



Greater Cincinnati Regional **Food Policy Council**

2023 Farm Bill Summary Priorities

Our Access & Education Committee advocates for the following in the 2023 Farm Bill:

- Appropriate and consistent funding for SNAP, GusNIP (produce prescription and double dollars incentives), and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), since these nutrition programs support both local producers and local consumers.
- Nutrition programs within the Farm Bill should broaden and improve nutrition education and Food as Medicine programming provided for participating families.

Our Farms & Land-use Committee advocates for the following in the 2023 Farm Bill:

- Increase access to USDA conservation and crop insurance programs for small and medium-sized specialty crop and regenerative farming operations.
- Revise commodity and conservation subsidy programs so the programs support regenerative agriculture, which mitigates and adapts to climate change, while not leaving fertile agricultural land unused.

Our Infrastructure Committee advocates for the following in the 2023 Farm Bill:

- Increase access to USDA funding and grants for regional small to medium-sized farming, food hub and food distributors so regional supply chains are more easily navigated, equitable, and economically sound.
- Incentivize nutrition programs that support regional food systems and directly impact the economic resilience of small to medium-sized farms and the consumers who want to support them.

Our Institutions Committee advocates for the following in the 2023 Farm Bill:

- Support a regional response where consumers utilizing nutrition programs can feed their families nutritiously and appropriately while minimizing the economic impact on food banks and their partners when there are federal decreases in nutrition program benefits.
- Increase the volume of regional produce served within institutions by easing the process for procurement of local produce and other fresh food by institutions, which include streamlining the distribution process, clarifying the labeling requirements, and amplifying access to the produce.

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