



HOOPHOUSES FOR HEALTH:

Becoming a Farm to School Partner

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Partners

- Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems (MSU CRFS)
- Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA)
- MSU Department of Horticulture

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HOOPHOUSES FOR HEALTH

Build season extension capacity and infrastructure for Michigan farms



Increase purchasing power and access to healthy foods for vulnerable families with children ages 0-8



PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS



HOOPHOUSES FOR HEALTH

- **Farmers receive a loan (up to \$15,000) to build a hoophouse**
- **Repay loan by providing food to families in their community**
- **Farm to School/Early Care and Education**
- **Hoophouses allow growers to expand extended season production**



ELIGIBILITY

K-12 School/district

- District has at least 50% free and reduced-price meal eligibility
- Participate in school-based USDA Child Nutrition Programs, such as the National School Lunch Program

Early Care and Education (ECE)

- Head Start, Early Head Start, and Great Start Readiness Programs automatically qualify
- ECE housed in a K-12 school/district with **district rate** at least 50% free and reduced-price meal eligibility
- Independent program located within attendance area of a school **building** with at least 50% free and reduced-price meal eligibility
- Participate in Child and Adult Care Food Program

HOOPHOUSES FOR HEALTH

MSU CRFS connects participating farmer with an eligible school



Farmer provides food to school



Food service administrator signs itemized zero-balance invoice



Farmer submits invoices to MIFMA to deduct amount from loan balance



FARM TO SCHOOL COMMITMENT

As a participating partner, I will:

- Receive and use food produced by Hoophouses for Health participating farmers in my food program.
- Sign zero-balance invoices provided by participating farmers for food received to track farmers' loan repayment.
- Participate in Hoophouses for Health program annual evaluation efforts upon request, which could include completing surveys and/or participating in focus groups.

Sample Farm

1111 Farm Way
Lansing, MI

Sample School District

1111 School Way
Lansing, MI

Hoophouses for Health Invoice

February 7, 2017

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Apples	50#	\$1.50/lb	\$75
Broccoli	10 lbs	\$2.00/lb	\$20
Carrots	10 lbs	\$2.50/lb	\$25

Hoophouses for Health Program Credit **\$120.00**

Total Due \$0.00

Received by: _____ Date: _____

(Food Service Director)



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Farm to School Commitment Form

Download at
<http://hoophousesforhealth.org>

Email completed form to:
rebekah@mifma.org

1) Please fill out the section below that applies to your programming.

K – 12 School/District	Early Childhood Program
<p>Please select which type of school or school district you represent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Public school district <input type="checkbox"/> Private school <input type="checkbox"/> Charter school <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <p>What is the current percentage of free and reduced price meal eligibility in your school/district? (Districts must report the free and reduced rate for the entire district.) _____</p>	<p>Please select which type of program you represent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start <input type="checkbox"/> Early Head Start <input type="checkbox"/> Great Start Readiness Program <input type="checkbox"/> Center-based program (private for-profit or non-profit, faith-based, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Home day care <p>For center-based and home day care programs, is your program located in an attendance area of a school building where at least 50% of the enrollment are eligible for free and reduced price meals? **</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>School name: _____</p> <p>Does your program receive USDA CACFP (Child and Adult Food Care Program) meal reimbursements?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

2) Does your program have an established relationship with a local farmers market(s) and/or farmer?
 Yes No

If 'yes,' please indicate which farmers market(s) and/or farmer and your main contact person at the market(s).

3) Do you offer nutrition education to the families?
 Yes, we provide nutrition education.
 Yes, we work with partners to provide nutrition education.
 No, we do not provide nutrition education.

If 'yes,' please describe the nutrition education you provide and list any partners you work with.

**Visit <https://www.mischooldata.org/Other/DataFiles/StudentCounts/HistoricalFreeAndReducedLunchCounts.aspx> and click on the excel document under "building" for the most recent school year free and reduced price meal rates.



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Please use the check boxes below to indicate that you understand the role of your school/district or early childhood program in the Hoophouses for Health Program:

- As a participating partner, I will receive and use food produced by Hoophouses for Health participating farmers in my food program.
- I will sign zero-balance invoices provided by participating farmers for food received through Hoophouses for Health to track farmers' loan repayment.
- I will participate in Hoophouses for Health program annual evaluation efforts upon request, which could include completing surveys and/or participating in focus groups.

This letter of commitment will be considered valid for a total of five consecutive years from the date of the signature or until the expiration of the Hoophouses for Health program. Completing this form represents only an intention to participate in a Farm to School relationship. It does not guarantee the establishment of any Farm to School relationship for any length of time.

Signature  _____ Date _____

Position _____

Please return this commitment form to the Michigan Farmers Market Association by mail to 480 Wilson Rd, Room 172, East Lansing, MI 48824, by email to Rebekah Faivor at rebekah@mifma.org, or by fax to 517.940.4522.

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QUESTIONS?

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