FarmsSHARE

Farms Serving Hospitality and Restaurant Employees

carolina farm stewardship association
FarmsSHARE (Farms Serving Hospitality and Restaurant Employees) is an emergency food assistance program launched by Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program provides a free, weekly box of locally-grown food from small, sustainable farms to households-in-need across North Carolina.

CFSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a vision of a sustainable, regional food system that is good for all consumers, farmers, farmworkers and ecosystems. CFSA advocates, educates and builds connections to create sustainable food systems in the Carolinas centered on local and organic agriculture.

CFSA has established a network of North Carolina food hubs and farms who work together to pack and deliver boxes to pick up sites where program participants can pick up their box at a scheduled time each week.

In addition to providing fresh, local food to those in need, FarmsSHARE strengthens our local food system by sourcing only from local farms and food hubs. CFSA's goal is to invest in small, North Carolina businesses to connect them to their own community members and establish a stable system that will thrive beyond the current pandemic.

To date, CFSA has successfully executed 16 weeks of FarmsSHARE. Please refer to page 3 for information on the program's impact.
how does it work?

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

CFSA distributes funding to local food hubs and hub farms while coordinating pick-up sites in communities-in-need

Food hubs purchase food from local farmers

Food hubs and hub farms pack boxes and distribute them to designated pick-up sites on a weekly basis

Designated pick-up sites store boxes in cold storage for program participants

Program participants pick up their boxes from designated pick-up sites
21,811 total food boxes delivered

$900,000+ paid directly to local farmers and food hubs

11,630 lbs meat (chicken, pork & beef)

10,500 dozen eggs

1,790 lbs grains, honey, cheese & jam

166,500 lbs fruits & vegetables

1,950 gallons milk

94.7% satisfaction with amount of food provided*

98.7% satisfied or mostly satisfied with the quality of food provided*

140+ local, small business partners

3,000 households served

cohorts 1 & 2 (16 weeks)

*based on an anonymous survey from 151 program participants