

# 2018 Impact Report

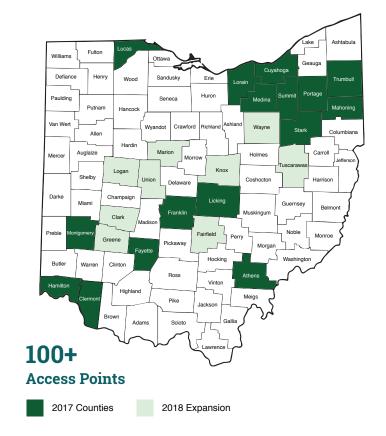
Produce Perks is Ohio's nutrition incentive program, empowering SNAP recipients to purchase fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables from Ohio farmers and grocery-retailers across the state. Providing a \$1-for-\$1 match for shoppers using SNAP/EBT to buy healthy produce, Produce Perks increases affordable access to healthy foods for 1.5 million Ohioans.







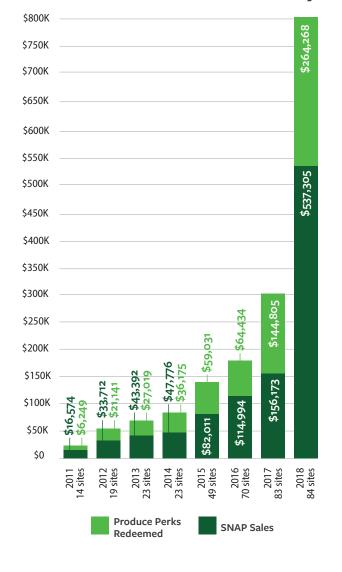
### **Expanding Statewide: Produce Perks Received a \$2.27 million USDA Grant**



"Good Earth's SNAP and Produce Perks from 2017 to 2018 doubled. Good Earth had so many new customers this year. Very exciting! Looking forward to 2019."

-Jeanette Toms, Good Earth Farm Stand, Cleveland, OH

#### 166% Sales Growth Over 2017



"I cannot even begin to express my gratitude for this program...Produce Perks [has] often been the only way I have been able to afford fresh vegetables and fruits to go with the staple meats, eggs, dairy products, and grains that I purchases with my SNAP benefits."

-Joseph, Cincinnati, OH

### **Farmers' Market Highlights**

78 Farmers' Markets, Mobile Markets, CSA's, and Farm Stands throughout the state served SNAP shoppers and Ohio's farmers by offering Produce Perks.



35% increase in fruit & veggie sales



**4UU** zip codes reached



markets within 1/2 mile or less of a food desert

## **Grocery Store Highlights**

Produce Perks expanded into 15 independently owned grocery stores, reaching more SNAP consumers and supporting Ohio business owners.



\$176,000

Produce Perks -generated fruit & veggie sales



2.5X

more spent on fruits & veggies when using the program



4,000+

customers used the program at 15 stores

### **GET INVOLVED**







#### produceperks.org

# Produce Perks is made possible by the Ohio Nutrition Incentive Network.

Convened by Produce Perks Midwest, the Ohio Nutrition Incentive Network is a partnership of Ohio healthy food retailers, producers, state agencies, and local partners working toward a shared vision of affordable access to healthy, local foods.

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