InFACT-Funded Study Results in New Publication on Racial Inequality in Food Systems

An InFACT Linkage and Leverages grant awarded to Ayaz Hyder, assistant professor in the College of Public Health's Division of Environmental Health Sciences, and partners in five Ohio State Colleges as well as Columbus Public Health, has led to a new publication, “Explaining Racial Inequality in Food Security in Columbus, Ohio: A Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition Analysis,” in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

The interdisciplinary study, co-authored by four Ohio State researchers in three colleges and a faculty member at the University of Hong Kong, takes a deep dive into food mapping data to look at racial inequality in food systems.
Growing Community Through the Mansfield Microfarm

Just four years ago, InFACT-affiliate Kip Curtis, an environmental history professor at The Ohio State University at Mansfield, introduced the concept of a sustainable and productive urban farming system to solve challenges of social justice and ecology. Today, with support of seed grants from InFACT and Sustainability Institute and the support of a $2 million Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research grant, the project has helped launch the farms of nine microfarmers in Mansfield and has created a marketing co-op for the farmers. Read more about the status of the project to date in a recent article published by the Sustainability Institute.

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Victory Gardens Restarted During Pandemic

During World Wars I and II, American families stepped up to fight food insecurity by growing their own "victory gardens." The COVID-19 pandemic has ushered victory gardens back into popularity as families look to save money on food, protect the environment and seek new hobbies they can safely do at home.

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the chapter written by InFACT leaders Casey Hoy and Brian Snyder. Click here to read part of “Food and Nutritional Security, Still the Grand Challenge for Land-Grant Universities”—then use code OSU21ST to take $9.95 off the list price, now through December 21.

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