- Leading the development of a new food hub in Traverse City.
- Administering Michigan's FoodCorps service program reaching over 5,000 school children in five cities.
- Building a local food system in the Upper Peninsula through [www.upfoodexchange.com](http://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 and kiosks at Detroit Eastern Market, the Grand Rapids Downtown Market, and the new Flint Farmers Market.
- 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](http://www.CultivateMichigan.org)



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