



## 2018 Cultivate Michigan Awards

Cultivate Michigan is a local food purchasing and tracking campaign of the [Michigan Farm to Institution Network](#) (MFIN). MFIN seeks to help institutions reach the 20% Michigan foods by 2020 goal of the [Michigan Good Food Charter](#).

Institutional food service buyers are the primary audience for Cultivate Michigan but businesses and other organizations that purchase and want to track local foods are also welcome to join. Membership is limited to one account per institution/organization. New members can join at [cultivatemichigan.org](#). They are asked to set up an account profile and complete a baseline survey. Then they are asked to track their local food purchases and input their data on a quarterly basis. As a Cultivate Michigan member:

- Track your local food purchases and progress toward the 20% by 2020 goal;
- Receive materials to help you purchase, use and promote seasonal featured foods;
- Stay in the loop with our monthly newsletters;
- Access an extensive network of farm to institution practitioners, coordinators and supporters across the state;
- Join one of the three Michigan Farm to Institution Network (MFIN) subcommittees, which carry out MFIN's activities.

In 2018, MFIN announced its first Cultivate Michigan awards. The awards went to Cultivate Michigan members who submitted least three quarterly surveys for an award year and whose tracking of local food spending reached the thresholds of 5, 10, 15 or 20 percent of their total food expending. 2018 awards went to:

- Beaumont Healthy System Troy for 5% and 8% local spending in 2016 and 2017, respectively;
- Friendship Centers of Emmet County for 10% and 13% local spending in 2016 and 2017, respectively;
- Sparrow Health System for 7% local spending in 2016;
- Grand Haven Area Public Schools for 15% local spending in 2016.

