## Local Economic Accelerator For Farmers





Minnesota farmers need reliable markets to grow their businesses, while food shelf visits are at record highs, with fresh produce as the most in-demand item. Corporate consolidation and a changing climate are putting pressure on our food systems, showing the need for a better way forward.

The Good Acre's LEAFF program is that solution. As a farm business accelerator, LEAFF uses the hunger relief market as a starting point to help farmers grow their businesses, and gain the skill needed to connect to larger wholesale markets like schools and retailers, and succeed long-term. By purchasing fresh produce from farmers and distributing it to food shelves, LEAFF supports both farmers and families.

With ongoing investment from the state, we can expand LEAFF statewide, leveraging philanthropic dollars to create a powerful public-private partnership. This win-win approach strengthens Minnesota's food system, supports farmers, and ensures families have access to fresh, local food, all while driving economic growth and opportunity in rural communities.









Wholesale

## Program Partners Include







## LEAFF provides farmers with:

- goal-oriented structure
- a rubric for understanding progress of each tier
- a pathway to sustained market access





Please support SF 629. For more information about LEAFF or to hear from farmers who have participated in the program, please contact Nikki Warner at nikki@thegoodacre.org or call 612-787-5969





The Good Acre, Minnesota's largest nonprofit food hub, is dedicated to unlocking economic opportunity for farmers in our region through personalized support and market development.

