



Jackson-Smith testifies at House hearing: Technology can benefit rural America

InFACT faculty hire Doug Jackson-Smith, professor of water security and rural sociology in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), addressed the U.S. House Committee on Small Business's Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development last month, making the case for public investment to help rural agricultural communities make use of new technology. Jackson-Smith, together with InFACT Faculty Director Casey Hoy, who was originally asked to attend the subcommittee hearing, prepared [written testimony](#) on the topic.

[Read more](#)

Land Use Actions for the Future of Our County



Register now for Land Use Actions for the Future of our County workshop on March 13!

This workshop is designed to increase awareness about balanced land use, inspire new collaborations, and catalyze action. Register now so you don't miss out on the taco bar with local foods, an excellent networking opportunity and stellar speakers, including a national expert from American Farmland Trust as our keynote speaker. This event is sponsored by InFACT, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), the Wayne County Farm Bureau, Wayne Onward and Sustainable Economies Consulting.

[Register here](#)

InFACT to host symposium on Data Foundations for Food System Resilience - Feb 26, 1-4:30pm

Join Ohio State's [Translational Data Analytics Institute \(TDAI\)](#), InFACT and visiting colleagues from the [UC Davis Agricultural Sustainability Institute](#) in a series of panel presentations and discussions exploring data foundations for smart foodsheds - the food components of smart and connected communities. Building on our National Science Foundation Research Coordination Network grant, this symposium is an opportunity to share data sources, methods and tools for addressing food system challenges including supply chains, working landscapes, health, and policy.

[Register here](#)



InFACT on the road: A trip to Dayton!

Three InFACT staff traveled to Dayton this month for the 41st Annual Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association's (OEFFA) annual conference. For the second-straight year, InFACT sponsored scholarships for 10 Ohio-based growers or producers of color who have not attended an OEFFA conference before and would not be able to attend without the scholarship, supporting OEFFA and InFACT's shared goals of increasing diversity in food system work. Program coordinators Angela Blatt and Dana Hilfinger also presented on the power of coordinated crop planning and marketing for small-scale growers, featuring the work done with InFACT's Ohio Microfarm Project.

For more on the conference, visit their site [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Food Security and Healthy Communities Series](#) - Columbus, OH

March 6

[National Good Food Network Conference](#) - New Orleans, LA

March 10-13

[New and Small Farm Conference and Trade Show](#) - Mansfield, OH

March 14

[East Ohio Women in Agriculture Conference](#) - Massillon, OH

March 19

[Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit](#) - Lexington, KY

March 19-20

[CHAIRE Inaugural Research Symposium](#) - Columbus, OH

April 7

[National Farm to Cafeteria Conference](#) - Albuquerque, NM

April 21-23

[Urban Food Systems Symposium](#) - Kansas City, MO

June 4-6

[The Power of Food Forum](#) - Kansas City, MO

November 18-20

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Organic Transitions RFA](#)

Deadline: February 27

[USDA Value-added Producer Grant](#)

Deadline: March 5

[AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Competitive Grants Program](#)

Deadline: multiple dates

[InFACT Linkage and Leverage Grants](#)

Deadline: multiple, Next Deadline: April 17

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