



RIFPC'S 2026

GOOD FOOD POLICY AGENDA



Advance Values-Based Food Procurement

Create new policies and incentives to increase institutional food procurement that prioritizes local economies, environmental sustainability, a valued workforce and equity



Stabilize and support SNAP

Adequately staff State and community agencies to ensure Rhode Islanders can maintain SNAP access and to minimize errors that reduce program funding; Maximize positive impact of SNAP on users and Rhode Island food producers by funding local produce incentive programs (e.g. Bonus Bucks)



Reduce organic materials sent to landfill

Divert organic material from the landfill by funding and supporting community-based composting operations; Provide technical assistance to food scrap producers and ensure that Rhode Islanders have equitable access to composting options



Strengthen economic viability of urban and small farms

Update tax policies to support urban and small farms that have historically been left out of state programs



Generate new revenue to support food security

Update tax policies to increase funding available for food security and other needs of the Rhode Island community



Increase surplus food donation

Increase food security, propel environmental sustainability and support local businesses by creating a tax credit for donation of excess food to Rhode Island organizations



Support Farmers with Agricultural Restricted Receipts

Ensure fees associated with farming operations come back to DEM for the benefit of our agricultural sector

