

Rhode Island's Urban & Small Farm Success Initiative

We urge the passage of HB5534 and SB431, exempting certain urban and small farms from specific state taxes. All Rhode Island farmers deserve a fair chance to succeed.



This bill is crucial to strengthen our local economy, improve climate resilience, and address food security and health inequities.

STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY

Urban and small farms create local jobs, support workforce development, and contribute to RI's local agricultural economy.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

By reducing supply chains, addressing rainwater runoff, and enhancing air quality and biodiversity, these farms promote a more resilient climate and ensure Rhode Island is able to feed its communities in the face of climate change.

FOOD SECURITY & HEALTH

Many of these farms promote access to fresh and culturally relevant food in communities that may not have other food retail options.

We need to modernize RI's agricultural laws to create **much needed tax relief** for our urban and small farms.



EQUITY FOR SMALL PRODUCERS

RI's agricultural laws were passed over 30 years ago and are only available to large and rural farms. Small and urban farmers deserve an equal chance to succeed.

SUPPORT FOR A GROWING SECTOR

Our small and urban farm sector is the fastest growing sector of our state's agricultural community, enabling new and young farmers to begin businesses on smaller acreage.

LOCAL FOOD FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

These farms are so important to meeting their community's needs for local and relevant foods, agricultural education, and open greenspace.

2025

GOOD FOOD

POLICY AGENDA



Urban and small farm tax burden relief

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Healthy school meals for all

We urge the passage of HB5742 and SB430, offering free breakfast and lunch to all Rhode Island public school students. Every Rhode Island student should have access to nutritious school meals.



Surplus food waste donation tax credit

SB2757/HB7995 will create a tax credit for qualified taxpayers who donate food to RI organizations.



Support for local composting

We urge the passage of HB5195 and SB104, establishing a Compost Fund to support composting through a surcharge on all landfill bound waste. Rhode Island has a choice – waste or wealth?



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