

Discovery at Ohio State: New Thought for Food - NOVEMBER 2020

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## FarmsSHARE Pilot Offers Game-Changing Roadmap for Food Equity

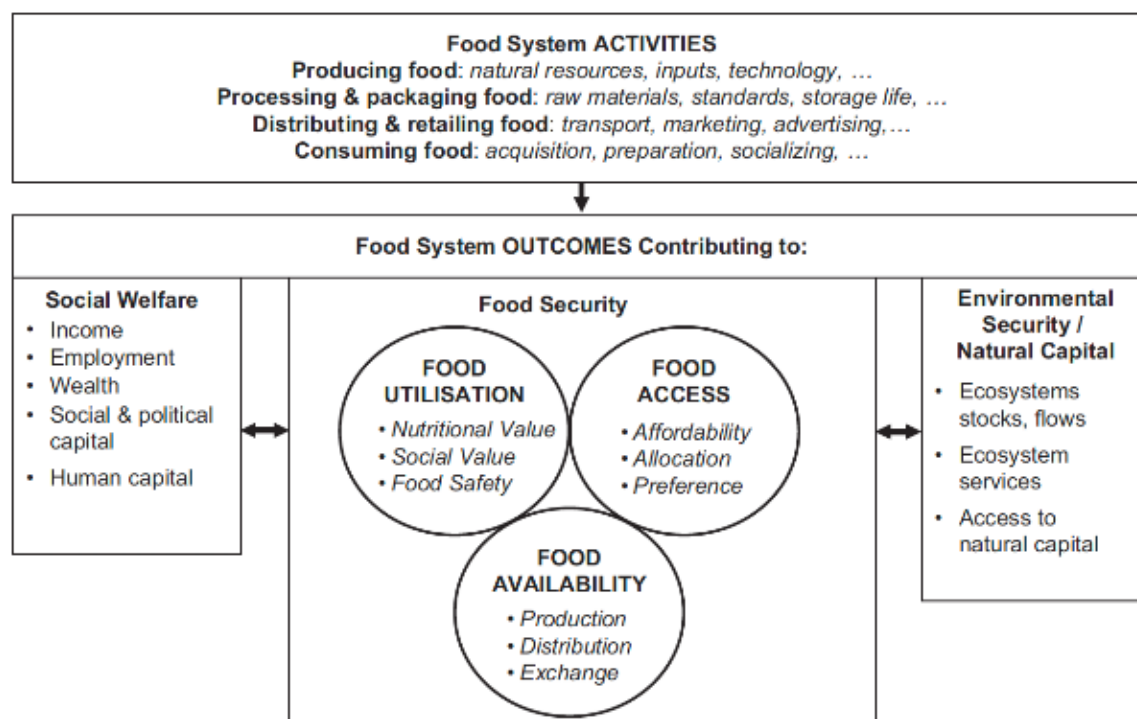
What began as a creative pilot program in response to food inequities brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic is now on track to make a longer-term impact after successfully concluding its pilot run. **FarmsSHARE**—or Farms Serving Health and Racial Equity—helps growers get their produce into community markets, with a focus on serving BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) growers, host organizations and residents.



[Read More About FarmsSHARE Here](#)

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## Gratitude for Your Role in Our Systems Approach to Transformation



*From: Ericksen, Polly J. "Conceptualizing Food Systems for Global Environmental Change Research." Global Environmental Change 18, no. 1 (February 1, 2008): 234–45.*

I'd like to share some gratitude this month that is rooted in two related questions: Why does the **InFACT research agenda** focus so much on food system outcomes, and who needs those outcomes to change? For the question about our research, the simple answer is that the inequities inherent in food insecurity are what need to be transformed, equitably, and they're the outcome of the food system as a whole. The answer to the second question can be difficult to envision for the majority of people, for whom the current system in the US works just fine. But for the remaining 15% or so to join the majority, systemic transformation, guided by our research, is going to be needed.

[Read the Essay by InFACT Faculty Director Casey Hoy](#)

## 10th Annual Ohio Food Policy Summit Advances Statewide Policy Agenda

Last week, the **Ohio Food Policy Network** (OFPN) and **John Glenn College of Public Affairs** hosted the 10th annual Ohio Food Policy Summit. The two-day, virtual event kicked off with the statewide summit consisting of Keynote speaker, **Tom Philpott**, presentation of the Ohio Food Hero Award to **Ashley Weingart**



2020 Ohio Food Policy Summit  
November 16 - November 17

of Perfectly Imperfect Produce, and wrapped up with a brainstorming session to generate policy ideas to help set the OFPN statewide policy agenda moving forward. The Ohio Local Food Policy Council Workshop on day two prepared council members to operationalize their policy agenda. Topics addressed included how to incorporate different types of advocacy, steps in campaign building, and tools to move forward. If you missed this year's Summit and Workshop, check out the recordings below, and keep an eye out for follow-up emails from Ohio Food Policy Network on how to get involved.

[Watch the Ohio Food Policy Summit](#)

[Watch the Ohio Local Food Policy Council Workshop](#)

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## Students Helping Other Students

In 2015, some freshmen with wild ideas that all of their fellow students should have access to healthy, high quality food started something—an organization dedicated to wellness, to community, to justice, to each other—and **Best Food Forward** was born. After expanding their reach to hundreds of students and staff, 2020 brought the entire world to its knees. Now that we are over six months deep into a global pandemic that has disrupted housing, employment, classes, mental and physical health—including access to healthy food—many of our fellow Buckeyes are struggling. You can help this innovative organization by contributing to the [Community Against COVID](#) campaign at the beginning of what looks to be a very challenging winter season.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Land Use Actions for the Future of Our County](#)

**December 3, 2020**

[Acres U.S.A. Eco-Ag Conference & Trade Show](#)

**December 1-4, 2020**

[Ohio State CFAES World Soil Day Celebration 2020](#)

**December 4, 2020, 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

[InFACT Faculty Hire Erin Lin's Book Talk, "The Farmers' Battlefield: Mixed Methods Research in an Authoritarian, Post-Conflict Field Site"](#)

**December 4, 2020, 12:00 - 1:30 PM**

[Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Research Priorities, Co-hosted by InFACT Hire Jennifer Garner](#)

**December 8, 2020, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

[OEFFA's 42nd Annual Conference, Our Time: Essential Links for a Strong Food Chain](#)

**February 10-15, 2021**

[The Power of Food: Cultivating Equitable Policy through Collective Action –](#)

**Kansas City, MO**

**September 20-22, 2021**

## **FUNDING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

[BETHA 2021](#)

**Deadline: December 1, 2020**

[NSF Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks \(SRS RNs\)](#)

**Deadline: January 11, 2021**

[NIFA's Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative \(OREI\)](#)

**Deadline: January 14, 2021**

[InFACT Winter Cycle Linkage and Leverage Grants](#)

**Deadline: January 15, 2021**

[NIFA's Specialty Crop Research Initiative \(SCRI\) Pre-Applications](#)

**Deadline: January 26, 2021**

[Health, Ecosystems and Agriculture for Resilient, Thriving Societies \(HEARTH\)](#)

**Deadline: February 14, 2021**

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Sustainable Agricultural Systems \(SAS\)](#)

**Deadline: July 1, 2021**

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science](#)

**Deadline: July 29, 2021**

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