

Friends of the Farm (FoF)

FY26

📍 Jackson Ranch



FoF is a farm-to-food bank program that helps Arizona's small growers and farmers by purchasing Arizona-grown fruits, vegetables, dairy, eggs, and meat for distribution throughout our network of food banks and pantries.



111 producers

supplied food to the program, including direct contracts and as producers participating through processors, co-ops, or other intermediaries

FoF provides a reliable market that pays a living wage, offers unique variety to food bank clients, and invests in a strong local food system.

Nearly
67% of all funds

were spent with producers who identify as belonging to a **Socially Disadvantaged** group



\$3.49m
invested in
local food

Federal funding
through LFPA

State funding
through budget
provision



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Impact in Action

Farm Growth & Community Stability

"Having the steady revenue has allowed us to **grow our operations more quickly**. We were a couple of bad grows away from failure."

Hoang Huynh, Sun Drop Gardens



📍 Merchant's Garden

"We were able to **immediately supply families with food** during the SNAP shortage. Our geography was hit incredibly hard by the SNAP program being paused for an extended period of time."

Jeremi Brewer, Roots Ranch

Human Impact Beyond Business

"There were several times we would show up with greens and lettuce and the staff at the facilities would be deeply grateful because **they didn't have enough to go around until we arrived**."

Bryna Burton, Healing Earth Farms

"Hundreds of families in our area are able to provide **high quality protein** to their children."

Jeremi Brewer, Roots Ranch



📍 Oatman Farms

Returning to Roots - Feeding our Neighbors

"Knowing that the food I grow is reaching families who need it adds a **deeper sense of purpose** to my work."

Rachel Opio, Little Lighthouse Farm

"This program doesn't just help us look good. It helps us stay grounded in **why we started farming in the first place**."

Cato Ibarra, Ibarra Family Farms



📍 Blooming Reed Farm

