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Coming Together to Nourish the Nation



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Feeding Our Communities with Local Agriculture

Building Partnerships with Agriculture to Meet Local Needs

Today's Speakers



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Session Agenda

- Introduction to Session and Topic
- Missouri Farmers Care
- Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement (LFPA) Program

Power of Partnership

DRIVE TO FEED KIDS' PARTNERS



Hogs for Hunger – A Need Transformed into a Resource



FFA Food Insecurity Service Day – Building Awareness and Engagement



Equipping Youth to Address Local Needs with Local Resources



Halfway FFA Chapter

A Measure of Success: Collaboration Across Agriculture



Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA)

- The Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA) uses non-competitive cooperative agreements to provide up to \$900 million of American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funding for state, tribal and territorial governments to purchase foods produced within the state or within 400 miles of the delivery destination to help support local, regional and underserved producers.



LFPA Purchases

- \$117,892,039 total spent so far
 - \$80,093,343 for socially disadvantaged farmers
- 4710 Unique producers
- 3545 socially disadvantaged farmers
- Distributed \$97,546,735 in food
 - \$93,621,164 to underserved communities
 - 71,188 distributions

LFPA Purchases around the Country

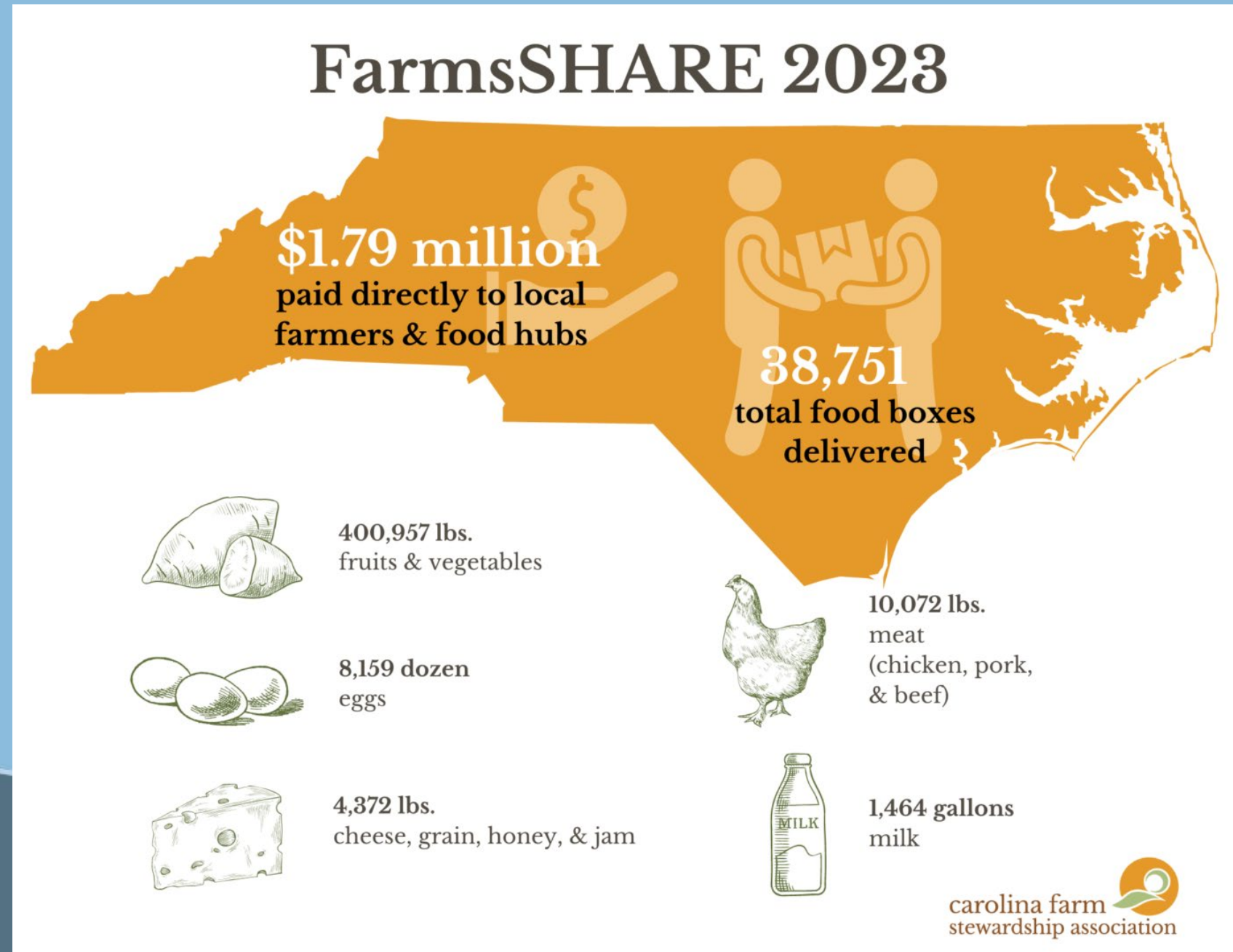


New Mexico, 'Nourish NM' – Using LFPA to build an equitable food system

- \$6.3M was allocated to source and distribute food from NM farmers
- 180 farmers, ranchers, and food hubs who sold local foods to food banks at fair market prices
- \$1.4M in new sales by New Mexico farmers and ranchers in the first year



North Carolina - Carolina Farm Stewardship Association FarmSHARE



- Fourteen food hubs work with CFSA toward this goal, aggregating locally-grown foods from approximately 120 sustainable farms across North Carolina into CSA like food boxes.
- CFSA's strong network of food hubs and producers across their state and their previous piloting of the FarmsSHARE program made them an ideal core partner to the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services - the LFPA administrative lead.

USDA Equity Report

- "Significantly expand and fund partnerships for historically underserved, low-income, and remote, sparsely populated communities. In collaboration with community organizations and leaders, identify priorities, design solutions and secure funds for community priorities. Develop and fund partnerships/agreements with local organizations to ensure program readiness."

QUESTIONS?

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