



Local and sustainable food purchasing moves forward

Over two years, InFACT participated in a leadership role as a panel of faculty, staff, students and external stakeholders developed a plan to significantly increase Ohio State's purchase of local and sustainable food at all venues throughout the university. Executive Director Brian Snyder provides perspective on the recent approval of the plan submitted by The Ohio State University Panel on Food Sustainability.

[Read more](#)



**Purchasing 40 Percent
Local and/or Sustainable Food
by 2025**



The Ohio State University
Panel on Food Sustainability

November 29, 2018

InFACT Linkage and Leverage grant RFP released

InFACT invites you to submit proposals for our Linkage and Leverage seed grant program. Linkage and Leverage grants aim to enhance interdisciplinary collaborations on issues of food availability, access and utilization. Teams of faculty, staff, students and external partners may apply. There will be three deadlines for proposal submission. Proposals for the first cycle are due December 19, 2019, with two more deadlines in the Spring 2020 semester.

[Read more](#)

Symposium highlighted Mansfield Microfarm Project progress

Over 70 people joined us in Mansfield on November 15 for the 2nd annual Mansfield Microfarm Project Symposium. Participants saw newly constructed high tunnels on the 10-acre NECIC Urban Farm and Grow Fourth farm sites and learned about the research and programming associated with this project, funded by a Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research (FFAR) grant.

[Click here to follow the progress of this project on social media.](#)



NSAC Report: Moving American agriculture to "Net Zero"

A new report from the [National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition \(NSAC\)](#) highlights new research to help farmers and ranchers meet the growing challenges of the climate crisis.

[Read the report here](#)

In partnership with a coalition of farmers and advocates, NSAC is also gathering signatures from farmers on a statement intended for Congressional and USDA leaders that advocates for climate change solutions in agriculture.

As a member of NSAC, InFACT encourages you to read the statement [here](#) and consider adding your signature and sharing with other growers.

The facts on InFACT

While doing lots of good along the way, InFACT has been engaged in a future planning process with faculty, staff and students from across the university, as well as with many external partners, to refine and verify our path forward. To see a distillation of the results, check out our updated one-page fact sheet on InFACT's mission, goals and research agenda. This page provides a quick overview of how we hope to transform the food system in Ohio and beyond.

[View the factsheet here](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Community Food Systems Conference](#) - Savannah, GA
December 9-11

[OEFFA Conference](#) - Dayton, OH
February 13-15

[National Good Food Network Conference](#) - New Orleans, LA
March 10-13

[National Farm to Cafeteria Conference](#) - Albuquerque, NM
April 21-23

[Urban Food Systems Symposium](#) - Kansas City, MO
June 4-6

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[OSU Materials Research Seed Grant](#)

Deadline: December 6

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

Deadline: multiple dates

[OSU SEEDS Grants](#)

Deadline: December 13

[InFACT Linkage and Leverage Grants](#)

Deadline: multiple, First Cycle: December 19

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