



About the Michigan Food and Agriculture Investment Fund

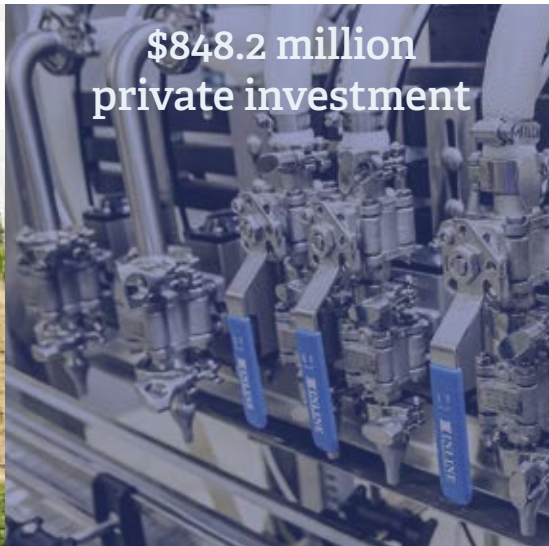
Michigan’s Food and Agriculture Investment Fund (FAIF) is a new incentive program focused specifically on the growth of food and agriculture companies in Michigan. This unique fund, along with other resources, helps support companies that are expanding or locating their value-added food, agriculture, 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

**29 projects
approved**



**\$848.2 million
private investment**



**684 new jobs
created**



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.

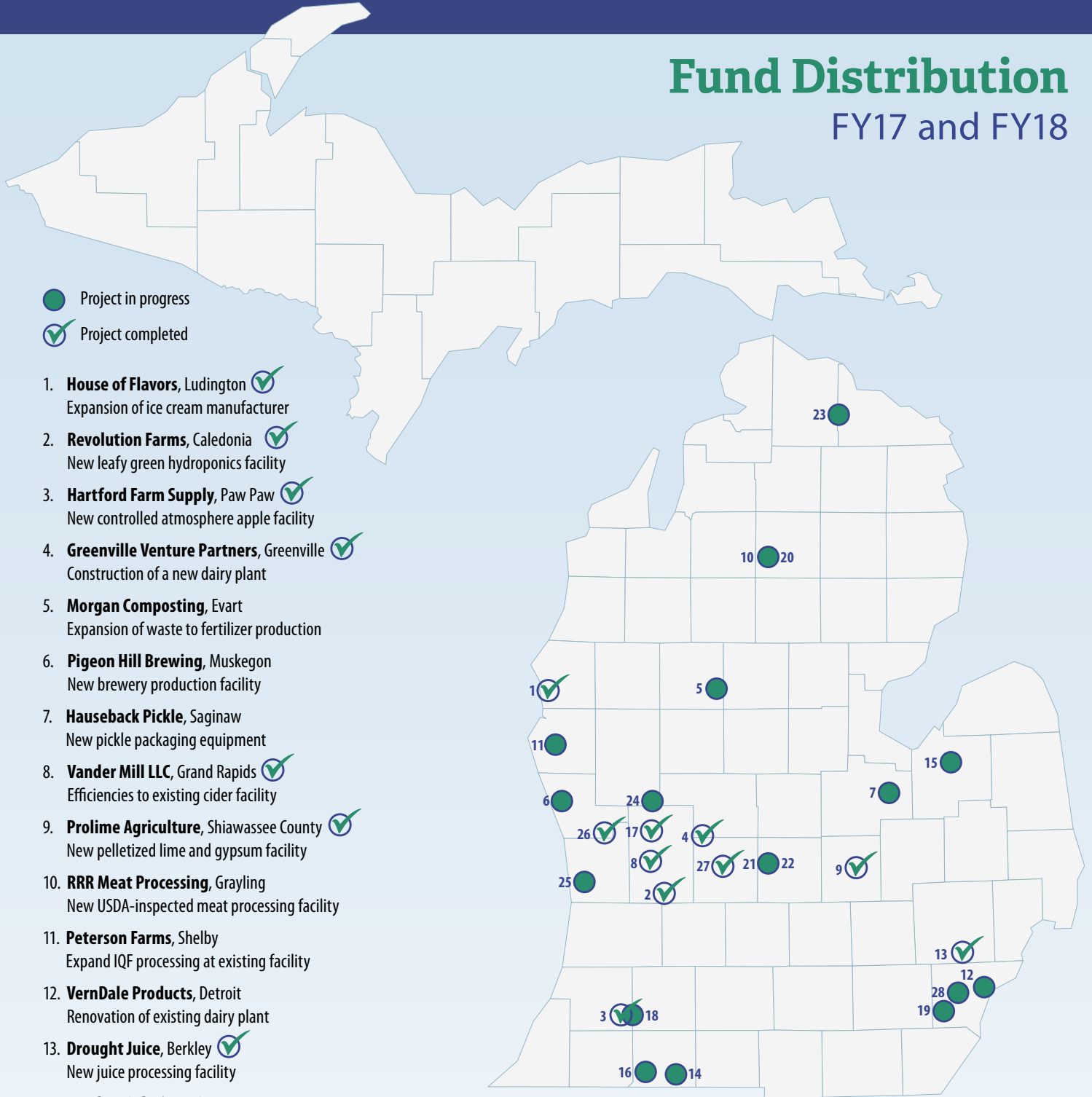
Supporting Local Growers

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.



Fund Distribution

FY17 and FY18



- Project in progress
- ✓ Project completed

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**, Ewart
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. **Prolime 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
21. **Spartan Michigan LLC**, St. Johns
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

One project was approved but did not move forward.