

# OHIO NUTRITION INCENTIVE NETWORK



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### Overview

OHNIN is a multi-sector coalition working toward a shared vision of affordable access to healthy, local foods and a healthy, equitable and resilient Ohio food system. We represent diverse regions of Ohio and collaborates to advance nutrition incentive programming statewide.

OHNIN supports the statewide Produce Perks program, Ohio's nutrition incentive program that matches the value of SNAP purchases when spent at participating direct-to-consumer and grocery retail locations. The OHNIN infrastructure is designed to provide the foundational support and processes for other aligned and complementary programs, as new program models are piloted and ready to scale.

### Vision

OHNIN envisions all Ohioans have equitable access to healthy, locally-grown foods within their communities, and the resources to procure them. Diet-related health diseases and disparities are no longer a public health crisis. Ohio agriculture is an economically-viable and ecologically-regenerative industry. It is an integral component of the Ohio food system; its products are widely available. Ohio farmers and food workers are valued, respected, and appropriately compensated for their contribution to the health and well-being of their communities.

### Mission

The mission of the Ohio Nutrition Incentive Network is to increase nutrition-security while strengthening Ohio's local food system.



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## Theory of Change

Access to nutritious food is a basic human right. Yet, 1 in 5 Ohioans is food insecure even as Ohio is home to 77,000 farms and 14M acres of farmland. The Ohio Nutrition Incentive Network leverages the diverse experiences and voices of our network of program operators and beneficiaries, farmers and food producers, agency partners, and community members to:

- implement Produce Perks and other effective, innovative community-based programs that increase affordable access to healthy foods and strengthen Ohio's local food economy.
- advocate for program development, funding, and policy change to eliminate the root causes of the conditions that require us to do this work; and
- eliminate the systemic inequities and disparities within our food system.

## Values

We believe in:

- **access to healthy food** as a basic human right; good food has the power to promote health and prevent chronic disease
- **diversity, equity and inclusion** in staff, Network members, volunteers, and audiences, including full participation in programs, policy-formulation, and decision-making
- **a resilient and sustainable local food system**, where farms and food businesses are valued and viable
- **collective impact** and leveraging our network resources to effectively address complex social issues and systemic inequities
- **innovation and community-centric solutions**
- **advocacy and education** as tools to form a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system
- **an ecological approach to farming**, with a focus on biological diversity and soil health, is essential to the wellness of the earth and its inhabitants