



Annual Impact Report 2025

The Massachusetts Food System Collaborative supports collective action toward an equitable, sustainable, resilient, and connected local food system in Massachusetts. We envision a local food system where everyone has access to healthy food, to land to grow food, to good jobs, and to the systems where policy decisions are made.

Massachusetts Food System Collaborative 2025 by the numbers

350

Individual food system advocates engaged in MAFSC network meetings, coalitions and campaigns.

315

Attendees at legislative and educational briefings

300

Food system partners who participated in MAFSC annual Food System Forum.

80

Food system partners who attended in-person HIP lobby day.

55

Number of network meetings MAFSC held.

50+

Meetings with legislative and executive branch staff.

9

Priority bills the Collaborative actively advocates for in the 2025-26 session.

1

First annual Local Food Policy Council Summit hosted by the Collaborative.

CONVENE

The Collaborative's four networks- Agricultural Equity, Food Waste Reduction, Local Food Policy Councils and Urban Agriculture met throughout the year to build community, collaborate, and learn from one another. Participation continues to grow and food system partners continue to develop and strengthen relationships with each other across the state.

ADVOCATE

The Campaign for HIP Funding successfully lobbied the Legislature to increase funding for HIP after a 50% cut to benefit caps in 2024. The Collaborative successfully organized another annual HIP lobby day, and formed a new agriculture advocacy coalition. We advocated successfully for more than \$26 million in budget priorities, and continued to advocate for our policy priorities, including a new vacant lots to urban farms bill, the environmental bond bill, and other pieces of legislation.

EDUCATE

The Collaborative continues to work to educate policymakers about the food system, and food system advocates about policy. In 2025, the Collaborative completed 5 advocacy 101 trainings with about 100 participants, and continued hosting graduate and undergraduates interns. MAFSC also sends a monthly newsletter and is active on LinkedIn and other social media.