

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

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InFACT and CDFA Announce Groundbreaking Collaboration to Transform Ohio's Food Systems

InFACT and the **Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA)** have announced an unprecedented collaboration that will provide economic development finance planning services to facilitate new food systems throughout the state of Ohio.

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FarmsSHARE Links Sellers and Growers to Benefit Communities of Color during COVID-19

Many growers throughout the nation found their markets eliminated or changed due to the pandemic—including InFACT's Buckeye ISA growers. To mitigate the damage in central Ohio, a group led by the Ohio Farmers Market Network, Columbus Public Health's Center for Public Health Innovation and Local Food



System Strategies Team came up with a creative new pilot program: Farms Serving Health and Racial Equity—known as **FarmsSHARE**.

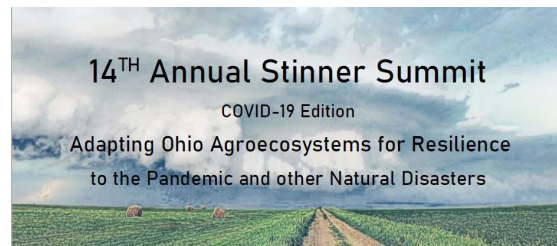
The program connects local food-focused community organizations with Columbus urban growers and Ohio farmers, especially black-, brown- and indigenous-led organizations and growers. InFACT helped by recruiting community organizations as host locations and farmer-participants.

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Celebrate World Food Day 2020

InFACT invites you to celebrate World Food Day by attending the first-ever virtual **Stinner Summit** planned for October 16 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Please consider joining us to brainstorm ways to improve the health of Ohio's land and people with support

from the Ben Stinner Endowment for Healthy Agroecosystems and Sustainable Communities. We'll miss being together physically of course, but we hope this will allow more of our past Summit attendees to make it, along with many others who have always wanted to attend. [Click here](#) to register!



Also, be sure to check out the **Mansfield Microfarm Project Symposium** held October 23 from 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM and October 24 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. NECIC, in partnership with The Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus, invites you to see the second-year results of this three-year project! The October 23rd event showcases community partnerships, urban farming, resiliency of farming and co-op development. The October 24th event is brought to you by the Richland Gro-Op and will exhibit two urban microfarm and two rural microfarm outings, all a result of the input received from last year's symposium. Registration links are coming soon.

Black Farming: Beyond 40 Acres and a Mule Conference Full Recording Available

People of African descent have a long agricultural tradition. In spite of their forced farm labor under chattel slavery in the Americas, in emancipation most African Americans returned to this tradition as independent farmers or sharecroppers. This conference discussed the influential history of Black farmers in Ohio with an emphasis on the strength of community, preparing the next generation of underrepresented farmers for the future, and cultivating the cooperative business model to promote healthy farming and sustainable businesses. Keynote Speakers: **Anna-Lisa Cox**, author of *The Bone and Sinew of the Land: America's Forgotten Black Pioneers and the Struggle for Equality* and **Terry Cosby**, USDA - NRCS.

This conference was held Sept. 11-12 and the full conference recording is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJ1Qd3daLeVKLUykuQAoVzJwFwmvNsc6E>

Join Us for Two Events with Ricardo Salvador of the Union of Concerned Scientists

Horticulture and Crop Science Autumn Seminar Series
Wednesday, September 30 - 11:30 AM -12:30 PM

["Science and Indoctrination at Land Grant universities: Why 2020 is the Predictable result."](#)

- Dr. Ricardo Salvador, Director and Senior Scientist, Food & Environment, Union of Concerned Scientists

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/93244236088?pwd=OFNyZFRlTE3ZUs3b1cxSXB6Mmg1dz09>

Meeting ID: 932 4423 6088

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And please join us for a follow up and deeper virtual conversation with Dr. Salvador - Oct. 1, 4-5PM, organized by InFACT

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/97109175656>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Horticulture and Crop Science Autumn Seminar Series with Ricardo Salvador](#)

September 30, 2020, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

[Food System Worker Listening Session, Hosted by Franklin County Local Food Council](#)

September 30, 2020, 5:30 PM

[Follow-Up Virtual Conversation with Ricardo Salvador, Hosted by InFACT](#)

October 1, 2020, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Meeting ID: 971 0917 5656

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[14th Annual Stinner Summit: Adapting Ohio Agroecosystems for Resilience to the Pandemic and Other Natural Disasters](#)

October 16, 2020, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

[10th Annual Montgomery County Food Summit: Bytes of Connectivity](#)

October 16, 2020

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

October 22, November 19 & December 3, 2020

[3rd Annual Mansfield Microfarm Project Symposium](#)

October 23, 2020, 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

October 24, 2020, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

[Ohio Food Policy Network's 10th Annual Ohio Food Policy Summit](#)

November 16, 2020, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

[Ohio Food Policy Network's Ohio Local Food Council Workshop](#)

November 17, 2020, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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

December 1-4, 2020

[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

[Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development Call for Papers on COVID-19 and the Food System](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2020

[Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research Plant Protein Enhancement Project RFA](#)

Deadline: October 9, 2020

[Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research Improving Climate Resilience in Crops Program](#)

Deadline: November 11, 2020

[NSF Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems \(DISES\)](#)

Deadline: November 16, 2020

[ResultsOHIO](#)

Deadline: November 20, 2020

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

Deadline: February 14, 2021

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