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Alliance Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2024 • 12:00-1:00pm

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At today's meeting, we will

- Get a status update on relevant food policy
- Hear first-hand about successful “Rhody Feeding Rhody” relationships
- Plan how can we help this market grow together

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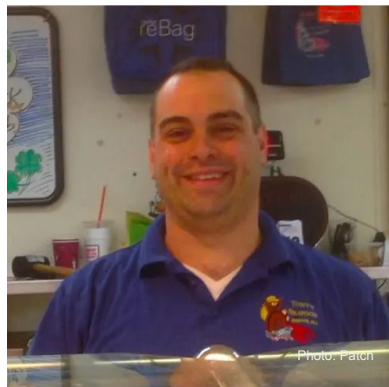
- Federal Farm Bill update
- State legislation update



Let's share some success stories



Alice Howard
SunRise Forever, Inc. 🚚



Mark Pirri
Tony's Seafood 🐟



Jacqueline Reyes
Federal Hill House 🛒



Charlotte Uwimpuhwe
Charlotte's Farm 🥬

Updates from core partners!





- Connects local-caught seafood to RI's emergency food system through network of community-based partners
- Since fall 2020, CFCRI has purchased and donated over 475,000 lbs of local seafood
- \$515,000 directly to RI fishermen and seafood businesses
- Seafood species distributed include scup, butterfish, mackerel, bluefish, tuna, Jonah crabs, clams, mussels, monkfish, flounder, whiting, squid





- Hope's Harvest organizes volunteers to glean from local farms. Then, we bring this gleaned produce to hunger relief agencies throughout the state. We also contract with farmers to grow specifically for hunger relief.
- Since 2018, nearly 1.1 million pounds of healthy, local fruits and vegetables from 69 local farms have been distributed to 62 RI hunger relief agencies.
- In 2024, \$128,000 paid to contract with 10 farms to grow 49,000lbs.
- In 2024, \$199,000 allocated to 64 RI agencies to participate in the Farm to Food Pantry program.

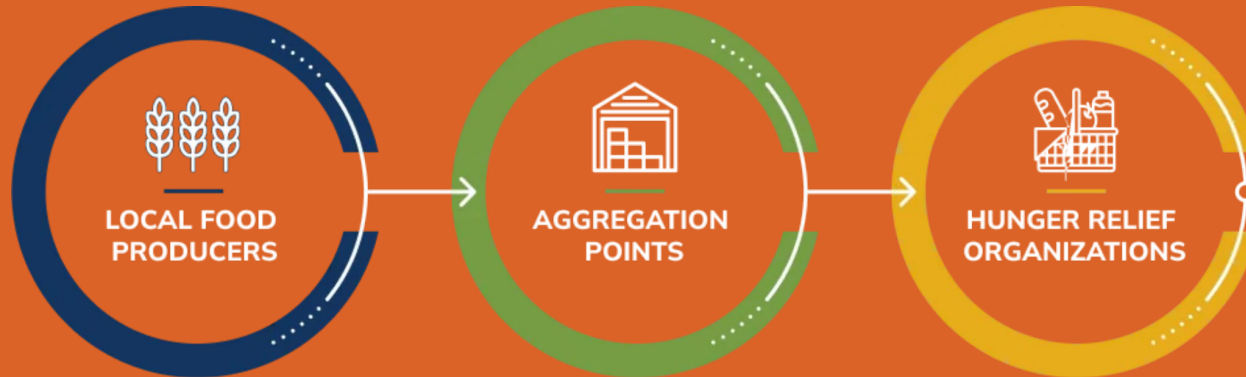




- An aggregation point for historically underserved farmers to sell their products to us at a fair market price.
- 30 farmers, 15 partner organizations and hundreds of families.
- Produce giveaways
- Participating farmer median sales doubled from \$2200 to \$5000
- Almost \$10,000 paid in upfront contracts to Farmers for this summer.
- Farmers learning about Integrated Pest Management with URI



Where is Rhody Feeding Rhody in your community?



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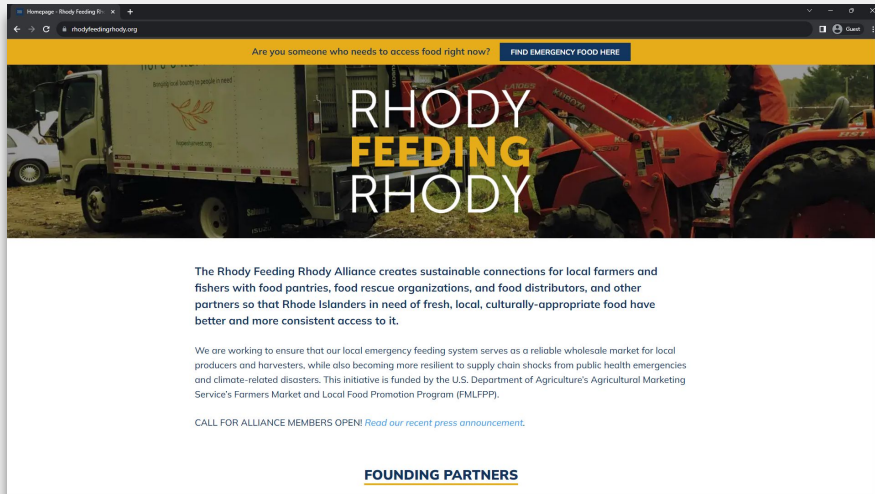
Let's work together to help this market grow!



- Let's make more farmers and fishers aware of this opportunity!
- Let's get more distribution points buying local food!

Let's stay connected

www.rhodyfeedingrhody.org



- 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
Aug 12
@ 12pm

Monday
Nov 11
@ 12pm

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Join a Listening Session!

RI FOOD
POLICY
COUNCIL | LISTENING
SESSIONS

RI FOOD SYSTEM PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY PLAN

Share input to create a strong plan so our state is ready to respond to and recover from future disruptions to our food system.

Wednesday, May 22
@ 3-4:30 PM

Tuesday, May 28
@ 6-7:30 PM

<https://forms.gle/9BRyjHzSqAVUg2qY6>



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Thank you!