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Alliance Meeting

Monday, August 19, 2024 • 12:00-1:00pm



At today's meeting, we will

- Hear market updates from Core Partners
- Learn about food policy progress
- Discuss connecting buyers and sellers in the Alliance

Updates from core partners!





- CFCRI Seafood Donation Program 2024
 - 15 seafood industry partners
 - 9 community partners
 - 122,000 lbs distributed
- Sea to School Initiative
 - Collaborative work with Tony's Seafood, Chartwells, FFRI, EWTE
 - 2 taste testing events at Gallagher Middle School and Segue Institute for Learning
 - Planning for more sampling and menuing for Fall 2024





- Gleaning
 - 90k gleaned in 2024
 - Served 43 hunger relief agencies, 41 farms/producers
- Farm to Food Pantry
 - 35 agencies have purchased from 43 local food producers so far
 - Agencies have purchased over \$50,000 worth of 70 unique local goods
 - Eggs (30%), milk (8%) and tomatoes (7%) are the top three items purchased thus far (types of items usually not donated/from the food bank)
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
 - Home delivery program has delivered over 200 boxes - will continue until end of December or when funds are exhausted
 - Just under \$10,000 of local produce, herbs and honey purchased from 15 producers





- BrownU funded volunteer helped us meet capacity
- Tenant food businesses buying produce through our program
- 30 farmers
 - 7 brand new to wholesaling
- 12,461 units of produce from July-August to 7 community partners
 - = \$27,235.94
- 4 confirmed produce giveaway events
 - Gave away ~\$3,000 worth of produce at Amos House Block Party in July





The **Rhode Island Food Policy Council** is building a more equitable, accessible, economically vibrant, and environmentally sustainable food system in Rhode Island.



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Food Policy Update

- Federal Farm Bill update
- State legislation preview



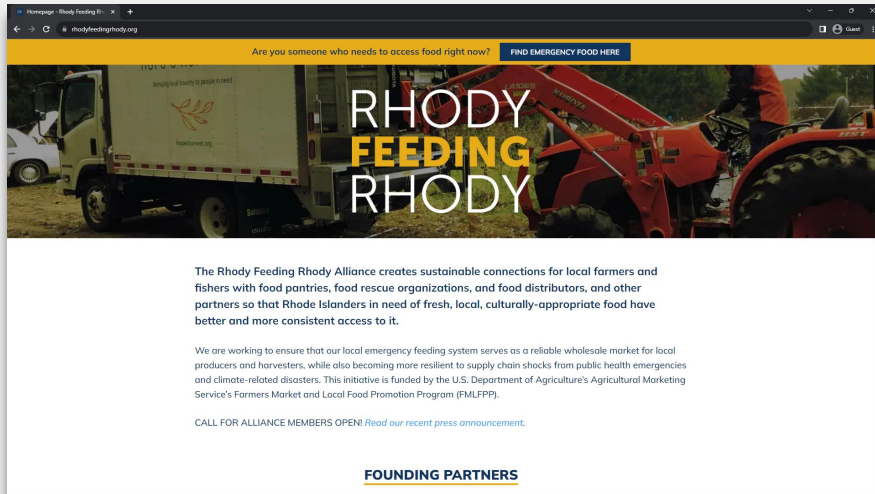
Let's talk about how to make this market grow!



- How can we welcome more farmers and fishers into this Alliance!?
- How can we empower more distribution points in buying local food!?

Let's stay connected

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- Use the form to sign up!
- Find food distribution points
- Register for upcoming meetings

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What's next?

- Spread the word about RFRA! #RhodyFeedingRhody
- Register for our next meetings
- Invite someone to join!

Monday
Nov 18
@ 12pm

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Thank you!