

Food and Agriculture Investment Program

Promoting and Expanding Michigan's
Food and Agriculture Sector



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The Food and Agriculture Investment Program provides financial support to expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector, grow Michigan exports, and increase food processing activities within the state.

60+
BUSINESSES'
ACTIVITIES
SUPPORTED



Projects are selected based on their investment in the overall agriculture industry and their impact on Michigan's food and agriculture growth.

Eligible Applicants

The Food and Agriculture Investment Program is available to:

- Small, medium, and large food, agriculture, and forest product companies.
- Others investing in or expanding food, agriculture, or forest products operations in Michigan.

Overview

The Food and Agriculture Investment Program is a performance-based grant. Companies or organizations put forward their investment plan, demonstrate financing and due diligence on the project, carry out the project, and submit a reimbursement amount per the grant agreement when the investment project is completed.



Program Evaluation Criteria

Projects are evaluated on several criteria which include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Overall impact on the agriculture industry
- Impact to the agricultural supply chain
- Job creation
- Creation of greater efficiency in the food and agricultural sector
- Filling a gap in the food or agricultural supply chain
- Dollars leveraged from private sector investment
- Specific outcomes and performance metrics identified

Project Requirements and Application Process

Potential projects for consideration go through an application process with the MDARD Economic Development team member for their region.

The Economic Development team works with potential projects to complete a preliminary application.

A team at the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development reviews preliminary applications to determine if the project is a good fit for the Food and Agriculture Investment Program.

Projects approved to move forward will complete a full application that is reviewed and either approved or denied by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development.



Past Project Examples

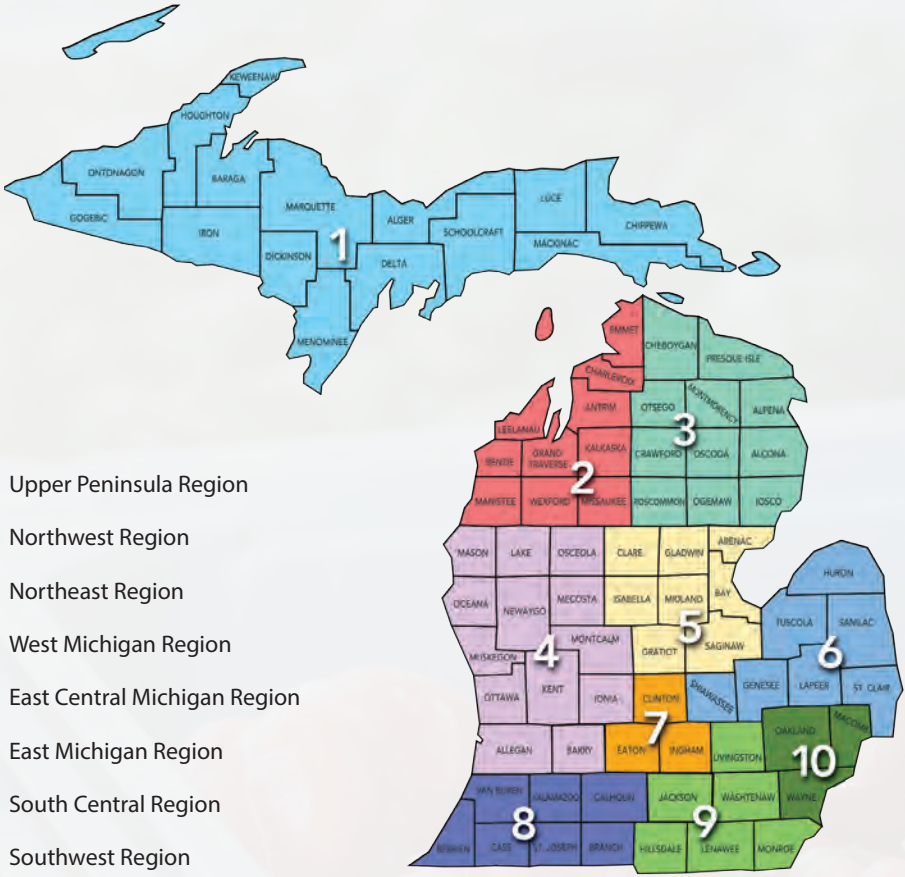
A wide range of food and agriculture industry investments have been supported through this program. More than 60 Michigan businesses that are growing, investing, developing talent, and improving technology received support for their activities through the Food and Agriculture Investment Program!

EXAMPLES

- Making critical upgrades in equipment to manufacture ice cream
- Purchasing of equipment to support processing for Michigan's fruit industry
- Constructing a state-of-the-art indoor agriculture greenhouse and warehouse
- Developing a high-pressure tolling center and food innovation center
- Expanding a meat processing facility
- Supporting the development of a local flour mill to create value-added processing for regional market expansion



Economic Development Regions



1. Upper Peninsula Region
2. Northwest Region
3. Northeast Region
4. West Michigan Region
5. East Central Michigan Region
6. East Michigan Region
7. South Central Region
8. Southwest Region
9. Southeast Michigan Region
10. Detroit Metro: Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties

A map and contact information for Economic Development Regions is available at michigan.gov/mdardgrants.



Who Can Answer My Questions?

Potential applicants should engage the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development economic/community development point of contact for their region.

A map and contact information is available at michigan.gov/mdardgrants or inquiries can be sent to MDARD-AgD@michigan.gov.



Website: michigan.gov/mdard

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