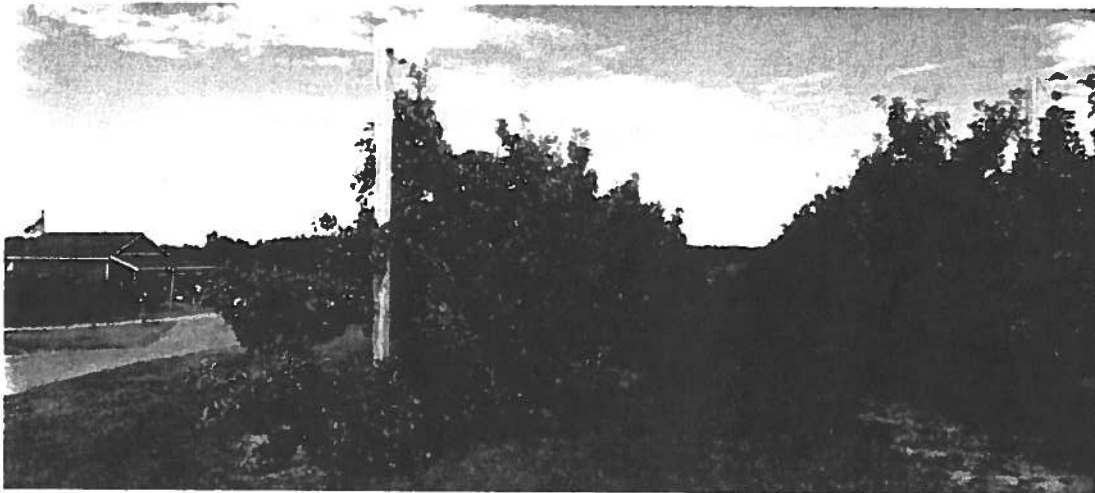


Food Bank Council of Michigan



The Food Bank Council of Michigan works with farmers to bring fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables to their nearest regional food bank through two state programs:
Michigan Agricultural Surplus System and Michigan Farm to Food Bank.



Michigan Agricultural Surplus System (MASS)

In 2013, the MASS program rescued 7,890,873 pounds of produce that might normally have gone to waste in Michigan fields and transported it to the nearest food bank. This cosmetically challenged produce ensures that nutritious food is not wasted!



Michigan Farm to Food Bank (MFFB)

Currently funded by private donations, MFFB contracts with farmers ahead of the growing seasons to grow geographically and culturally sensitive food to the food bank in their region. In 2013, MFFB distributed 1,149,991 pounds of food to Michigan's hungry.

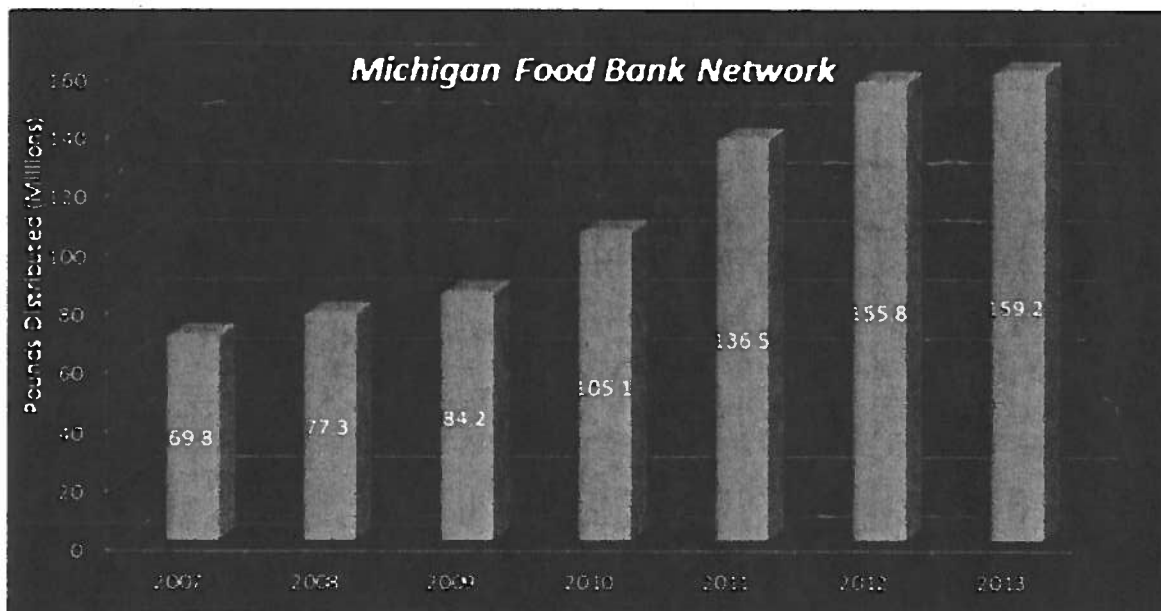


Effects of the 2012 Drought on Food Banks

The 2012 drought decimated farmers in Michigan, causing heavy damage to Michigan's prized specialty crops. The drought caused great economic disruptions, causing food prices to become unstable and rise due to the lack of harvests. In addition to the many families that depend on stable food prices to feed their families, food banks also rely on stable food prices to feed the thousands of families that look to the emergency food system for relief. While the food that is distributed through our system comes from varied sources, the majority of fresh fruits and vegetables in the FBCM network are purchased from Michigan farmers.

A Quick Recovery

Thanks to Michigan farmers, 2013 provided us with a bountiful harvest and a fast recovery in the market. From 2012 to 2013, Michigan Food banks increased the amount of fresh produce purchased through MASS and MFFB by nearly 50% to over 9 million pounds!



The Michigan Food Bank Network remains vigilant in feeding Michigan's hungry, almost doubling the amount of food distributed since the recession began in 2008.

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