



# GREATER CAPITAL REGION

## Food System Assessment

Thank you!

**I cannot say it enough...thank you for taking time to participate!**

We had more than 160 people participate across the four Regional Food Production Roundtable Discussions. The next step is to process the surveys and get feedback from our Steering Committee and Research Partners. We will be in touch about upcoming events.

The fact that we were able to capture so many voices from so many different farmers, food businesses, and ag. support organizations across the 11-counties is inspiring. Please do not hesitate to reach out if anything else comes to mind that you think is important to contribute to this project.

Our goal is to use this information in combination with our other research to develop comprehensive recommendations to advocate for equitable and resilient food system development in our region.

Our vision for the Upper Hudson Valley is that farmers will have a viable place in local markets, food-based businesses will easily be able to process their products to add-value and find steady local markets, and local food will be distributed throughout the region in an equitable manner so that low-income residents will have consistent access to healthy and culturally appropriate food.

Thank for for supporting this vision!

### Some Resources from the Roundtables

*click on the headers to link to resources*

**[Buyers](#)** - contact info for regional buyers and distributors who attended one or more roundtable

**[Gleaning](#)** - Capital Roots' Squash Hunger Program

**[SolarGEN](#)** - CEG's solar financing support for solar to help offset your on-site electricity costs

**[Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Corporation](#)** - Incubator Without Walls business support

**[Cornell Cooperative Extension Eastern NY Horticulture Program](#)**

#### FOR PRODUCE GROWERS:

**[GAP Audit Info](#)** - Writing a Food Safety Plan, Applying for GAP Audit Reimbursement through USDA

**[FSMA & Produce Safety Rule Info](#)** - Produce Safety Alliance Training Info

**GCRFSA Mission:** Increase equity and economic resilience in the Greater Capital Region Food System, specifically for low-income consumers and regional producers and processors.

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