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Executive Summary

On behalf of the Farms Together Team, we appreciate your interest in this program. To build more resilient local food systems, *Farms Together* coordinates collaboratives of small-to mid-scale family farmers throughout California to provide healthy, fresh, and local food, to food and nutrition insecure communities. Through *Farms Together*, approved farms and aggregation partners around the state will work directly with groups of producers to bring finished farm boxes and bulk food deliveries to food banks and other community sites for distribution. *Farms Together* was developed by the [California Association of Food Banks](#) (CAFB), [Fresh Approach](#) (FA), and the [Community Alliance with Family Farmers](#) (CAFF) with initial support from the California Department of Social Services and California Department of Food and Agriculture via the [United States Department of Agriculture Local Food Purchasing Assistance Program](#).

We believe that sustainability in the food system comes from an environment that creates more linkages between farms and emergent/non-traditional marketplaces. The following proposal is designed to create the greatest number of new points of connection within our food system between producers, aggregators, food banks, community organizations, and other new marketplaces for the purchase of local food. By engaging the local food system at the community level, Farms Together will create a new vision of a hunger relief system where there are new linkages between local food producers, food banks, and community food distribution organizations.

The following document outlines the project's purpose, requirements for participating, as well as the application process.

Throughout this document, please refer to the Glossary (Section 6 below) for key term definitions.

Section 1. Program Overview

A. Program Purpose & Overview

The objectives of the Farms Together Program (Program) are to:

- Maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency by helping build and expand economic opportunity for small, local and socially disadvantaged producers in California; and
- Support state food banks and other community food distributors to procure and distribute fresh, nutritious food from farmers for food and nutrition insecure community members.



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- Create a transparent application process designed for inclusion that is flexible to the needs and recommendations of local food system participants.

In practice, Farms Together is a network of farms and local food aggregators who are responsible for the sourcing and distribution of culturally relevant and nutritious local foods to food banks and community food distributors around California. Funding will pass from CAFB to vendors who in turn will purchase foods from local farms at market prices.

B. Project Partners



California Association of Food Banks (CAFB) - CAFB is the state's leading anti-hunger organization. This non-profit is committed to supporting the work of 41 state food banks through advocacy and food procurement strategies. CAFB's signature Farm To Family program provides over 200 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, continuing the work to nourish communities and reduce food waste.



Community Alliance with Family Farms (CAFF) - CAFF is a nonprofit based in California that builds sustainable food and farming systems through policy advocacy and on-the-ground programs that create more resilient family farms, communities and ecosystems.



Fresh Approach (FA) - The mission of FA is to create long-term change in local food systems, by connecting California communities with healthy food from California farmers and expanding knowledge about food and nutrition. Through mobile farmers' markets, food assistance programs, nutrition education, nutrition incentives, community agriculture and regional partnerships, FA achieves this vision in the Bay Area.

CAFB, CAFF, and FA each have long-standing experience implementing a version of this proposed project at a regional or state-wide level. As a collaborative effort, each organization will hold specific and unique responsibilities in the oversight and implementation of this project.

C. Funding Sources



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The funding source of this project originates from the [USDA Local Food Purchasing Assistance Program](#) (LFPA) which is managed in California by the California Department of Social Services. The LFPA program is part of the “Build Back Better” initiative, authorized by the American Rescue Plan. The purpose of this program is to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.

D. Application Overview

The following sections will detail the eligibility criteria for participation in Farms Together and the application process to become an approved vendor.

Securing a contract via *Farms Together* is a two-step process. In Step 1, applicants are screened to become Approved Vendors within the Farms Together Network. Applicants are selected as Approved Vendors based on the fulfillment of eligibility criteria outlined later in this document. After being approved, contracts will be made available to vendors in Step 2. Contracts will be based on the vendors’ ability to support priority farmers and meet the needs of their distribution partners, not on lowest price.*

Each contract available via Farms Together will be decided on a case-by-case basis, taking into account regional availability of funding and vendor participation. Applications will be evaluated and contracts awarded based on a set of criteria that are intended to prioritize the inclusion of “Socially Disadvantaged Farms” and “Priority Farms” as defined in Section 6.

***Being approved as a vendor is not a guarantee of a Farms Together contract.**

Section 2. Vendor Eligibility Criteria and Approved Vendor Application

The following section details the eligibility requirements for participation in Farms Together. These eligibility requirements were designed to fulfill the stated goals and missions of the LFPA program in directing funds to local and socially disadvantaged producers. To be approved as a vendor, the applying entity must be able to demonstrate organizational eligibility to fulfill program requirements.

- I. California Grown** - This project is intended to support CA farms and agricultural producers. All food should be grown, raised, and/or processed in state.*
- II. Specialty Crops** - This project will prioritize the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables in order to support the health and nutrition needs of end recipients.**



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- III. Seasonality and Variety** - Providing seasonal produce encourages greater knowledge and awareness of local food systems. Approved vendors will need to be able to source a variety of products that reflect the abundance of each growing season.
- IV. Quality and Cultural Relevance**- A goal of this project is to provide food that is rich in nutrition and freshness. Approved vendors will be expected to provide foods of the highest quality and freshness. Vendors should be prepared to work with community food distribution partners to source the foods most relevant to the specific communities receiving the food. Products grown under Organic Certification or non-certified practices are encouraged but not scored.

Approved Vendor Application

Once an application has been submitted, the Farms Together administrative team will review all relevant materials and aim to respond to the applicant within 10 business days. Should questions arise, applicants are welcome to contact the team at info@farmstogether.org.

A. Food Safety

Approved Vendors are required to meet minimum food safety standards to minimize risks of spreading foodborne pathogens throughout the supply chain. This program recognizes that suppliers pose differing levels of food safety risks. Therefore, this program has unique food safety requirements for the three types of entities eligible to apply as an approved vendor: Agricultural Producers, Informal Aggregators and Food Hubs/Distributors. This approach is meant to protect the end consumer from food-borne illnesses while also not being overly burdensome for the Approved Vendor.

By participating in this program, Approved Vendors agree to participate in random spot checks to verify food safety compliance. General requirements can be found below, for more specific information, as well as required documents, are provided in the application form. **A current food safety plan, updated within the last year (12 months), is required.** Farms Together team will be able to support in creating and updating food safety plans.

- **Food Safety Requirements for Single Farm Vendors:** While Third-Party GAP certification is **not required**, Agricultural producers will be required to follow Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) in the form of a Farm Food Safety Plan,. The Approved Vendor application will require farms to attest that they follow GAPs. Agricultural Producers must also indicate if they have a Farm Food Safety Plan and their status under the federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR). Agricultural Producers may be contacted by project staff if additional information is needed. Resources are provided to help prepare a food safety plan and determine FSMA PSR compliance. Resources can be found by clicking <https://caff.org/food-safety-plan-resources-english/>.



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- **Food Safety Requirements for Informal Aggregators:** Informal Aggregators will be required to follow current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs). The Approved Vendor application will require Informal Aggregators to attest that they follow cGMPs. Informal Aggregators will be asked to upload a current copy of their Food Safety Plan with their application. They also must indicate their status under the federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventive Controls (PC) Rule. Additional questions will be asked to determine the strength of an Informal Aggregator's food safety program. Informal Aggregators may be contacted by project staff if additional information is needed. Resources are provided to help prepare a food safety plan and determine FSMA PC Rule compliance. Resources can be found by clicking <https://caff.org/food-safety-resources/#foodhub>.
- **Food Safety Requirements for Food Hubs/Distributors:** Food Hubs and Distributors will be required to follow current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs). The Approved Vendor application will require Food Hubs and Distributors to attest that they follow cGMPs. Food Hubs and Distributors must also upload a current copy of their Food Safety Plan with their application and must indicate their status under the federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventive Controls (PC) Rule. They must also indicate how they verify that farms they source from follow Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs). Additional questions will be asked to determine the strength of a Food Hub or Distributor's food safety program. Food Hubs and Distributors may be contacted by project staff if additional information is needed. Resources are provided to help prepare a food safety plan and determine FSMA PC Rule compliance. Resources can be found by clicking <https://caff.org/food-safety-resources/#foodhub>.
- **Food Safety Requirements for Farmer Markets:** Farmer Markets will be required to follow current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs). The Approved Vendor application will require applicants to attest that they follow cGMPs. Farmer Markets must also upload a current copy of their Food Safety Plan with their application and must indicate their status under the federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventive Controls (PC) Rule. They must also indicate how they verify that farms they source from follow Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs). Additional questions will be asked to determine the strength of an applicant's food safety program. Farmer Markets may be contacted by project staff if additional information is needed. Resources are provided to help prepare a food safety plan and determine FSMA PC Rule compliance. Resources can be found by clicking <https://caff.org/food-safety-resources/#foodhub>.
- **Food Safety Requirements for Value Chain Coordinators:** Value Chain Coordinators will be required to submit a written description of their process and traceability plans that include name, contact information, activity carried out, and FSMA compliance attestation for all organizations participating in the processing, packing, and delivery of food for the Farms Together program. Applicants must submit a copy of their traceability plan as part of their Approved Vendor Application. Additionally, Value Chain Coordinators must submit an attestation that details food safety practices signed by organizations in



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charge of middle supply-chain logistics. These include but are not limited to: transporting companies and storage, processing, and packing facilities. They must also indicate how they verify that farms they source from follow Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs). Additional questions will be asked to determine the strength of an applicant's food safety program. Additional questions may be asked of participants to determine food safety compliance. Value Chain Coordinators may be contacted by project staff if additional information is needed. Resources are provided to help prepare a traceability plan and determine FSMA compliance. A traceability sheet template can be found by clicking [here](#)

- **Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA):** This regulation allows FDA to regulate how food is produced, grown, harvested and processed in order to avoid safety risks and contamination that might lead to serious illness. FSMA includes requirements for operations throughout the food supply chain, including aggregators and farmers. This program requires farms and aggregators to know and indicate their compliance status under the FSMA PSR (for farmers) and the FSMA PC Rule (for aggregators).
- **Current Good Manufacturing Practices(cGMPs):** cGMPs are a set of practices that an aggregator applies to their operation to minimize food safety risks and contamination to food that is stored, handled, and/or reboxed.
- **Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs):** A set of practices that a farmer applies to their operation to reduce food safety risks. GAPs practices generally fall into the following categories: 1) water, 2) employees, 3) buildings, tools, and equipment, 4) animals (wild and domestic), and 5) soil amendments.

Animal Protein (Livestock, Poultry, Dairy Products)

The vendor approval and solicitation process described in this document does not include purchasing of animal proteins. Vendors seeking to provide animal proteins can email info@farmstogether.org to receive information on distribution sites that are purchasing animal proteins through the *Farms Together* program. For purposes of this program, all animal protein needs to follow official USDA, FDA and state regulations (in the case of dairy products) and labeling requirements.

Section 3. Receiving a Contract

Once approved through the screening process, vendors will be paired with an account manager. The account manager will work with the approved vendor to suggest an appropriate partner and appropriate contract details such as amount, time-length, and bulk vs box.



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Each vendor will be evaluated on a regionally comparative basis, on their ability to demonstrate:

- (a) an ability to source locally California grown agricultural product;
- (b) an ability to prioritize sourcing from socially disadvantaged producers (see definitions in the Glossary, Section 6 below);
- (c) an ability to provide food that is responsive to the stated needs and cultural preferences of the partner food distribution agencies.

Section 4. Product and Program Expectations

Our ultimate goal is to create and strengthen local food systems by supporting small-scale, BIPOC, and/or socially disadvantaged producers. We understand that during different seasons, difficult growing conditions, and other factors, product availability may be limited. However, we strive to provide our recipients with consistently high quality, local, and sufficient products. Vendors (such as yourselves), are expected to deliver directly to the site being serviced. Details of delivery will be decided upon during a meeting.

For mixed produce boxes (CSA style):

- We have found the total value of a CSA style box, including overhead, should be ~\$36. This is broken down to ~\$27.50 worth of high-quality, local, and seasonal product, in addition to \$8.50 of overhead costs for things such as box cost, staff time, delivery, etc.
- Additionally, each box should ideally weigh 12-15 lbs, with at minimum, a variety of 7 different items.

For palletized product (Bulk style):

- We have found an adequate overhead fee for bulk deliveries to be 20%
- We expect this to differ week to week. Typically, the food recipient will order directly from the vendor. The most efficient way to go about this is to divide the contract dollar amount by the number of deliveries involved over the contract, and allocate a budget to each delivery accordingly.
- Vendors have the discretion to determine the best method for bulk ordering. Food banks typically will place orders based on a vendor supply list for each delivery, based on the allocated budget. We also encourage the food banks to honor the mission of supporting socially disadvantaged producers, and to choose their products when possible. Details of the process will be discussed during a meeting.

Section 5. Glossary



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Approved Vendor: An Approved Vendor is an organization that has applied to the network and been notified of its approval for meeting all eligibility requirements. Approved Vendors will hold a standing agreement with CAFB and be able to receive a Farms Together contract. **Becoming an approved vendor does not guarantee any contract.**

Aggregation: Aggregation refers to bringing produce together from multiple sources to create a larger and more consistent supply to meet consumer demand (or demand requirements of a distributor). This requires the coordination of product sourcing from different producers to establish reliable supply chains for different end markets. (Taken from [Food Aggregation, Processing, and Distribution](#))

Agricultural Producer: An individual or entity directly engaged in the production of agricultural products, including crops (including farming); livestock (including ranching); forestry products; hydroponics; nursery stock; or aquaculture, whereby 50 percent or greater of their gross income is derived from those products. Agricultural producers with total annual sales/revenue of \$10 million or less are eligible to apply.

Single-Farm Vendor: An Agricultural Producer that is applying as a single-source vendor (not aggregating). Most commonly, a mixed produce farm able to pack a CSA-style box.

Beginning Agricultural Producer: a producer that has been in operation for less than 10 years.

BIPOC: Black, Indigenous, People of Color. This definition acknowledges that not all people of color face equal levels of injustice while still demonstrating solidarity within communities of color.

California Grown: This project is intended to support CA farms and agricultural producers. All food should be grown, raised, and/or processed in state. Vendors who operate near state borders may be allowed to source from other farms in bordering states on a case-by-case basis.

Community Food Distributor: Organizations such as food banks, community organizations, or mutual aid groups that provide food assistance to food insecure families. In some cases, they may also aggregate bulk foods and pack boxes.

Cooperative: organization[s] formed for the purpose of producing and marketing goods or products owned collectively by members who share in the benefits. (Taken from [Cooperatives and Food Hubs](#))

Culturally Appropriate & Community-Desired Foods: Foods historically identified as pertinent to a specific community's/culture's unique cuisine and/or preferred by community members through soliciting feedback.

Current Good Manufacturing Practices(cGMPs): cGMPs are a set of practices that an aggregator applies to their operation to minimize food safety risks and contamination to food.



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Direct-to-Consumer: Food that goes direct from source to end-user bypassing any participation by third-party handlers. This distribution strategy shortens the supply chain.

Distribution Site: Physical location where food is directly dispersed to the end user. Distribution sites can be those that distribute for free (food banks/pantries/soup kitchens/etc.)

Fair Rate: Compensation or the remuneration which is judged to be fair in regard to the scope of labor performed and the value of output at the prevailing market rate.

Farmer-led Aggregator: operations in which agricultural producers are the primary owners, operators and/or decision makers. Farmer-led aggregators can be *formal food hubs*, following the USDA definition of “a centrally located facility with a business management structure facilitating the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and/or marketing of locally/regionally produced food products” or *informal aggregators* in which agricultural producers are working together to market their products and fulfill orders through combined regional shipments without a centrally located facility. In either case, farmers have primary decision making roles that directly affect the design and operations of the aggregator.

Food Hub/Formal Aggregator: businesses and/or nonprofits with a centrally located facility with a business management structure facilitating the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and/or marketing of locally/regionally produced food products. Food hubs and distributors with total annual sales/revenue of \$10 million or less are eligible to apply.

Informal Food Hub/ Informal Aggregator: businesses and/or nonprofits that may not fit into the formal definition of a food hub but are still functionally and operationally capable of facilitating the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and/or marketing of locally/regionally produced food products. Examples might include farmers’ market associations, mobile farmers’ market operations, emergency food relief non-profits, or urban farms. Informal aggregators can include organizations that are not physically aggregating the product, but coordinating the aggregation of that product for delivery to the distribution site. If you are unsure whether you might fall into this category, please reach out to Farms Together staff to discuss the particulars of your operations.

Farms Together Contract: a contract with details to be determined by administrators based on vendor & food bank needs. Typically, contracts will be awarded in 3 month increments with a Do Not Exceed amount, and will be rolled-over to renew for 3 months, until the entirety of the funds have been utilized. Contracts are not guaranteed.

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA): The act gives power to the FDA powers to regulate how food is produced, grown, harvested and processed in order to avoid safety risks and contamination that might lead to



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serious illness. FSMA includes a series of guidelines for aggregators and farmers indicating what best practices to follow to ensure worker safety and avoid product contamination. For more information on FSMA, [click here](#).

Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs): Set of practices that a farmer applies to their operation to reduce food safety risks. GAPs practices generally fall into the following categories: 1) water, 2) employees, 3) buildings, tools, and equipment, 4) animals (wild and domestic), and 5) soil amendments. For more on USDA GAP program resources, [click here](#).

Mid-Sized Producer: a producer that has between \$350,000 and \$1,000,000 in gross annual sales per the USDA definition.

Network Administrators: CAFB, CAFF, and FA are the coordinating agencies of the Farms Together network.

Priority Farmer: Grower who will be given stronger consideration for a solicitation based on their social attributes and history of being historically systematically disadvantaged. Farms Together seeks to create more market opportunities for agricultural producers as well as aggregating businesses who have been subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and, where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. While purchasing from these producers and aggregators **is not a requirement, it is a priority, and therefore they are referred to as “priority” throughout this solicitation**. Specifically, we will be qualifying priority farmers for their identification as LGBTQ+, woman-owned, BIPOC owned, or veteran owned.

Processed items: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines a processed food as one that has undergone any changes to its natural state—that is, any raw agricultural commodity subjected to washing, cleaning, milling, cutting, chopping, heating, pasteurizing, blanching, cooking, canning, freezing, drying, dehydrating, mixing, packaging, or other procedures that alter the food from its natural state. The food may include the addition of other ingredients such as preservatives, flavors, nutrients and other food additives or substances approved for use in food products, such as salt, sugars, and fats.

Project Contract: A project contract is the result of an Approved Vendor's successful bid on a solicitation. Following the solicitation award, the Approved Vendor will hold a project contract with CAFB and within the contract will stipulate all the requirements of their project such as delivery destination, dates of fulfillment, product quantity and variety, payment details, etc.

Quality and Cultural Relevance: A goal of this project is to provide food that is rich in nutrition and freshness. Approved vendors will be expected to provide foods of the highest quality and freshness. Vendors should be prepared to work with community food distribution partners to source the foods most relevant to the specific communities receiving the food.



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Seasonality and Variety: Providing seasonal produce is an important way to encourage greater knowledge and awareness of local food systems. Approved vendors will need to be able to source a variety of products that reflect the abundance of each growing season.

Single-farm Vendors: Individual farms that are the contracted organizations participating in this project and are designated to source and deliver food to community food distributors.

Small-scale producer: a producer that has less than \$350,000 in gross annual sales per the USDA definition.

Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers: As defined by the [USDA AMS](#), The USDA defines socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers (SDFRs) as those belonging to groups that have been subject to racial or ethnic prejudice. SDFRs include farmers who are Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian or Pacific Islander. For some but not all USDA programs, the SDFR category also includes women, LGBTQ+, and veterans, and are included in the definition of SDFRs in the *Farms Together* program.

Specialty Crops: As defined by the [USDA AMS](#), specialty crops are fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). This project will prioritize the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables in order to support the health and nutrition needs of end recipients. Although sourcing a variety of seasonal specialty crops will be a minimum requirement for participating in this project, individual solicitations may request other agricultural products such as eggs, animal protein, dairy, or value-added products.

Value chain coordinator: an aggregating vendor which solely coordinates the logistics of delivery and pick up, but will not handle food.

Values-based sourcing: A comprehensive approach to sourcing that considers factors beyond cost. Factors contributing to long-term opportunities may include location, vendor profile, quality control, service level, and growth potential. For example, the [Good Food Purchasing Program](#) builds its sourcing model on five core values.

Vendor: Farmers, food hubs, farmer-led aggregators (formal and informal), and small distributors that are the approved contracted organizations participating in this project and are designated to source and deliver food to food bank and community food distributors.



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Section 6. Data Privacy Statement

Your privacy is important to us. This privacy statement explains the personal data that Farms Together will collect, which organizations will receive the data, and for what purposes it will be used.

What information do we collect?

As this is a federally funded program, Farms Together must abide by the following reporting requirements established by the United States Department of Agriculture.* This information is collected to evaluate impact and verify traceability to meet program goals. To fulfill this objective, we will collect the following information. This information must be provided by the participating vendor and is their responsibility to collect:

Vendor - This information covers your own organization. This information is collected upon application. However, this information is shared once the vendor receives a contract.

- Vendor Info (contact information, City, County, Zip)
- Whether the vendor qualifies as “socially disadvantaged” (majority of ownership, yes or no as self-reported)
- Organization Type (non-profit, farm, food hub, etc)

Supplier (Farm/Producer) - This information is required of all farms and producers from whom product is sourced and paid for by the Farms Together program.

- Required Supplier Info - Supplier Name, City, County, Zip, Annual Farm Sales, Whether *Socially disadvantaged* status as self-reported.
- Monetary value of purchases made from each supplier
- Items purchased from each supplier

Additional information collected at application is considered Opt-In and can be left blank. This includes the following: *Beginner Farm Status, Organic, Ethnicity, Woman, Veteran, LGBTQ+ Owned*. Although this information can be left incomplete, it is very significant for Farms Together staff to evaluate and advocate for ongoing program investment and is confidentially held by the below stated terms.

*Please reference the [USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance](#) website to cross-reference specific contracting requirements.

Who is collecting data?

The following government and nonprofit organizations will receive participating vendors’ and supplying farmer data:

- United States Department of Agriculture (Federal Agency)
- California Department of Social Services (State Agency)



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- California Department of Food and Agriculture (State Agency)
- California Association of Food Banks (Nonprofit)
- Community Alliance with Family Farmers (Nonprofit)
- Fresh Approach (Nonprofit)

What will the information be used for?

This information is collected to evaluate impact and verify traceability to meet program goals mandated by funding agencies. All supplier level and identifiable information will be held exclusively by the above agencies and the only information shared publicly will be done so in anonymized and aggregate form.* Any identifying information will only be shared publicly with explicit permission of the represented agency.

We understand that farmers may be hesitant to share their information with unknown sources, and without knowing for what purpose their information will be used. However, under the terms of the government contract, the above listed data is an explicit requirement for the funding. If a supplier or vendor does not consent to sharing the above information, they are not eligible for this funding and the vendor will not receive reimbursement for their payment. In the case that individual farms do not want their information shared, please let us know so we can find collaborative solutions.

*Technically, all supplier/farm level information shared in this program with government agencies is subject to [Freedom of Information Act](#) requests. It is very unlikely that any FOIA request will be made of this program, but release of the data in that case is at the discretion of the government agencies. Again, this is highly unlikely.

Food Banks and Community Food Distribution Organizations

As standard traceability and food safety practice, vendors are required to provide supplier name information to the receiving agency (Food Bank or Community Food Distribution Organization) at point of delivery so the food can be traced to specific farms in case of food borne illness. The vendor is not required to provide any further identifiable information to the recipient agency beyond supplier name and associated food items. On a case by case, vendors may request withholding supplier name information from the receiving food bank. In those instances, vendor should reach out to Farms Together Administrators to discuss an alternative.

Sharing any additional data or information requested by the Food Bank or Community Based Organization partner is at the discretion of the vendor. Food Banks and Community Food Distribution Organizations are not allowed to visit farms without prior permission from the farmer in collaboration with the vendor.



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Closing

We thank you for your consideration and review of this process. Should you have any questions, please direct them to info@farmstogether.org.