



## MICHIGAN FAMILY FARMS CONFERENCE

The Michigan Family Farms Conference offers beginning, small-scale, and culturally diverse farmers a chance to network, learn, and build sustainable family farms. It is an energizing, hands-on event featuring multiple tracks of breakout sessions plus a youth track to engage the whole family.

Every year we come together to celebrate diversity, expand our knowledge of sustainable agriculture, and strengthen the supportive network of farmers that we know is essential for building resilient farms.



Michigan Food &  
Farming Systems - MIFFS  
*Supporting the Many Faces of Farming*



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## WHO WE ARE MISSION & VISION

We are dedicated to supporting the many faces of farming, particularly our beginning and historically underserved farmers. These farmers grow diversified crops and raise animals, live in rural and urban areas, and farm individually, in groups, on incubator farms, and as cooperatives.

**Our mission** is to connect beginning and historically underserved farmers to each other and resource opportunities; ensuring social justice, environmental stewardship, and profitability.

**Our vision** is to play a critical role in making smaller-scale farming an attractive and viable livelihood.

## WHAT WE DO PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

### Farmer Led Networks

- ✦ **Women-in-Ag Network**
- ✦ **Veterans-in-Ag Network**
- ✦ **Red de Productores Hispanos  
(Spanish Speaking Producers Network)**

### USDA Program Navigation

- ✦ **FSA Farm Number registration**
- ✦ **USDA Farm Bill Program application guidance**

*We also offer **On-Farm Food Safety Trainings** and **Mock Audits** so that local farmers can understand the process and requirements for growing food.*

## FARM DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

These are collaborative spaces for new and beginning farmers to experience farming without significant investments in land or equipment.

### How do these work?

Farmers lease land and share farm infrastructure while developing personal farm businesses and building equity.

### What are the benefits?

Removing critical barriers to aspiring farmers, like access to land, resources, and education. Farmers learn from each other, market cooperatively, participate in community workshops and begin a farming business with limited risk.

### Where is our Farm Development Center?

**Women-in-Ag Farm Development Center**  
Ascension Genesys Hospital Campus, Grand Blanc, MI

