About the Michigan Food and Agriculture Investment Fund

Michigan’s Food and Agriculture Investment Fund (FAIF) is a new incentive program focused specifically on the growth of food and agriculture companies in Michigan. This unique fund, along with other resources, helps support companies that are expanding or locating their value-added food, agriculture, or forestry processing operations in Michigan. Financial assistance, in most cases, will be provided as a performance-based grant, but can also be in the form of a loan, loan guarantee, infrastructure assistance, or other economic assistance.

Accelerating the growth of food and agriculture companies

Next Generation Farming

Revolution Farms is a year-round producer of leafy greens and tilapia. The company uses an indoor aquaponics growing process that enables them to produce sustainably year-round. With the investment from FAIF, Revolution Farms has constructed a state-of-the-art 55,000 square-foot Venlo-style glass greenhouse and 35,000 square-foot warehouse on site. The company’s vision is to lead the aquaponics industry and be the local grower of a variety of produce year-round.

Innovation in Dairy

A variety of dairy companies received funding to increase Michigan's capacity to process milk, which was one of the state's biggest agricultural needs. Due to the investments in projects with Spartan Michigan LLC, Greenville Venture Partners, and Michigan Milk Producers Association, Michigan will have the ability to process millions of pounds of additional milk each day, providing opportunities to our dairy farmers while creating jobs in Michigan. Other dairy processing expansions, like House of Flavors, VernDale Dairy, and StoneCrest Creamery also support the dairy industry while producing unique products here in Michigan.

Supporting Local Growers

Peterson Farms, a state-of-the-art fresh-cut fruit processing company, is one of the leading processors of fresh-cut apples in the United States. With a FAIF grant, the company can expand its main processing building to install a new state-of-the-art individual quick frozen (IQF) tunnel for cherry and blueberry processing. This update aims to create 30 jobs at the company.
1. **House of Flavors**, Ludington
   - Expansion of ice cream manufacturer

2. **Revolution Farms**, Caledonia
   - New leafy green hydroponics facility

3. **Hartford Farm Supply**, Paw Paw
   - New controlled atmosphere apple facility

4. **Greenville Venture Partners**, Greenville
   - Construction of a new dairy plant

5. **Morgan Composting**, Evart
   - Expansion of waste to fertilizer production

6. **Pigeon Hill Brewing**, Muskegon
   - New brewery production facility

7. **Hauseback Pickle**, Saginaw
   - New pickle packaging equipment

8. **Vander Mill LLC**, Grand Rapids
   - Efficiencies to existing cider facility

9. **Proliime Agriculture**, Shiawassee County
   - New pelletized lime and gypsum facility

10. **RRR Meat Processing**, Grayling
    - New USDA-inspected meat processing facility

11. **Peterson Farms**, Shelby
    - Expand IQF processing at existing facility

12. **VernDale Products**, Detroit
    - Renovation of existing dairy plant

13. **Drought Juice**, Berkley
    - New juice processing facility

14. **Excel Ag Solutions**, Sturgis
    - New full-service seed facility

15. **Quality Roasting**, Caro
    - New soybean processing facility

16. **Michigan Milk Producers Association**, Constantine
    - Install milk filtration equipment

17. **Dr. Johns Candies**, Comstock Park
    - Expand manufacturing capabilities

18. **St. Julian Wine Company**, Paw Paw
    - Upgrade facilities and equipment

19. **S&F Foods Inc**, Romulus
    - Expand production and freezer storage capacity

20. **Grayling Northern Market**, Grayling
    - New food hub facility

    - New dairy processing facility

22. **Proliant Dairy of Michigan**, St. Johns
    - New whey permeate processing facility

23. **StoneCrest Creamery LLC**, Onaway
    - New artisan cheese manufacturing facility

24. **Ridgeview Orchards LLC**, Kent City
    - New asparagus processing machinery

25. **Maiden Mills LLC**, Holland
    - Develop small-scale, sustainable powered grain processor

26. **Continental Dairy Facilities**, Coopersville
    - Dairy wastewater pre-treatment project

27. **Herbruck Poultry Ranch**, Ionia County
    - Pullet site to support layer operations

28. **Great Lakes HPP LLC**, Taylor
    - High-pressure processing tolling center and food innovation center

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One project was approved but did not move forward.