

Chicago Community Food Security Initiatives



blog features...

Policy

Contains summaries outlining several policies currently affecting Chicago's urban agriculture initiatives. The topics covered are Accepting SNAP and WIC; Canning and Curing in Restaurants; Compost; Donating Fresh Produce to Food Pantries; Street Vending and Concessions; Verifying the Local Origin of Foods; and Zoning.

Each brief includes an overview of the policy as well as a simplified FAQ section. Several of the documents also highlight alternative policies in other US cities.

Map

Interactive Google Maps marking the distribution of gardens, restaurants, and programs highlighted in the blog.

Calendar

Lists the date, time, location, and theme for Chicago events focused on community food security.

Resources

Highlights particularly helpful resources such as a farmers' market locator, compiled contact information, a guide to LINK, or relevant listservs.

The CCFSI Blog

profiles and connects Chicago's city-based initiatives for a sustainable, equitable, and just food system.

Organized into searchable categories and physically mapped, the blog features over 70 profiles of Chicago-based Food Security Initiatives. These include the organizations, businesses, artists, events, grants, policies, research, and programs that contribute to the local "Good Food" movement.

Recognizing the complex and inter-disciplinary nature of this movement, CCFSI highlights a variety of focuses such as urban agriculture, healthy living, nutrition, youth, food assistance, anti-racism, energy, food deserts, anti-poverty, and more.

Additional features include a series of educational briefs for Chicago policies that influence and affect urban agriculture; a calendar of local food-related events, and a list of relevant resources with links.

CCFSI aims to outline the pre-existing efforts within Chicago's good food movement, to foster partnerships between them, share information and resources, and highlight the current gaps and needs.

