Increases access to healthy, green, fair, and affordable food for vulnerable children and families while expanding the season extension capacity of Michigan farmers.

**Hoophouses for Health**
www.hoophousesforhealth.org

**$300,000**
AVERAGE ANNUAL INVESTMENT

Distributes hoophouse loans to farmers to extend their growing season and scale up production.

**42**
AVERAGE ANNUAL FARM PARTICIPATION

**50,000 ft²**
OF NEW EXTENDED SEASON GROWING SPACE

**INCREASING CAPACITY FOR FARMERS**
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
- ON-FARM FIELD DAYS
- WEBINARS
- PRODUCTION GUIDES & VIDEOS
- NETWORK OF FARMERS

Program leaders work with community partners to distribute incentives to families to be used at participating farmers markets. The value of redeemed incentives is applied to loans as repayment.

Since 2015, with technical assistance farmers have established relationships to provide produce to schools and early childcare centers. The produce value is accounted for through zero-balance invoices and applied to the loan as repayment.

**37**
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOOPHOUSES FOR HEALTH AND FARM TO SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS PER YEAR

**10,400**
AVERAGE POUNDS OF FOOD PER YEAR PROVIDED BY HOOPHOUSES FOR HEALTH FARMERS TO SCHOOLS AND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION SITES

**BRIDGING THE GAP FOR FAMILIES AND FARMERS**

**1,000**
FAMILIES RECEIVE INCENTIVES ON AVERAGE EACH YEAR

**$55,000**
OF HEALTHY, LOCAL FOOD PURCHASED AT FARMERS MARKETS WITH HOOPHOUSES FOR HEALTH INCENTIVES ON AVERAGE EACH YEAR

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