

## **A Vision for Michigan's Food System**

We envision a thriving economy, equity and sustainability for all of Michigan and its people through a food system rooted in local communities and centered on Good Food – food that is healthy, green, fair and affordable.

- ❖ **THRIVING ECONOMY – Children, families, communities and businesses in both rural and urban areas are prosperous**
  - We produce a diverse abundance of food that provides jobs with fair wages and supports businesses integral to our State's economy.
  - We provide a dynamic mix of local, regional, national and global food sources that offer opportunities for farmers and processors at all scales.
  - We create vibrant places, urban and rural linkages, and regional resilience.
  
- ❖ **EQUITY – All communities have the conditions needed to thrive**
  - We provide consistent access to affordable, healthy, fresh foods for all people of Michigan.
  - We improve the health and wellbeing of all our children by making high quality food available in the homes, schools, child care centers, and institutions of our State.
  - We ensure all communities benefit from and are empowered by strong local food economies.
  
- ❖ **SUSTAINABILITY – Our cultural, ecological and economic assets are protected over the long term**
  - We build a solid base of opportunity and prosperity in food and agriculture for generations to come.
  - We strengthen and grow our base of agricultural production knowledge by sustaining existing farmers, supporting new farmers and inspiring respect for food and agriculture through a culture of healthy eating and cooking.
  - We prioritize the health of our natural resources, including our land, water, soil and air.

