

# FOOD TANK ANNUAL REPORT

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# OUR MISSION

**F**ood Tank is the world's fastest-growing global nonprofit community working toward positive transformation in how we produce and consume food. As one of the food and agriculture movement's most dynamic conveners and most impactful research and advocacy organizations, we educate, advocate, and collaborate with local partners to amplify on-the-ground solutions.

Food Tank was founded by Danielle Nierenberg and Bernard Pollack in January of 2013 in Chicago, Illinois. Food Tank is a registered 501(c)(3), and all donations are tax-deductible. Danielle Nierenberg has served as President since the organization began, and Bernard Pollack is the Chair of the Board of Directors. The organization is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland.



# TO OUR FOOD TANK COMMUNITY

While this report will focus on Food Tank's accomplishments over the last year, I think it is important to acknowledge the current times. We are living through tremendous economic, geopolitical, environmental, and social insecurity.

2023 was the warmest year since global records began. Average temperatures exceeded 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, which is the threshold that scientists say could trigger irreversible climate impacts. And the Amazon rainforest reached almost 20 percent deforestation, nearing the point at which the forest's tropical climate could dry out.

Meanwhile, in 2023, global hunger rose for the fifth year in a row: nearly 282 million people are suffering from acute food insecurity. Extreme weather is contributing to this crisis, such as the heavy storms, flash flooding, and landslides that killed hundreds of Kenyans and displaced thousands more. And conflicts like the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the civil war in Sudan, and the Israel-Hamas War are not only causing catastrophic food insecurity but also destroying farm and food infrastructure.

It is now more important than ever to be forward-thinking. To focus on building a better future for both people and planet. What are the ideas and innovations that are transforming our food and agriculture systems?

Food Tank is at the forefront of identifying farmers, researchers, nonprofits, businesses, academics, youth, and so many others who are working to rebuild the food system in a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable way.

## TO OUR FOOD TANK COMMUNITY

Consider our Academic Working Group, which brings together academic leaders from all 50 states and is now expanding to include international food and agriculture systems experts. The group shares best practices, new research, and curriculum development and fosters critical collaboration. These professors—working across food, agriculture, environmental studies, and other fields—are training the next generation of leaders who will transform our food and agriculture systems as producers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and communicators.

Food Tank also leads a Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) Working Group, which includes almost 250 business leaders from small, medium, and large-scale food and agriculture companies. This group is defining business leadership around sustainability. We bring them together in a spirit of cooperation, because we believe sustainability should be non-competitive. Companies can—and need to—learn from one another on issues like zero-carbon commitments, waste and packaging, fair labor, water consumption, traceability, and more.

I am also incredibly excited about our work with the White House Office of Public Engagement. Food and agriculture issues, especially hunger, should be non-partisan and help policymakers come together to make better decisions that will impact the lives of millions of people in the United States and around the world.

Over the last year, Food Tank held a series of five Summits in support of The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. These events continue to engage members of Congress, highlight successful local and scalable solutions, and identify new partners that can amplify impact. In partnership with the CDC Foundation, we will be hosting a series of educational programming starting in July 2024 to build on these Summits and explore opportunities for policymakers, businesses, civil society organizations, producers, and the funding and donor community to drive progress further.

In addition, Food Tank continues to find ways to highlight the climate crisis and how it intersects with public health, biodiversity loss, and other global crises. The global polycrisis is not going away anytime soon, but we are creating opportunities for cross-sector collaboration—and change.



## TO OUR FOOD TANK COMMUNITY

In 2023, we expanded our programming at the U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai to engage new stakeholders outside of the food pavilions. Food Tank organized and participated in more than 30 sessions to emphasize the importance of including food and agriculture systems in climate solutions. For the first time in a UNFCCC document, the final text produced from COP28 recognizes food systems.

And we remain committed to driving culture change through events that bridge the worlds of food systems and the arts. Food Tank's large presence at the Sundance Film Festival, SXSW, and Coachella, along with our second original theatrical production *Little Peasants* have allowed us to engage new audiences and bring them into the fold of the food movement.

I hope you will join us as we continue to build on these successes. In the coming months, we are planning our first Summit in London and increasing our presence at NYC Climate Week to integrate food and agriculture into climate action conversations. We are holding even more programming to underscore solutions that empower eaters and connect them with nutritious, culturally relevant foods while reducing food loss and waste. At COP29, we are committed to bringing more global leaders and stakeholders into the conversation about food and agriculture systems transformation. We are also growing our existing working groups and launching a new coalition to foster relationships that will accelerate progress.

We cannot do any of this work without the support, trust, and commitment of our Food Tank Community. Thank you to each of our donors and members who make it possible for us to continue to expand our impact each year.



# FOCUS AREAS

While Food Tank takes a holistic, non-biased view of food, agriculture, and environmental issues, our main areas of focus and work both last year and in the year ahead revolve around these twelve themes.

## FOOD AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Food and agriculture systems contribute roughly one-third of global greenhouse gas emissions, making them a key part of solutions to the climate crisis. Food Tank led events to underscore the connection between food and the environment during NYC Climate Week, the U.N. General Assembly, U.N. World Food Day, AIM for Climate, the U.N. Climate Change Conference in the United Arab Emirates (COP 28), and more. Food Tank also published articles and released podcasts on topics including the impact of extreme weather events on agricultural communities, how shellfish producers are uniting to address the climate crisis, sustainable diets that are good for people and the planet, and the impacts of food loss and waste on greenhouse gas emissions.

## REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE AND SUPPORTING FAMILY FARMERS

Regenerative agriculture practices, when well implemented, can lead to a range of benefits including better soil health, carbon sequestration, and water conservation. Food Tank has featured the advantages of these techniques through screenings of films like “Common Ground” during the Sundance Film Festival and SXSW as well as through podcasts with guests such as Elizabeth Whitlow of the Regenerative Organic Alliance and UAE-based farmer Yazen Al Kodmani. Food Tank’s articles have also touched on the growth of regenerative agriculture in Greece and the importance of centering producers in the regenerative agriculture movement. And the ongoing Farmer Friday series highlights the role that small family farmers and sustainable livestock production play in resilient food systems.



## FOCUS AREAS

### FOOD IS MEDICINE

There is an increasing understanding that food and health are intimately linked, and the momentum behind the Food is Medicine movement only continues to grow. In April 2023, Food Tank co-hosted the “Advancing Food as Medicine Approaches” Summit in Boston, MA, which is part of a series of programming held in support of the White House’s National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. The event sought to understand opportunities to scale Food is Medicine programs and the barriers to implementation, while encouraging stakeholders to come forward with new commitments to advance the goals of the National Strategy. Food Tank’s podcast has also featured experts spearheading Food is Medicine work, including Nancy Dalton of Amazon Access and Holly Freishtat of the Milken Institute.

### TRANSFORMING ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

Animal agriculture is a leading emitter of greenhouse gases and the effects of industrialized livestock practices continue to harm communities and the environment. During the annual Hog Farmer Appreciation Celebration in Des Moines, Iowa, Food Tank co-hosted discussions to explore alternative approaches to animal agriculture that can feed people and protect the environment. Food Tank editorial coverage has also explored stories on this topic, including ranching models that can protect and restore bird habitats and the economic and animal welfare benefits of Proposition 12 in California.

### FOOD JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

A sustainable food system is grounded in equity, yet too often, communities struggle to access the resources they need to nourish themselves. Workers from farms to kitchens regularly face exploitation. Food Tank articles and podcasts have touched on barriers to land access, the fight to raise the minimum wage in the United States, and the coalitions fighting against the injustices faced by agri-food workers. Food Tank also explored themes of food access and affordability during the “Empowering Eaters” Summits in Chicago, IL, and Durham, NC, which were both part of Food Tank’s series of events held in support of The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. In 2024, Food Tank also debuted “Little Peasants,” a new play that takes audiences behind the closed doors of a union organizing campaign at a chain coffee shop to reveal the tactics employers use to thwart organizing efforts.

### LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS, FOOD LITERACY, AND FOOD-RESILIENT CITIES

Resilient supply chains for local food systems and food literacy are critical everywhere, but with 70 percent of the global population expected to reside in cities by 2050, urban centers require our attention. Food Tank’s recent articles have explored New York City’s first 10-year policy plan, a European Union-based project focused on transforming urban food systems, and the cities taking climate action through innovative food policies. Other pieces have touched on food literacy programs aimed at school-aged students. And on an episode of Food Tank’s podcast, chef, author, and advocate Alice Waters spoke about the importance of food education and sustainable procurement practices.





## BREAKING DOWN SILOS

Urgent food systems transformation can only happen through the implementation of integrated solutions that connect different sectors and encourage new and unusual partnerships. Food Tank's Academic Working Group brings together academic faculty and department directors in higher education institutions from a variety of disciplines to encourage the sharing of research and best practices. Representatives come from medical and nursing schools, public health institutions, agricultural extension programs, food and nutrition studies, economics departments, anthropology departments, and more. During COP28, Food Tank intentionally expanded its programming to include spaces outside of the food pavilion to engage new stakeholders whose work touches food and agricultural systems.

## FIXING FOOD BUSINESS

Food Tank's Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) and Impact Directors Peer Group is now almost 250 members strong. The group convenes sustainability leaders from small, medium, and large food businesses to provide them a space to share best practices, engage in peer mentorship, and learn from experts in the sustainability space who join meetings as guest speakers. In the leadup to COP28, Food Tank co-hosted a listening session with dozens of mission-driven food companies to discuss how these businesses are already taking climate action and the barriers they face to further progress. Findings from the session were presented at the Climate Change Conference in Dubai. Food Tank's Summits and programming also engage representatives from food businesses in conversation to explore the role the private sector must play in helping eaters make healthier food choices, increasing access to healthy foods, tackling food loss and waste, supporting more regenerative production practices, and more.

## FOCUS AREAS

### HUNGER, NUTRITION INSECURITY, AND THE GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM

The latest State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report shows that progress on ending global hunger has stalled, and an estimated 735 million people in the world face food insecurity. Food Tank's Summits held in support of The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health have focused on opportunities to end hunger and diet-related illnesses in the U.S. by 2030. And events such as the 2023 North America World Food Day celebration and programming at COP28 have explored issues of food insecurity at a global scale. Food Tank has also addressed the food insecurity crisis and potential solutions through articles on innovative retail strategies, food recovery, and equitable pathways to a hunger-free world.

### THE WISDOM OF INDIGENOUS FOODWAYS

For millennia, Indigenous communities have stewarded the land and produced food in a way that feeds people and restores the Earth. Food Tank Summits, including those during the Sundance Film Festival, SXSW, and World Food Day, have continued to amplify this message. Through panel discussions and fireside chats, Indigenous food systems leaders have joined us to share the work they are doing to celebrate and strengthen traditional foodways. Podcast interviews have also featured experts working on Indigenous food and farming practices, including Bleu Adams of IndigeHub, Sean Sherman of North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems, and A-dae Romero-Briones of the First Nations Development Institute.

### THE INTERSECTION OF FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY

Technological advances offer the food movement powerful tools that can help the world produce, store, transport, and dispose of food more sustainably. But these innovations must be used responsibly to ensure that they promote equity and inclusion. Food Tank convenes the Refresh Working Group, composed of leaders working at the intersection of food and technology, to engage in research and collective action on this issue. Speakers at Food Tank events and editorial pieces have also touched on this topic, diving into the importance of investing in African innovators, advancements in the cultivated meat sector, and how digital tools can support agroecology movements.

### FOOD LOSS AND FOOD WASTE

At least one third of all food produced in the world goes uneaten every year, and once in the landfill, wasted food decomposes to release harmful greenhouse gases. Fortunately, at each stage of the supply chain, advocates are finding ways to mobilize communities and the latest innovations to reduce the amount of wasted food. Food Tank articles have looked at how cellular agriculture can reduce food waste, municipal programs focused on waste reduction, and the work of organizations like the Food Recovery Network to divert surplus food to those in need. Food Tank's podcast guests such as Irene Li, author of Perfectly Good Food, have spoken about creative solutions they are implementing in this space. And at COP28, Food Tank participated in several sessions that explored policies, programs, and technologies that can reduce food loss and waste globally.



# LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

Over the past year, Food Tank hosted live discussions and edited podcasts with hundreds of leading experts, thought leaders, and practitioners working tirelessly to transform our global food and agriculture systems.

**Helmy Abouleish**, CEO, SEKEM

**Liz Abunaw**, Owner and Operator,  
Forty Acres Fresh Market

**Sam Acho**, ESPN Sports Analyst,  
NFL Veteran, Author

**Chris Adamo**, VP of Public Affairs &  
Regenerative Agriculture, Danone

**Bleu Adams**, Chef and Director,  
IndigeHub

**Zafar Adeel**, Executive Director,  
Pacific Water Research Centre,  
Simon Fraser University

**Joke Aerts**, Director, Credible  
Scaling, Tony's Open Chain

**Keith Agoada**, CEO, Producers Trust

**Selena Ahmed**, Global Director of  
the Periodic Table of Food Initiative,  
American Heart Association

**Yazen Al Kodmani**, Operations  
Manager, Emirates Bio Farm

**Razan Al Mubarak**, U.N. Climate  
Change High-Level Champion for  
COP28

## LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

**Craig Albanese**, CEO, Duke University Health System

**Erika Allen**, Co-Founder and CEO of Operations, Urban Growers Collective

**Robert Nathan Allen**, Founder, Little Herds

**Alice Ammerman**, Director of the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

**Víctor Manuel Villalobos Arámbula**, Secretary, Agriculture and Rural Development, Mexico

**Gustavo Arellano**, Journalist, LA Times

**Caitlin Arens**, Food Education Fellowship Director, Pilot Light

**Mohamed Attia**, Managing Director, Street Vendor Project

U.S. Congressman **Jake Auchincloss**

**Aryn Baker**, Senior International Correspondent, Rome, TIME

**Steph Baryluk (Teetl'it Gwich'in)**, Chef, Rooted Program, Simon Fraser University

**Jennifer Baumwoll**, Head of Climate Strategies and Policy, U.N. Development Programme

**Rick Bayless**, Chef, Frontera Restaurants and Recipes

**Deborah Becker**, Senior Correspondent, WBUR

**Gideon Behar**, Special Envoy for Climate Change and Sustainability, Israel

**Million Belay**, General Coordinator, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa

**Fernando Bellese**, Senior Director, Beef & Leather Supply Chains, WWF USA

**Daisy Berg**, Seafood Category Manager, New Seasons Market

**Jennifer Berg**, Professor, NYU Steinhardt

**Jayson Berryhill**, CEO, Wholechain

**Rupa Bhattacharya**, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives and Industry Leadership, Culinary Institute of America

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**Sarah Blackburn**, Journalist, Edible Boston

**Carmen Blackwood**, Founder and CEO, EarthRise LLC

**Gary Blackwood**, Program Manager, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

**Kelliann Blazek**, Special Assistant to the President for Agriculture and Rural Policy, The White House

**Rebecca Bligh**, Vancouver City Councillor

**Rune Blomhoff**, Professor, Oslo University, Project Leader of the Nordic Nutrition Recommendations 2023

**Jocelyn Boreta**, Co-Founder and Executive Director, The Botanical Bus: Bilingual Mobile Herb Clinic

**David Borrowman**, Farmer, Niman Ranch

**Tiare Boyes**, Fish Harvester

**Dondeena Bradley**, VP, Health & Wellness Strategy & Innovation, Mars

**Jaz Brisack**, Organizer, Starbucks Workers United

**Janaya Bruce**, Senior Specialist, Climate Resilient Food Systems, Environmental Defense Fund

**Katherine Bryar**, Global Marketing Director, BioMar

U.S. Congressman **Nikki Budzinski**

**Carmen Burbano de Lara**, Director, World Food Programme

**Agnes Bweye**, Program Manager, Practical Permaculture Institutes of Zanzibar

## LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

**Peter Byck**, Filmmaker and Professor of Practice, Arizona State University

**Yvette Cabrera**, Director, Food Waste, NRDC

**Joao Campari**, Global Leader, Food Practice, WWF

**Laura Carroll**, Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

**Katie Carson**, Director, Corporate Affairs Food & Climate Policy, Tetra Pak Group

**Sean B. Cash**, Associate Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

U.S. Congressman **Sean Casten**

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**Nadja Cech**, Professor of Chemistry, University of North Carolina Greensboro

**Sweta Chakraborty**, CEO, We Don't Have Time North America

**M. Jahi Chappel**, Director, Center for Regional Food Systems, Michigan State University

**Brett Chase**, Environmental Journalist, Chicago Sun-Times

**Rohini Chaturvedi**, Strategy Lead, Forests People Climate

**Ariel Cheung**, Reporter, Chicago Tribune

**Joi Chevalier**, Founder and CEO, The Cook's Nook

**José Luis Chicoma**, Senior Advisor for Food and Agricultural Commodity Systems, U.N. Development Programme

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**Andrea Chu**, Director of Impact, Vital Farms

**Royce Chwin**, President and CEO, Destination Vancouver

U.S. Congressman **Katherine Clark**

**Craig Cogut**, Founder, Chair, and CEO, Pegasus Capital

**Evadne Cokeh**, Senior Vice President of Social and Environmental Responsibility, ButcherBox

**Jahmal Cole**, CEO and Founder, My Block My Hood My City

**Jeremy Coller**, Founder, FAIRR

**Ben Collier**, CEO and Co-Founder, The Farmlink Project

**Chris M. Collins**, Associate Director of Health Care, The Duke Endowment

**Rodger Cooley**, Executive Director, Chicago Food Policy Action Council

U.S. Senator **Chris Coons**

**David Cooper**, Executive Secretary, U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity



## LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

**Roy Cooper**, Governor, North Carolina

**Sonya Cote**, Chef, Eden East Farm + Store House Market & Eatery

**Ertharin Cousin**, Founder and CEO, Food Systems for the Future

**Earlene Cruz**, Director, Kitchen Connection

**Bettina Dalton**, Producer

**Nancy Dalton**, the Head of Community, Experience and Customer Marketing, Amazon Access

**Karina David**, Youth Farmer, Rede Ecovida De Agroecologia

**Lauren Davis**, Professor of Engineering, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

**Merry Davis**, Healthy Food Director, BlueCross and BlueShield of North Carolina Foundation

**Claire Dawson**, Senior Manager, Fisheries and Seafood Initiative, Ocean Wise

**Dion Dawson**, Founder and Chief Dreamer, Dion's Chicago Dream

**Paola De Almeida**, Strategy & Transformation Executive, Former Head Innovation Officer, Mars

**Milagros De Hoz**, Food Policy Advisor, New York City Mayor's Office of Food Policy

**Dayanny De La Cruz**, Vice President of Culinary, Levy Restaurants

**John De La Parra**, Director of the Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation

**Stephen Devries**, Executive Director, Gaples Institute

**Ana Di Pangracio**, Deputy Director, FARN

**Eric Dillon**, Producer

**Carolyn Dimitri**, Associate Professor, NYU Steinhardt

U.S. Congressman **Lloyd Doggett**

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**Kimberly Dong**, Associate Professor, Public Health and Community Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine

**Lisa Donmall-Reeve**, Producer

**Owen Dubeck**, Founding Member and Creative Director, The Farmlink Project

**Sasha DuBose**, Student, NYU Steinhardt

**Rick Duke**, U.S. Deputy Special Envoy for Climate

**Camil Dumont**, Vancouver Park Board Commissioner

**Logan Duran**, VP, ESG & Sustainability, Tapestry Inc

U.S. Senator **Dick Durbin**

**Christina Economos**, Dean ad interim and Professor, Friedman School at Tufts University

**Rene Edde**, Sustainable Food Systems Lead, Accenture

**Karen Ellemann**, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers

**Monica Ellis**, CEO, Global Water Challenge

**Monica Eng**, Journalist, Axios

**Oliver English**, Filmmaker, Common Table Creative

**Simon English**, Filmmaker, Common Table Creative

**Helena Bottemiller Evich**, Founder and Editor-in-Chief, FoodFix

**Daphne Ewing-Chow**, Senior Correspondent, Forbes

**Jamey Fader**, Chef, Marczyk Fine Foods

**Tope Fajingbesi**, author, educator, and Co-Owner, Dodo Farms

**Shenggen Fan**, Chair Professor, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University

## LAST YEAR'S IMPACT



**Jessica Fanzo**, Professor, Columbia University's Climate School

**Sara Farley**, Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation

**Emeline Fellus**, Director, Food and Agriculture, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

**Susan Feniger**, Chef and filmmaker

**Rachel Ferencik**, Senior Program Officer, CDC Foundation

**Ruby Ferguson**, Senior Director, Strategic Relationships and Community Planning, Greater Chicago Food Depository

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**Steven Finn**, Affiliated Faculty, University of Pennsylvania

**Jessica Walks First**, Executive Chef, Ketapane Kitchen

**Gavan Fitzsimons**, Professor, Duke Fuqua School of Business

**Hartina M. "Tina" Flournoy**, American Political Advisor and Former Chief of Staff to Vice President Kamala Harris

**Cassie Flynn**, Global Director of Climate Change, U.N. Development Programme

**Erin Flynn**, Co-Founder, Green Gate Farms

**Mercedes Diane Griffin Forbes**, Founder and Editor, DG Speaks

**Patty Fong**, Program Director, Climate and Health & Wellbeing, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

**Taryn Forrelli**, Chief Science Officer, Traditional Medicinals

**Stefanos Fotiou**, Director, FAO Office of Sustainable Development Goals

U.S. Congressmember **Valerie Foushee**

**Cary Fowler**, U.S. Special Envoy for Global Food Security

**Larry Franklin**, Founder, Black Lives Veggies and Co-Chair, Travis County Food Plan

**Evan Fraser**, Director, Arrell Food Institute, University of Guelph

**Holly Freishtat**, Senior Director of Feeding Change, Milken Institute

**Michelle French**, Director of Global Sustainability Programs, Archer-Daniels-Midland Company

**Maggie Funkhouser**, Manager, Carrboro Farmers' Market

U.S. Congressmember **Chuy García**

**Susan Gardner**, Director, U.N. Environment Programme

**Eric Gephardt**, Chef, Kamado Joe

**Alexandra Gill**, Food Writer, The Globe and Mail

**Dan Glickman**, Senior Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

**Seth Goldman**, Co-Founder and Chief Change Agent, Eat the Change

**Lawrence Goodridge**, Professor, Department of Food Science, University of Guelph

**Jeff Gordinier**, Journalist, Esquire Magazine

**Chris Green**, Executive Director, Harvard University's Animal Law & Policy Program

## LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

**Luis Guardia**, President, Food Research & Action Center

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**Lawrence Haddad**, Executive Director, GAIN

**Samia Hamdan**, Midwest Child Nutrition Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture

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**Craig Hanson**, Managing Director, Programs, World Resources Institute

**Debbie Hamrick**, Director of Specialty Crops, North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation

**Regina (Anderson) Harmon**, Executive Director, Food Recovery Network

**Fiona Harvey**, Environmental Journalist, The Guardian

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**Sarela Herrada**, Co-Founder, SIMPLi

**Oran Hesterman**, Founder, Fair Food Network

**Nguyen Hoang Hiep**, Deputy Minister, Viet Nam

**Melissa Ho**, Senior Vice President, WWF

**Jay Huang**, Chef, Lucky Robot Sushi and Nomade

**Pat Hudson**, Farmer, Tilghman Seafood

**Michelle Hughes**, Co-Executive Director, National Young Farmers Coalition

**Daniel Humm**, Chef and Owner, Make It Nice

**Samir Ibrahim**, CEO, SunCulture

**Uzodinma Iweala**, CEO, The Africa Center

U.S. Congressman **Sara Jacobs**

**Dana James**, Postdoc, University of British Columbia

**Thea James**, Vice President of Mission, Boston Medical Center

**Andy Jarvis**, Director, Bezos Earth Fund

**Saru Jayaraman**, President, One Fair Wage

**Steven Jennings**, Stakeholder Relations|Brand Lead, Health & Sustainability, Ahold Delhaize USA

**Mariana Jiménez**, CEO, BAMX

**Juan Carlos Jintiach**, Executive Secretary, Global Alliance of Territorial Communities

**Cavalier Johnson**, Mayor, City of Milwaukee

**Diana Johnson**, Food, Health, Equity, The Rockefeller Foundation

**Holly Johnson**, Chief Science Officer, American Herbal Products Association

**Debra Clark Jones**, Associate Vice President of Community Health, Duke University

**Julia Jordan**, Senior Sustainability Director, Compass Group North America

**Wendy Juarez**, Chef, Prime Corn

**Agnes Kalibata**, President, AGRA

**Mark Kaplan**, Co-Founder and Partner, Wholechain

**Paul Kariya**, Senior Policy Advisor, Coastal First Nations

**Tasneem Karodia**, Co-Founder, New Form Foods

U.S. Congressman **Bill Keating**

U.S. Congressman **Robin Kelly**

**Robert Kenner**, Co-Director and Producer, Food, Inc. 2

**Lisa Kenoras**, Communications Coordinator, Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty



## LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

**Kim Kessler**, Assistant Commissioner, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Rob Kinneen**, Outreach Director and Native Alaskan Chef, NATIFS

**Ken Kolb**, Professor of Sociology, Furman University

**Mavis Hawa Koomson**, Minister, Ghana

**Jarl Krausings**, Deputy CEO and International Director, CONCITO

U.S. Congressman **Raja Krishnamoorthi**

**Naomi Krogman**, Dean, Faculty of Environment, Simon Fraser University

**David Laborde**, Director, U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization

**Liz Lachman**, Writer and Director

**Paul Lansbergen**, President, Fisheries Council of Canada

**Anna Lappé**, Executive Director, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

**Alvaro Lario**, President, IFAD

**Lindsay Larson**, Farmer, Larson Family Farm

**Haven Leeming**, Senior Program Officer, Builders Vision

**Manoel Lemos**, Owner, Farm Maringa

**Sage Lenier**, Founder and Executive Director, Sustainable & Just Future

**Jo Lerma-Lopez**, Chef, Luna Mexican Kitchen

**Admiral Rachel L. Levine**, Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services

**Irene Li**, Chef, Author and Co-Founder, Mei Mei Dumplings

**Tongzhe Li**, Arrell Chair in Behavioural and Experimental Economics, University of Guelph

**Leon Lidigu**, Science Journalist, Nation Media Group

**Walter Link**, Founding President, Future Economy Forum and NOW Partners

**Adrian Lipscombe**, Chef and Founder, 40 Acres

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**Pete Marczyk**, Owner, Marczyk Fine Foods

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**Megan Marshall**, Editor, Edible Chicago

**Guido Masé**, Principal Scientist, Traditional Medicinals

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**Melanie McAfee**, Owner, Barr Mansion

**Anne McBride**, Vice President of Programs, James Beard Foundation

**Kerri McClimen**, Vice President of Communications, Niman Ranch

## LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

U.S. Congressman **Jim McGovern**

**Natalie McHale**, Board Member,  
Slow Food Utah

**Will McIntee**, Senior Advisor for  
Public Engagement, The White House

**Amanda McKee**, Director, Knowledge  
and Learning, NDC Partnership

**Robin McKinnon**, Senior Advisor for  
Nutrition Policy, U.S. Food and Drug  
Administration

**Elizabeth McSheffrey**, Journalist,  
Global News

**Sid Mehta**, Sr. Director Ancillary  
Services, Simon Fraser University

**Somya Mehta**, Senior Features  
Writer, Khaleej Times

**Liz Mella**, Head of Marketing,  
Farmer's Fridge

**Matthew Meredith**, Executive Managing  
Director and Co-Founder, Ifria

**Kathleen Merrigan**, Executive Director,  
Swette Center for Sustainable Food  
Systems, Arizona State University

**Mike Meyer**, Head of Advocacy, The  
Farmlink Project

**Katherine Miller**, Author and  
Founding Executive Director, Chef  
Action Network

**Saul Milne**, Strategic Advisor,  
Ha'oom Fisheries Society

**Eric Mittenenthal**, CEO, North  
American Meat Institute

**Knut Moestue**, Director Sustainable  
Food Systems, UN Global Compact  
Norway

**George Gray Molina**, Head of Inclusive  
Growth and Chief Economist, U.N.  
Development Programme

**Judy A. Monroe**, President and  
CEO, CDC Foundation

**J. Robin Moon**, Social Epidemiologist  
and Public Health Strategist, World  
Farmers Market Coalition

**Lisa Moon**, President and CEO, The  
Global FoodBanking Network

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## AIM FOR CLIMATE

During the AIM for Climate Summit in May 2023, Food Tank, in partnership with Pegasus Capital Advisors and Producers Trust, hosted a bipartisan luncheon on Capitol Hill and dinner to celebrate the launch of the Forum for Farmers and Food Security and discuss tangible actions that can transform food and agriculture systems. Speakers across both events included Keith Agoada of Producers Trust; Craig Cogut of Pegasus Capital, U.S. Senator Chris Coons, Ambassador Ertharin Cousin of Food Systems for the Future, Samir Ibrahim of SunCulture, U.S. Congressman Sara Jacobs, Matthew Meredith of Ifria, Zitouni Ould-Dada of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, U.S. Congressman Stacey E. Plaskett, Minister of the Bahama Clay Honorable Clay Glennford Sweeting, and Simballa Sylla of Sustainable African Foods.

## ADVANCING FOOD AS MEDICINE APPROACHES

Over the last year, Food Tank held a series of Summits in support of The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. In June 2023, Food Tank and the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University held the first of these events focused on Pillar 2 (Integrating Nutrition and Health) and Pillar 5 (Enhancing Nutrition and Food Security Research) of the National Strategy. Following the Summit, Food Tank submitted a report summarizing the key takeaways for The White House Office of Public Engagement's consideration. The event featured remarks from speakers including U.S. Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Congressmembers Katherine Clark, Stephen Lynch, Jim McGovern, Seth Moulton Ayanna Pressley, and Lori Trahan; Boston Mayor Michelle Wu; former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman; Dariush Mozaffarian of the Tufts Friedman School; Catherine Oakar of The White House; and Bisola Ojikutu of the Boston Public Health Commission.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### EMPOWERING EATERS: ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND HEALTHY CHOICES

In August 2023, Food Tank co-hosted the second Summit in support of The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health with Farmer's Fridge. Held in Chicago, IL, it focused on Pillar 1 (Improving Food Access and Affordability) and Pillar 3 (Empowering All Consumers to Make and Have Access to Healthy Choices) of the National Strategy. The Summit featured remarks from U.S. Senator Dick Durbin; U.S. Congressmembers Robin Kelly, Raja Krishnamoorth, Chuy García, Mike Quigley, Delia Ramirez, Brad Schneider, and Jan Schakowsky; ESPN sports analyst and NFL veteran Sam Acho; Erika Allen of the Urban Growers Collective; Rick Bayless of Frontera Restaurants and Recipes; Laura Carroll of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Will McIntee of The White House; and Knut Moestue of the U.N. Global Compact Norway.

### HOG FARMER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

The annual Hog Farmer Appreciation Celebration in August 2023, co-hosted by Food Tank and Niman Ranch, gave us the chance to honor America's family farmers. The Summit created a platform for experts to discuss the future of animal agriculture and the ways that small-scale producers are contributing to the resilience of food and agriculture systems. Speakers included Michelle Hughes of the National Young Farmers Coalition, Adrian Lipscombe of the 40 Acres Project, Chef Lamar Moore of Bronzeville Winery, Nina Oduro of Dine Diaspora, culinary historian and author Toni Tipton-Martin, and Paul Willis of Niman Ranch.

### NYC CLIMATE WEEK

For NYC Climate Week in September 2023, Food Tank co-hosted a series of events to position food and agriculture systems as key solutions to address the effects of the changing climate. Events included the Summit "Food and Agriculture as a Solution to the Climate Crisis," an exclusive viewing of the new film "Food, Inc. 2," a Summit for Food Day at the U.N. General Assembly, and a conversation about the role that chefs play in the climate crisis. Across these events, speakers included food journalist Mark Bittman, José Luis Chicoma of the U.N. Development Programme, Rebecca Shaw of WWF, Jahan-Zeb Chowdhury of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Anna Lappé of the Global Alliance for the Future of Food, author and nutritionist Marion Nestle, author Michael Pollan, actor Alysia Reiner, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, and Lana Weidgenant of Act4Food and ProVeg International.

### WORLD FOOD DAY

In October 2023, Food Tank traveled to Vancouver to co-host the official North America World Food Day celebration, marking our very first Summit in Canada. Panels and fireside chats explored the intersection of food and water security under the 2023 theme "Water is Life. Water is Food. Leave No One Behind." Speakers included Vancouver City Councillor Rebecca Bligh, fish harvester Tiare Boyes, youth advocate Lisa Kenoras of the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty, Tom Pesek of the U.N Food and Agriculture Organization, Asha Wheeldon of Kula Foods, and Heather Wilkie of Compass Group.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### THE SOLUTIONS ON OUR PLATE

In the leadup to the U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP28), Food Tank and Oatly hosted a listening session for dozens of small and medium, mission-driven food companies that can have an outsized, positive impact on people and the planet. The forum offered sustainability leaders, many of whom were not able to travel to Dubai for the Conference, a chance to ensure that their concerns and ambitions were included in conversations at COP28. Following the listening session, we produced a white paper and presented many of the findings from the conversation during sessions at the Climate Change Conference.

### U.N CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Food Tank closed out its 2023 programming with a trip to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates for the U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP28). Food Tank organized and participated in more than 30 sessions in all four food pavilions as well as the Nordic Pavilion, the Norway Pavilion, the Future Economy Forum Pavilion, and the University of Pennsylvania Pavilion to emphasize the importance of including food and agriculture systems in climate solutions. We also co-hosted dinners on two different evenings to bring different stakeholders together, encourage new partnerships, and foster conversation. These events brought together more than 150 speakers including agricultural ministers and secretaries, food producers, youth, civil society leaders, CEOs, chefs, journalists, and more. And thanks to the efforts of the collective food movement, the final text produced from COP28 does recognize food systems for the first time in a UNFCCC document of this kind.

### FOOD & THE ENVIRONMENT DURING SUNDANCE

To kick off 2024, Food Tank returned to Park City, UT, for the Sundance Film Festival to celebrate the intersection of the food movement and the arts. “Food Systems and the Environment During Sundance 2024,” hosted in partnership with 360 Communications, offered a day of exclusive food-focused film screenings, discussions, and tastings. Speakers included filmmakers Simon and Oliver English, Chef Eric Gephardt, Chef Wendy Juarez of Prime Corn, food systems advocates Christiana and Kimbal Musk, filmmaker Sanjay Rawal, filmmakers Josh and Rebecca Tickell, and Laura Turner Seydel of Turner Foundation Inc.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### WORKSHOP PERFORMANCES OF LITTLE PEASANTS

In February 2024, Food Tank presented special workshop performances of the new interactive play “Little Peasants” in Massachusetts. The story takes audiences behind closed doors of a union organizing campaign at a chain coffee shop and reveals the tactics employers use to thwart organizing efforts. Representing a continuation of Food Tank’s work in the performing arts, the production builds on the one-act iteration of the play that was first performed to critical acclaim at SXSW 2023. The new production ran for two sold-out performances.

### ELEVATING THE ROLE OF HERBAL MEDICINE IN FOOD SYSTEMS

In February 2024, Food Tank, in partnership with Traditional Medicinals, hosted the “Harvesting Health” webinar to explore plant medicine and its role in the food ecosystem. Topics included food as medicine; the story of quality, efficacy, and medicine; wild harvesting; and the intelligence of the Earth. Speakers included Jocelyn Boreta of The Botanical Bus, Nadja Cech of the University of North Carolina Greensboro, Taryn Forrelli of Traditional Medicinals, Holly Johnson of American Herbal Products Association, Guido Mase of Traditional Medicinals, Chloe Sorvino of Forbes, Kevin Spelman of Health, Education & Research, and Deborah Vorhies of FairWild.



### EMPOWERING EATERS: ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND HEALTHY CHOICES

For the third Summit in support of The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, Food Tank traveled to Durham, NC, to hold the “Empowering Eaters” Summit with the Duke Sanford World Food Policy Center. The event touched on the creation of healthier food environments, the intersection of the food and labor movements, food as medicine, and more. Audiences heard from speakers including U.S. Congressmembers Don Davis, Valerie Foushee, Jeff Jackson, Kathy Manning, Greg Murphy, and Deborah Ross; Kelliann Blazek of the White House; Rachel Ferencik of the CDC Foundation; Chef Sean Sherman of North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems; and Baldemar Velasquez of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### ALL THINGS FOOD AT SXSW

Food Tank returned to Austin, TX, for our annual SXSW programming, held in partnership this year with Huston-Tillotson University and Barr Mansion. The day was filled with film screenings, delicious tastings, discussions, live performance, night sky star tours, and more. More than 60 policy experts, chefs, civil society and private sector leaders, scientists, filmmakers, and journalists joined us in conversation including Joke Aerts of Tony's Chocolonely; Joi Chevalier of the Cook's Nook; Hartina M. "Tina" Flournoy, former Chief of Staff to Vice President Kamala Harris; Admiral Rachel L. Levine of the Department of Health and Human Services; Michel Nischan of Wholesome Wave; Judy Monroe of the CDC Foundation; Paul Newnham of SDG2 Advocacy Hub; and Rick Whitted of U.S. Hunger.

**Food Tank also moderated or spoke as part of more than 50 events including:**

- AIM for Climate: Food Loss and Waste as a Climate Strategy
- Creating Sustainable Systems: Soil, Carbon, and Food
- Good Food Finance Week: Catalyzing Good Food Finance to Address Interconnected Risks
- Faith and Food: A Christian Ethical Response to Food Injustice
- International Conference on Food Justice from a Human Rights Perspective
- Iowa Rural Summit
- Milken Institute Global Conference
- The Culinary Institute of America's Menus of Change
- Nature Forward: Building the Future We Need
- Protein PACT Summit
- WTO Trade Dialogues on Food



# SOCIAL IMPACT

Food Tank is one of the most engaged nonprofits in food sustainability, agriculture, food policy, and climate change.

- More than 250 articles of original reporting published this year.
- Journalists from these major media outlets participating in Food Tank programming: The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Bloomberg, National Public Radio, Axios, The Guardian, Forbes Magazine, WBUR, Grist, and Esquire Magazine.
- Nearly 60 episodes of Food Tank's podcast "Food Talk with Dani Nierenberg."
- More than 250 live public interviews a year.
- Sold-out summits and events across the United States and internationally.
- 2,500,000 annual Food Tank readers and listeners.
- 1,350,000 organic social media followers and newsletter subscribers.
- Hundreds of grassroots paying members and partners in all 50 states.

# A ROADMAP FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

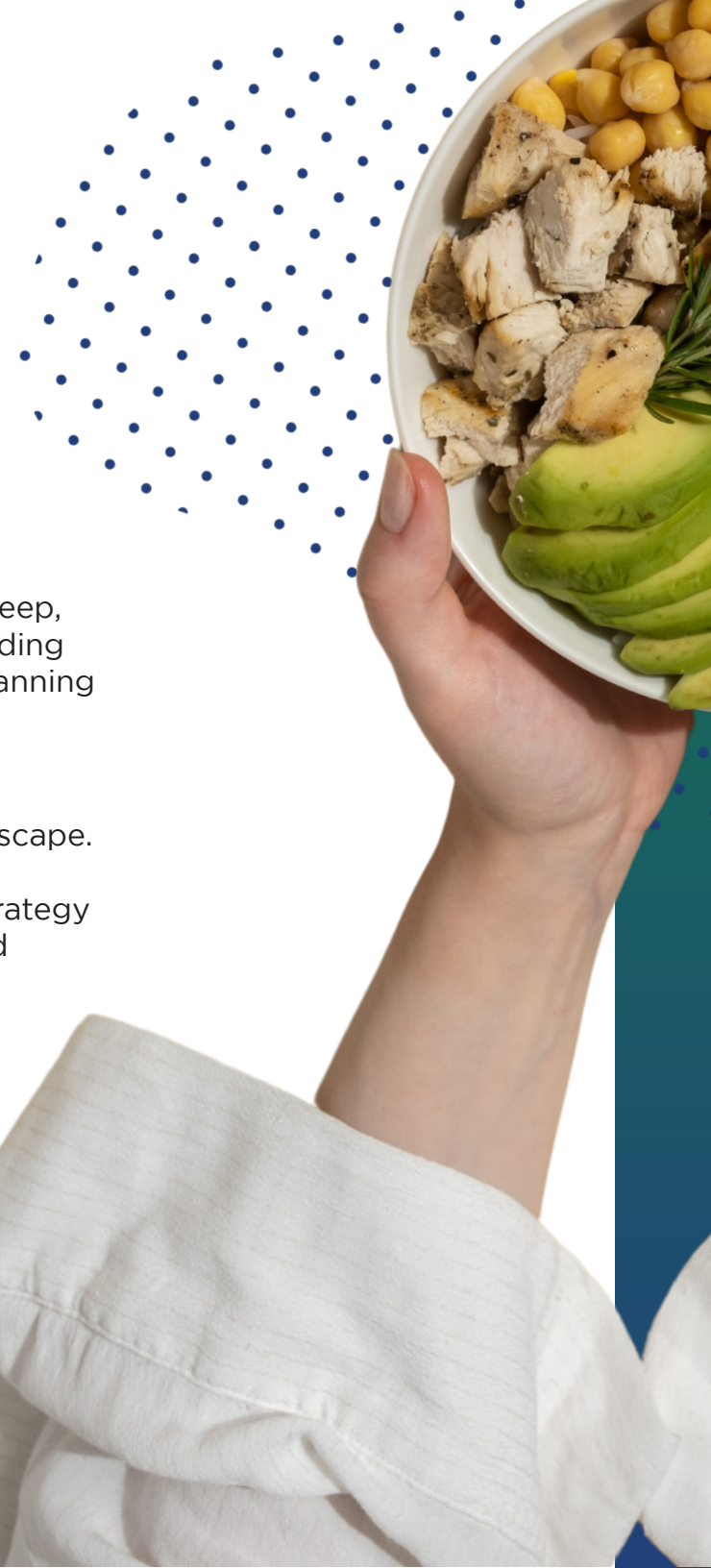
Food Tank has an extraordinary, outsized impact, leading food and agricultural systems change both domestically and abroad. We are a small but mighty organization, giving us the flexibility to take on projects or grants that support deep, meaningful, and lasting impact. We are looking forward to deepening and expanding our impact in the year to come. Here is a small snapshot of what Food Tank is planning for 2024–2025.

## DOMESTIC POLICY

Food Tank is continuing to push for positive changes in the U.S. food policy landscape.

April 2024 will mark the fifth Summit in support of The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health to end hunger, reduce diet-related diseases, and improve public health by 2030. These events are continuing to engage members of Congress, highlight successful local, scalable solutions to achieve these goals, and identify potential new partners that can amplify impact.

In July 2024, Food Tank will kick off a series of educational programming on Capitol Hill in partnership with the CDC Foundation to build on these Summits. The first luncheon event with U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern will celebrate wins in the Food is Medicine space and explore opportunities for policymakers, businesses, civil society organizations, producers, and the funding and donor community to drive progress further.



## A ROADMAP FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

### DEVELOPING GLOBAL SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

In 2024, it was announced that global temperatures had surpassed a 1.5°C increase across an entire year for the first time. The need for strategic, integrated climate action has never been greater, and Food Tank is working with our partners to find new, sustainable pathways forward that center the importance of food and agriculture systems.

Food Tank will reach new audiences in 2024 as part of this year's efforts, holding our first annual London Climate Week Summit. Presented in partnership with Google Cloud, the event will explore the intersection of food, technology, and the environment.

In September, we will build on the success of our NYC Climate Week programming, holding a series of events as we continue to build momentum toward the U.N. Climate Change Conference. In collaboration with the World Food Program USA, we will hold our second annual NYC Climate Week Summit. Food Tank will also facilitate a closed-door, in-person meeting for 100+ leading mission-driven food businesses that are committed to nourishing eaters while mitigating their environmental footprint. Food Tank is also co-hosting a joint Summit during NYC Climate Week with the Natural Resources Defense Council, themed around healthy soils, food loss and food waste, and pollinators/pesticides.

And in November, Food Tank will once again participate in the U.N. Climate Change Conference, which will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, for COP29. The food movement has made incredible strides at previous Climate Change Conferences, and COP29 represents a momentous opportunity to continue to push for global leaders to integrate food and agriculture systems into official climate action plans. Programming and curated dinners will engage agricultural ministers and other policymakers, business leaders, food systems advocates, food producers, members of the funding and donor community, and more to connect the dots and lift up solutions.



### CREATING NETWORKS AND STRENGTHENING ENGAGEMENT

Food Tank convenes a network of almost 250 Chief Sustainability Officers (CSOs)—the largest network of its kind. This group meets monthly to share case studies, learn from guest speakers, and offer mentorship to their peers. The CSO Group is continuing to expand, and in the year ahead, Food Tank is identifying new virtual and in-person opportunities to strengthen relationships between working group members and help business leaders transform the private sector for the better.

We also convene and are continuing to expand our Academic Working Group, which now includes academic faculty and department directors from all 50 U.S. states. Members represent food and nutrition studies, medical and nursing programs, environmental studies departments, and more. In the year ahead, Food Tank plans to leverage the expertise of working members through public programming, continue to share and amplify members' research, and find ways to support the most pressing needs of faculty working on food and nutrition issues.

Food Tank is in the early stages of launching a new initiative to bring together the more than 30,000 food and environmental nonprofit organizations in the United States. The coalition will offer members a way to unite around shared campaigns and initiatives and offer resources to eaters to help them plug into the food movement and contribute to our shared efforts from wherever they are based.

Food Tank's work would not be possible without the support of our grassroots members, and we continue to offer exclusive programming available only to supporters. These virtual opportunities allow members to make connections with fellow food systems advocates, engage directly with Food Tank leadership, and interact with luminaries from across food and agriculture systems who join meetings as guest speakers. We plan to offer even more programming in the next year for our members.



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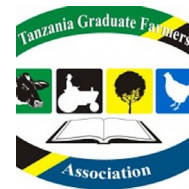
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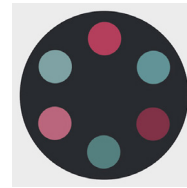
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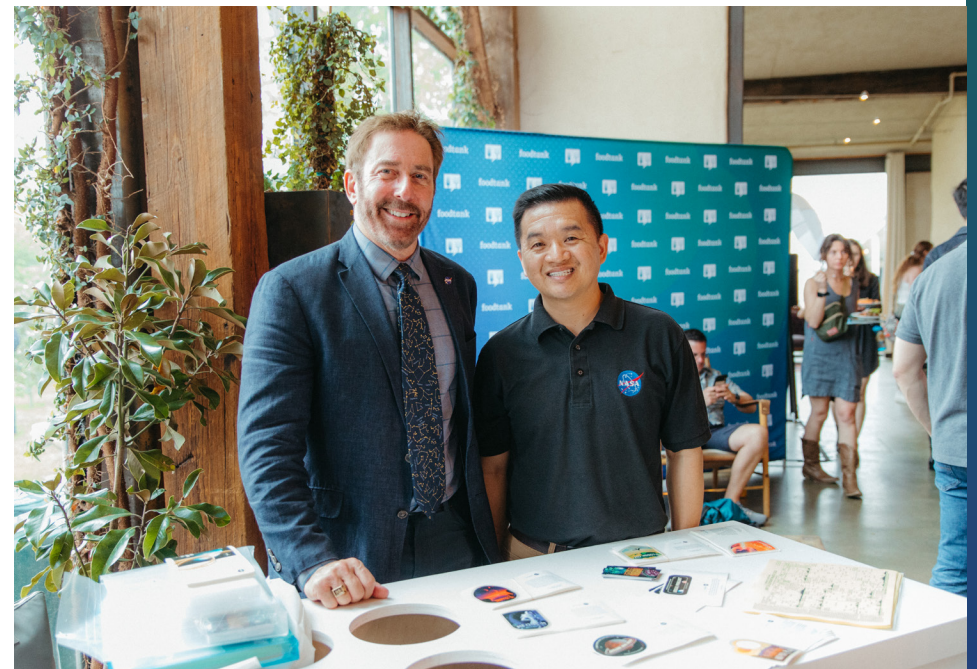
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