

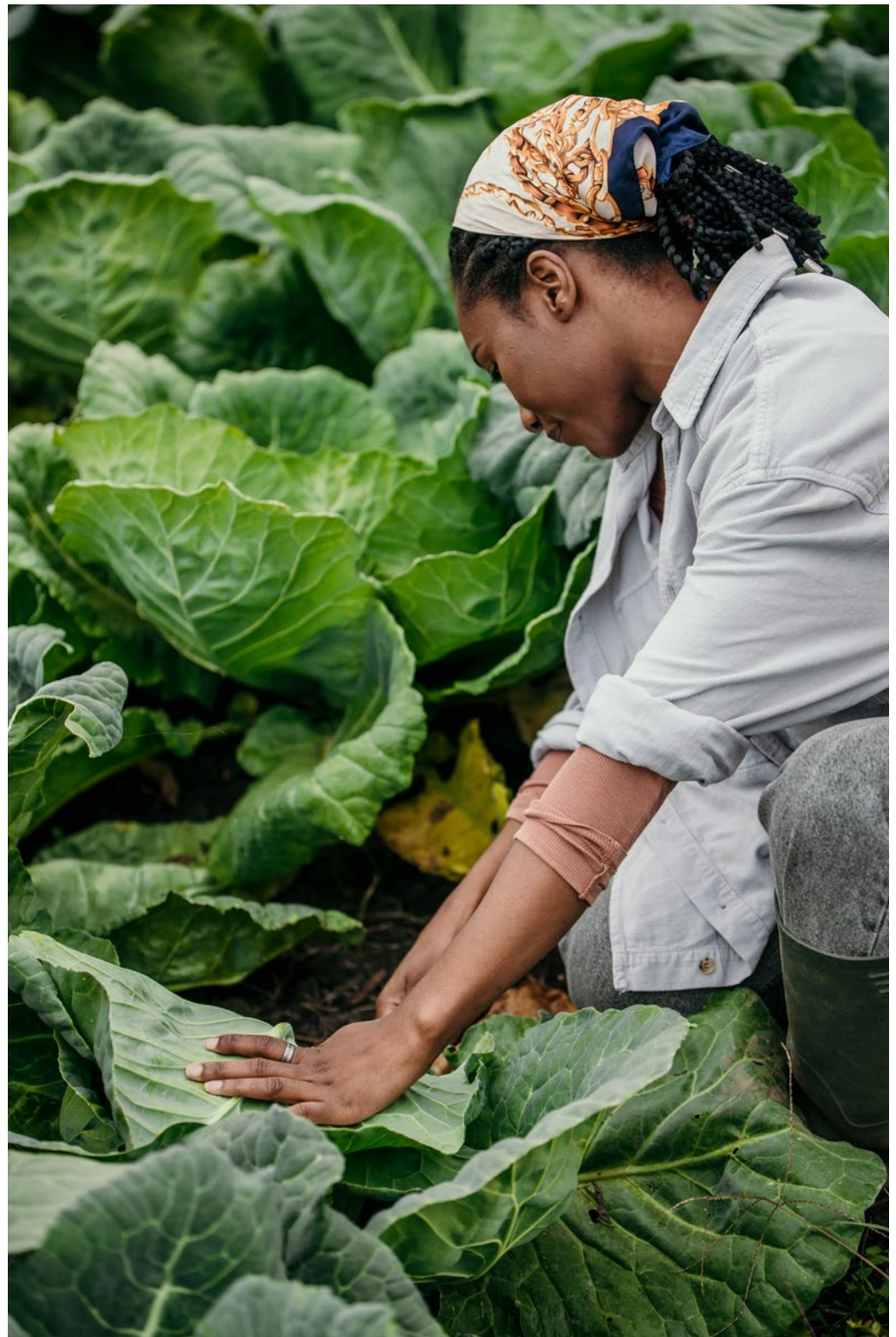


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Our Mission

Food Tank is a research and advocacy non-profit organization devoted to storytelling that highlights how food can be the solution to some of our most pressing environmental and social problems. We hope to inspire, motivate, and activate positive transformation in how we produce and consume food.

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

In my role at Food Tank, I am usually on stage as a moderator or interviewer. I ask other people their deepest thoughts about food systems change and what it will take to transform our agricultural systems. I have had the privilege to speak with hundreds and hundreds of experts from around the world and with a wide range of interests—and that has given me a unique vantage point on some of the important issues we face today.

With this report, we are reflecting on Food Tank's success over the last year. And we are looking ahead to the future—of the organization and of our global food and agriculture systems.

I want to take this opportunity to share the five things that I think will contribute to more environmentally sustainable, economically viable, and socially just food and agriculture systems. These are not demands, exactly, but what we think are necessary components to help us all save the world. And each has a call to action.

First, invest in women in agriculture. Globally, women account for approximately 43 percent of the agricultural labor force, and in some countries, they make up nearly 70 percent of all farmers. Universally, women are not allowed access to the same resources and respect as their male counterparts.

Women face discrimination when it comes to land and livestock ownership, equal pay, participation in decision-making entities, and access to credit and financial services. Across all regions, women are less likely than men to own or control land, and the land where they grow fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods is often of poorer quality.

Simply, we ignore women at our own peril. In 2022, I was an emcee at the Borlaug Dialogues in Des Moines, Iowa, and Samantha Power, the Administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development, was a speaker. She says, “When we hold women back, we hold everyone back.” Let me give you just one example of how this works.

According to research from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, if women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry people in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million due to productivity gains.

And I've seen this on the ground with groups like the

Self-Employed Women's Association, the world's largest labor union with more than 2 million members. I was able to visit SEWA farmers several years ago—about 50 women who are growing organic food and selling it under their own label to other women in urban areas. These are women who, when they have access to land, invest it back into





their families. Their children go to school and receive medical care. And they've gained respect in their households and villages because they have decision-making power. The thing is, when you invest in women, you don't just invest in an individual or a group, but an entire community.

My call to action, to begin treating the world's women farmers as—at least—equals, seems like a no-brainer. Policymakers and the private sector are missing a chance if they don't provide investment and capital to ensure true equity.

Second, respect and honor Indigenous Peoples and People of Color in our food and agriculture systems. Again, it seems simple. But all over the world and especially in the United States, Indigenous Peoples have experienced systemic racism, cultural appropriation, and genocide.

But keep this in mind: Despite the discrimination they face, Indigenous Peoples comprise 5 percent of the global population yet are protecting 80 percent of the world's remaining

biodiversity. They do all this work for the planet without compensation, for the most part.

Traditional foods are the foundation of First Nations peoples' well-being and frankly, I think in many ways, are the foods of the future for all of us. These foods are resilient to pests and disease, resilient to climate change, and as I said, healthy and nutritious. And they contribute to maintaining biodiversity—something that Indigenous Peoples have been doing for thousands of years in their territories.

At the recent COP27 Climate Change conference in Egypt, I spent a lot of time with Indigenous Leaders like Matte Wilson of the Sicangu Food Sovereignty Initiative and Chief Caleen Sisk of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, who are thinking about how future generations can respect Indigenous practices. They are restoring traditional Indigenous foods into their communities and helping young folks understand why they are important. They believe that to go forward, we need to go back and look at why Indigenous food

systems are so successful and how the world can learn from them.

In the city of Baltimore, where I live and where 65 percent of the population is Black, Chefs Tonya and David Thomas are teaching eaters and young folks how to recognize and honor the Black food narrative with their work. They are recognizing the foods that those who were formerly enslaved started growing in the United States and the environmental, economic, health, and cultural benefits they still provide. That kind of remembering and honoring of people and food is more important, in my opinion, than ever before.

My call to action is there needs to be more spaces where the next generation of farmers, advocates, and activists learn how to care for, respect, and honor the Earth and its stewards. And like women in agriculture, Indigenous Peoples and People of Color need investment. But they also need to receive reparations. Their land was stolen, diminishing their ability to feed themselves. They deserve more than an apology,

but actual financial compensation so that future generations can thrive.

And that leads me to my third point. We must recognize what youth bring to the table. Farmers, unfortunately, all over the world are aging—their average age in the U.S. is about 58 and the same is true in parts of sub-Saharan Africa.

For so long, conferences have not included youth voices. And youth all over the globe have looked at farming and our food systems as a punishment rather than an opportunity. Thankfully, that's changing.

And it's not just the Greta Thunbergs of the world who are advocating for youth leadership.

It's also groups like YPARD, an international movement for agricultural development, by young professionals and for young professionals. They work strategically to get young agronomists, scientists, farmers, and others at international conferences and negotiating tables, as speakers so that all of us can understand what youth

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want and need when we're talking about the future of food.

And credit must go to organizations like Slow Food International, who are lifting young people into positions of power. In the mid-2000s, I met Edie Mukiibi in Uganda, where he was leading a school project to help students understand the importance of traditional foods—that they could be delicious and economically sustainable—and that farming is something to be respected, not looked down upon. Now, about 12 years later, Edie is the President of Slow Food International and working to improve food sovereignty and biodiversity all over the world.

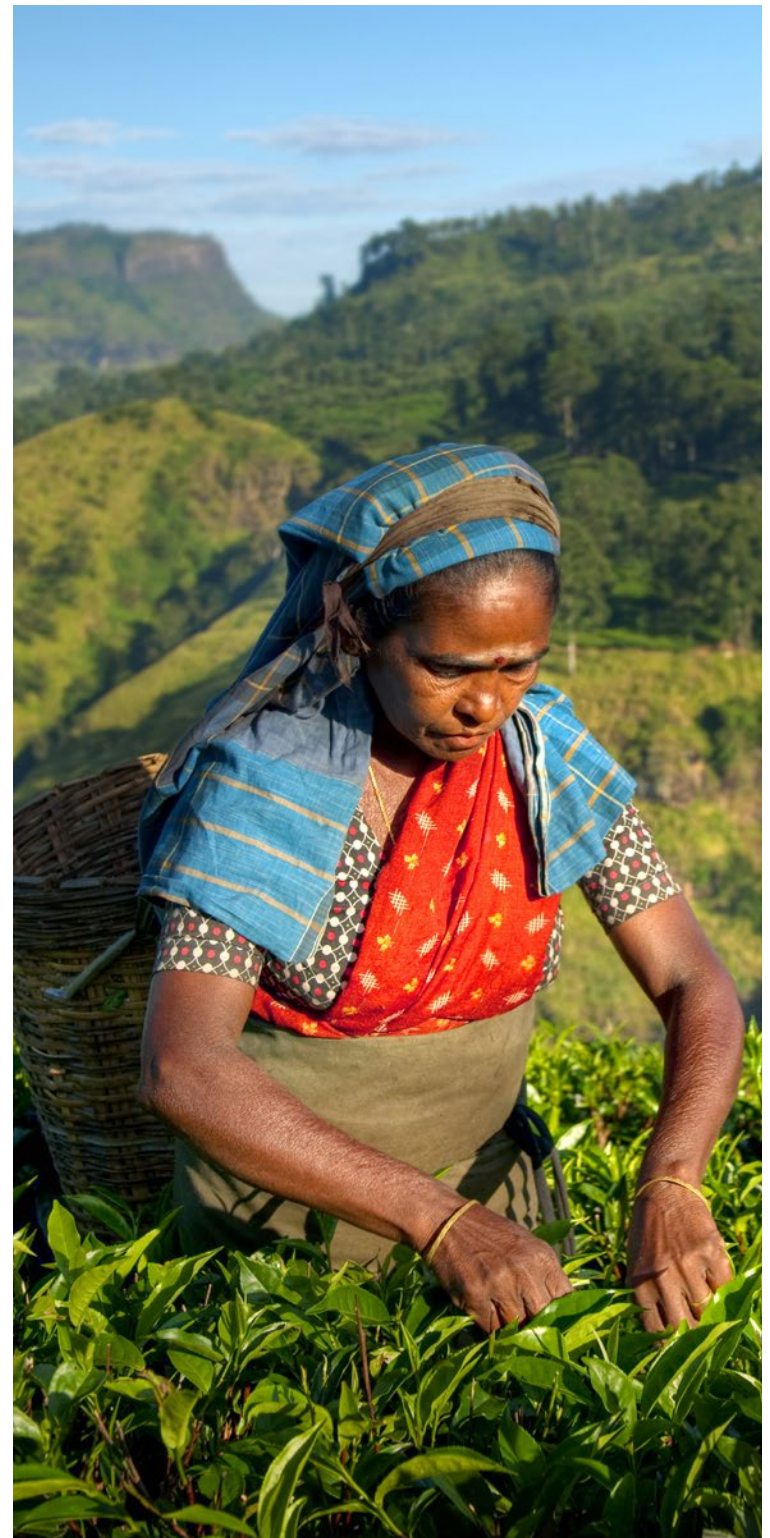
My call to action is partly based on the work of Act4Food Act4Change. It's a campaign that brings together youth from around the world, with the goal of providing all people with access to safe, affordable, and nutritious diets while protecting nature, tackling climate change, and promoting human rights. As part of the campaign, these youth have developed a list of actions and are asking governments and businesses to take action to address the broken food system. It's these kinds of collaborations among young folks, policymakers, and the private sector that are needed to make systemic change.

Fourth, we must utilize true value and True Cost Accounting in our food and agriculture systems.

Let me try to put this in perspective for all of us. The global population consumes about US\$9 trillion dollars' worth of food each year. But, according to a report by the Scientific Group of the U.N. Food Systems Summit 2021, the external cost of that food production is more than double that—nearly US\$20 trillion. These external costs include biodiversity loss, pollution, healthcare costs, lost wages from diet-related diseases, worker abuse, poor animal welfare, and more. Unfortunately, these externalities tend to impact People of Color and Indigenous Peoples the most, further exacerbating inequality and inequity. Just one example is that Indigenous folks are 19 times more likely to have reduced access to water and sanitation than white folks in the United States.

In addition, we must remember that our food system is based on just a handful of crops like maize, soy, wheat, and rice—starchy staples that can be incredibly resource-intensive to produce and which don't provide much in the way of nutrients.

We're good as a global economy at filling people up, but we are not good at nourishing eaters. What if we placed value on crop and livestock systems that are healthy for people and the planet? That provide delicious, nutrient-dense food, that protect workers and the environment, that are regenerative and give back more than they take? A food system that carefully accounts for externalities and makes it more profitable to be sustainable?





Organizations like The Rockefeller Foundation are researching how to implement True Cost Accounting on the ground. The idea of measuring what matters can help governments, businesses, and farmers understand what it really costs to produce food, to make better decisions.

Last year, I moderated a panel on True Cost Accounting as a way to help solve the climate crisis. The world has “created a value-destroying food system,” says Roy Steiner, Vice President of the Food Initiative at The Rockefeller Foundation. The United States creates roughly two-times more economic cost than economic value from its food and agriculture systems. Similar trends can be found around the world, and Steiner asks, “Who wants to be part of a value-destroying food system?” No one, right? At least, I hope not.

The Rockefeller Foundation partnered with India’s Public Distribution System to supply subsidized food grain to more than 800 million people in the country. Using True Cost Accounting, the Foundation was

able to identify hidden costs associated with greenhouse gas emissions, water use, and more. They found that the grain distribution system creates US\$6.1 billion per year in hidden environmental and health costs. If you can find and eliminate those externalities, you’re doing more than just feeding people. You’re creating a system that looks at the future, that considers future generations and values them.

And if we followed the advice of food policy councils to procure food for institutions like schools and hospitals locally and regionally, we could limit the transportation costs of distributing food, have more transparency in food systems, and ultimately, provide more delicious, seasonal ingredients to students, patients, and others.

Our next call to action is to the private sector. Stop designing foods that give us cheap calories. Food Tank has a Chief Sustainability Officer Working Group with more than 150 companies that are small, medium, and large. They can—and should—see a more sustainable food system as a

huge opportunity, not something that will cost them. I talked about young folks before. There is a new generation of eaters that wants the story of their food, where it comes from, who grew it, and its impact on the planet. Companies that can’t pivot will not be around a decade from now if they don’t change. True Cost Accounting gives businesses and farmers the ability to provide transparency and traceability to eaters.

Food Tank’s fifth and final recommendation is for policymakers to get their heads out of the sand. We need common sense law-making around food and agriculture. Food waste is just one example. If food waste were a country, it would be the third-largest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions, after China and the United States. In the U.S., the Farm Bill comes up for renewal every five years, and it’s always disappointing. We need more regular conversations on Capitol Hill and in Parliaments around the world around food and agriculture issues. Laws that solve the problems that need to be solved, the problems that

farmers, eaters, and businesses face every day.

Recently, Food Tank worked with the Healthy Living Coalition to help raise awareness around the proposed Food Donation Improvement Act. Simply, it’s a bill that makes it easier for individuals and institutions to donate food that would otherwise be wasted. Again, very common sense. Previous legislation, however, didn’t provide oversight over who should administer or oversee the donation process or provide guidance. The Food Donation Improvement Act was an unusual piece of legislation because it had bi-partisan support. Republicans and Democrats came together to solve something that is low-cost, for the most part, and can address the environmental and moral costs of food waste and help feed millions of Americans who are going hungry because of the pandemic and food price inflation. And the bill passed in December 2022. For me, it shows that the food movement in the United States does have power. And it sets the stage for more bi-partisan legislation around food and agriculture—issues that

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should never be partisan. As Congressman Jim McGovern, whom I consider a food superhero, says: Hunger should be illegal.

Our recommendation and call to action is for us all to become citizen eaters, people who vote for the kind of food system they want. While it's important to vote with your dollar, it's also important to vote with your vote for candidates who will improve our food and agriculture systems. And it's not just at the national level, but at the level of local school boards, credit unions, and mayoral races. Or run for office yourself. I've been meeting people in their twenties who are farmers or food advocates and are becoming local politicians, because they want food procurement to change or they want more focus on solving the climate crisis. They're the next generation of leaders.

And while these calls to action are important, they are not enough.

We're not ranking them. These are five actions that I know are important. They're necessary but not sufficient, as my husband would say because he is a mathematician. But the general point is this: We have, inarguably, wandered off a sustainable path. We're facing multiple crises—the

climate crisis, the biodiversity loss crisis, the public health crisis, conflict. And by "we" I mean all of humanity who have been cultivating our own food for about 10,000 years. For most of that time, we've been spoiled. There weren't that many of us, and there was plenty to live from. That abundance tended to make us lazy—it made us think that the Earth is expendable. It's not. And that illusion and laziness can't last.

There are simply too many of us. To put it into context, if you were to total up the people that have lived during the last 10,000 years since we domesticated plants, more than 1 in 14 of us woke up this morning. 7 percent of everyone who has ever depended on a farmer for food is alive right now. That's a huge number. Population scientists say we'll top off at 10 billion people at a time on this planet in about 30 years. This year, we passed 8 billion. The time when we could take sustainability for granted is over. That's the bad news. The good news is that we still have time. There is time to realize that what we've taken for granted is not guaranteed. We can get back on track. Humanity is still young. I said we're 7 percent of everyone that's lived since farming began, but if humans survive another 5,000 years, all our farming ancestors and all



of us combined will account for just 10 percent of human history. It boggles my mind every time I think about these numbers. As Oxford Professor of Philosophy William MacAskill says, "We are the ancients." Unlike anyone before us, and just like everyone who will come after, we must discover how to live on a full planet. We need to start thinking and behaving like the future's ancestors, or we won't be.

Onwards!

Danielle Nierenberg

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President, Food Tank





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 12 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. During COP27, the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Egypt in 2022, Food Tank was the only organization to coordinate programming across all four food systems pavilions to help global leaders understand what food production, distribution, and consumption patterns mean for the planet. Food Tank also published articles including “IPCC Synthesis Report: A Final Alarm For Climate, A Final Alarm For Food Systems” to draw the connection between food systems and the environment. On our podcast, we hosted leaders like Dorothy Shaver, a Founding Board Member of the Food for Climate League, to talk about the private sector’s responsibility to the planet.

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE AND SUPPORTING FAMILY FARMERS

Regenerative farming practices can restore soil health, reverse biodiversity loss, and conserve water, benefiting both communities and the planet. Food Tank’s podcast interviews with sustainable agriculture advocates including farmers Denise O’Brien and Veronica Mazariegos-Anastassiou have addressed the importance of regenerative agriculture techniques. Food Tank’s articles, such as a three-part series on the value of cover crops, have also demonstrated these points. Food Tank also publishes an ongoing Farmer Friday series, highlighting the stories of family farmers working to sustainably and humanely raise livestock.

FOOD IS MEDICINE

The integration of food and healthcare is critical to supporting healthy, nourished communities. Food Tank articles such as “22 Global Medical Professionals Practicing Food as Medicine” highlighted the leaders behind the growing food is medicine movement. And podcast interviews with Tandra Raye Stevenson of the Women Advancing Nutrition Dietetics and Agriculture and New York Times best-selling author Dr. Mark Hyman explored the relationship between food and health and the importance of finding a diet that works for an individual.

TRANSFORMING ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

Animal agriculture is a leading emitter of greenhouse gases, yet consumers underestimate the impact of livestock farming on the planet. During both COP27 and the annual Hog Farmer Appreciation Celebration, Food Tank co-hosted



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conversations to discuss a sustainable future for animal agriculture. These events are helping eaters understand the link between animal agriculture and the environment while uplifting sustainable farming models that produce meat in a way that works for people and the planet.

FOOD JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

A food system that does not center equity cannot be sustainable. Food Tank articles and podcasts highlighted farmworker advocacy groups including Alianza Nacional de Campesinas and food cooperatives like Gem City Market addressing food apartheid. And at SXSW 2023, Food Tank held a Summit featuring panels dedicated to protecting the rights of food chain workers. Food Tank also debuted an interactive play that tells the story of a coffee chain whose workers organize to form a union.

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

Local and regional supply chains are critical to food security and local economies. And with 70 percent of the global population expected to reside in cities by 2050, urban food centers—and the eaters within them—require our attention. Food Tank articles including “GrowCity Gets Youth Work Ready with Urban Gardening” highlighted opportunities in the food system for young people in cities. During SXSW and COP27, Food Tank also brought experts together to discuss circular food economies in global cities and urban food production.

BREAKING DOWN SILOS

Transforming the world’s food and agriculture systems requires cross-sectoral collaboration and unlikely partnerships. In advance of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health, Food Tank organized the virtual listening session on dismantling silos to strengthen nutrition and food security research to help the Biden-Harris Administration develop their National Strategy to end hunger and improve health. During COP27, Food Tank also emceed the Eat4Change Dinner, which brings a wide variety of stakeholders together to connect agendas on biodiversity, the climate crisis, and human health.





FIXING FOOD BUSINESS

Food Tank's Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) and Impact Directors Peer Group grew to include 200 small, medium, and large food businesses. The group convenes monthly to share best practices, engage in peer mentorship, and learn from guest speakers. Food Tank also moderated panel discussions at Expo East and Expo West, the natural products trade shows that bring together the leading brands in the natural products industry.

HUNGER, NUTRITION INSECURITY, AND THE GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM

Progress to end hunger and malnutrition continues to backslide, threatening communities globally. Food Tank articles including "The Relationship Between Debt and Global Hunger: A Special IPES-Food Report" identify the challenges exacerbating the hunger crisis. But we also highlight solutions through podcast interviews with U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food Michael Fakhri and the official 2022 North America World Food Day event, co-hosted by Food Tank. These experts are working on solutions that can be scaled up and out to ensure everyone has access to healthy, affordable, delicious food.

THE WISDOM OF INDIGENOUS FOODWAYS

For millennia, Indigenous communities have stewarded the land and produced food in a way that nourishes people and restores the Earth. At SXSW 2023 and COP27, Food Tank screened the forthcoming Food 2050 film, which argues for the importance of valuing Indigenous knowledge systems, and held post-screening panel discussions. These themes were also explored further in articles such as "Bringing Regenerative Agriculture Back to Indigenous Communities."

THE INTERSECTION OF FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY

Technology is advancing at an awe-inspiring pace, but it must be used responsibly to ensure that it promotes equity and inclusion. Food Tank convenes the Refresh Working Group, comprised of leaders working at the intersection of food and technology, to engage in research and collective action on this issue. And with the working group's support, Food Tank co-hosted "Technology and the Future of Our Food Systems," a Summit to explore how data and technology can improve food security, drive traceability and transparency in supply chains, and produce food sustainably.

FOOD LOSS AND FOOD WASTE

Nearly one-third of all food produced in the world continues to go to waste each year. Together with our partners, Food Tank hosted events in support of and celebrated the passage of the Food Donation Improvement Act, a bi-partisan piece of legislation that will make it easier for businesses to donate surplus food. During major events including COP27 and Expo East, Food Tank also organized panel discussions to address challenges to reducing food loss and waste as well as new opportunities to develop and scale solutions.



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.

Sam Acho, ESPN sports analyst, a nine-year veteran of the NFL, a Vice President of the NFL Players Association, author

Eric Adjepong, Chef

Keith Agoada, CEO, Producers Trust

Naglaa Ahmed, Manager, Egyptian Biodynamic Association

Zia Ahmed, Senior Director, Ohio State University Dining Services

Kayalin Akens-Irby, Head of Growth, Planet FWD

Mary Beth Albright, Journalist, Washington Post

Elysabeth Alfano, Co-Founder, VegTech

Robert Nathan Allen, Founder and Executive Director, Little Herds

Desmond Alugnoa, Co-Founder, Green Africa Youth Organization

Tarifa Alzaabi, Acting Director General, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture

Inger Andersen, Under-Secretary-General, UN and Executive Director, UN Environment Programme

Regina Anderson, Executive Director, Food Recovery Network

Stuart Appelbaum, President, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU)

Allison Aubrey, National Public Radio

Lisa Barden, Executive Director, Keep Austin Fed

Lucie Basch, Co-Founder, Too Good To Go

Jess Baum, Sr. Director of Regenerative Impact, Bonterra Organic Estates

Rick Bayless, Chef and Restaurateur

Melissa Beerman, County Director, Iowa State University

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

Amy Bell, CEO, The Cook's Nook

Kamal Bell, Founder, Sankofa Farms

TemuAsyr Martin Bey, Land Advocacy Fellow, National Young Farmers Coalition

U.S. Congressman **Earl Blumenauer**

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Ariella J. Brown, Coordinator, BIPOC Farming Network

Michelle Moskowitz Brown, Executive Director, Local Matters

Lasse Bruun, CEO, 50by40

Jennifer Bushman, Founder, Fed by Blue

Maryann Byrdak, CIO, Feeding America





Natalie Byrne, Founder, Blankspace

Yvette Cabrera, Director of Food Waste, Natural Resources Defense Council

Oliver Camp, Senior Associate, Nature Positive Actions for Healthy Diets, GAIN

Erica Campbell, Policy Director, Kiss the Ground

U.S. Congressmember **Salud Carbajal**

Christopher Carter, Author and Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, University of San Diego

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

Brett Chase, Environmental Journalist, Chicago Sun-Times

Nadia Chaudhury, Editor, Eater Austin

Ariel Cheung, Journalist, Chicago Tribune

Bobby Chinn, Celebrity Chef, Urban Eats Campaign Ambassador

Eugene Cho, President and CEO, Bread for the World

Celize Christy, Organizer, HEAL Food Alliance

Andrea Chu, Director of Impact, Vital Farms

Dianna Cohen, Co-Founder, Plastic Pollution Coalition

Evadne Cokeh, VP of Social and Environmental Responsibility, ButcherBox

Tom Colicchio, Chef and Owner, Crafted Hospitality

Jeremy Collier, Chairman, Collier Capital

Julia Collins, Founder and CEO, Planet FWD / Moonshot

Jean-Pierre Comte, President, Barilla USA

Beth Conerty, Associate Director of Business Development, Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory

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

Linnea Covington, Freelance Journalist

Earlene Cruz, Founder and Director, Kitchen Connection

Chris Cumming, US VP of Sales, Kvaroy Arctic

Mike Curtin, CEO, DC Central Kitchen

Dr. John de la Parra, Director, Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation

Natalia De Los Rios, Youth Advocate

Eric Diamond, Co-Founder and CEO, Central Kitchen

Matt Dillon, Chief Sustainability Officer, Farmers Focus

Elsie DuBray, Intertribal Agriculture Council

Ure Emejuru, Youth Advocate

Anthony Edwards, Co-Founder, EatOkra

Erin Edwards, Dining Editor, Columbus Monthly

Richard Elm-Hill, Lead Program Officer, First Nations Development Institute

Bart Elmore, Author and Professor, Ohio State University

Monica Eng, Journalist & Podcast Host, AXIOS

Jennifer England, Head of Partner Development, Food Rescue Hero

Oliver English, Filmmaker and Co-Founder and CEO, Common Table Creative

Simon English, Filmmaker and Co-Founder and Creative Director, Common Table Creative

Helena Bottemiller Evich, Founder and Editor in Chief, Food Fix

Hanneke Faber, President of Nutrition, Unilever

Michael Fakhri, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

Brian Peter Falk, Writer, Director, and Producer

Sara Farley, Vice President, Global Food Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation

Alejandro Figueroa, Journalist, WYSO-NPR

Martina Fleckenstein, Global Policy Director Food, WWF International



Patty Fong, Program Director, Climate and Health & Well-Being, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

Michael Foster, Former Wayne Farms Poultry Worker

Elle Gadiant, Farmer and Farmer Advocate, Niman Ranch

Courtney Garcia, Head of Communications, Replate

Bill Gardner, PBS-Vice President, Multiplatform Programming & Head of Development

Jennifer Garner, Assistant Professor, College of Medicine and John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Ohio State University

Rajiv Garodia, SVP and Global Head, Visa

Greg Garrett, Executive Director, Access to Nutrition Initiative

Lacey Gautier, Vice President of Events, New Hope Network

Joel Gindo, Farmer

Dan Glickman, Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

Alexandra Golub, Senior Specialist of Social Impact, Misfits Market

Mark Gough, CEO, Capitals Coalition

Alisa Gravitz, President and CEO, Green America

Rini Greenfield, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Rethink Food

Will Guidara, Restaurateur

Anuj Gupta, Chief of Staff to U.S. Representative Dwight Evans

Shoshanah Inwood, Associate Professor, Ohio State University

Jocelyn Brown Hall, Director, FAO Liaison Office for North America

Neil Hamilton, Professor, Drake University Law School

Shayna Harris, Managing Partner, Supply Change Capital

Tamar Haspel, Author and Columnist, Washington Post

Amy Healy, Vice President and Head of Government Relations, GrubHub

Emily Heil, Journalist, The Washington Post

Camille Herrera, Packaging Development and Sustainability Manager, Driscoll's

Michael Hirtzer, Journalist, Bloomberg

Jada Hoerr, Chief Resource Officer, Midwest Food Bank

Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Mark Hyman, NY Times Best-selling Author and Founder and Director, UltraWellness Center



Bill Jackson, Executive Director, Discovery Partners Institute

David Jackson, Director of Marketing & Public Affairs, Winnow

Nico Janssen, Programme Manager, IKEA Foundation

Steven Jennings, Stakeholder Relations, Ahold Delhaize USA

Julia Johnson, Head of Food Business, Compassion in World Farming

Kim Johnson, Filmmaker, Johnson+Stories

Kristina M. Johnson, President, Ohio State University

Stephen Jones, Chef, The Larder + The Delta

Salima Jones-Daley, Interim Executive Director, National Young Farmers Coalition

Mark Kaplan, Co-Founder, Envisible

Jim Kenney, Mayor of Philadelphia

Asif Khan, Director of Strategy and Impact, Picture Motion

Taeryn Kim, Scientist and Cell Biology Co-Lead, Wildtype

Lela Klein, Board Member, Gem City Market

Michael Klein, Food Writer, Philadelphia Inquirer

Jerusha Klemperer, Director, FoodPrint

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Sangeeta Lakhani, Chef and Executive Director, Service! Relief Effort for Hospitality Industry

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Ron Mardesen, Farmer

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Ted Matthews, Director, Rural Mental Health Outreach Program

Verónica Mazariegos-Anastassiou, Farmer and Co-Operator, Brisa Ranch

Maximo Mazzocco, UNDP Generation 17 Global Ambassador; Founder, Eco House Global

Kerri McClimen, Vice President, Niman Ranch

Katie McCoshan, Policy and International Engagement Manager, Food and Land Use Coalition

Sally McGee, Project Manager, Shellfish Growers Climate Coalition

LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

U.S. Congressman **Jim McGovern**

Megan Meiklejohn, SVP, Supply Chain Innovation, Land to Market

Andre Menezes, Co-Founder and CEO, Next Gen Foods

Megan Morikawa, Global Director of Sustainability, Iberostar Group

Lisa Moon, President & CEO, The Global FoodBanking Network

Taijuan Moorman, Journalist, Columbus Dispatch

Edie Mukiibi, President, Slow Food International

Fabricio Muriana, Co-Founder, Asociado do Instituto Regenera

Kim Nace, Co-Founder, Rich Earth Institute

Noah Nasiali-Kadima, Farmer, CEO & Founder, Africa Farmers Network

Rosamond Naylor, Co-Chair, Blue Food Assessment

Marion Nestle, Author and Professor Emerita, New York University

Paul Newnham, Director, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 Advocacy Hub

U.S. Congressman **Marie Newman**

Sandra Noonan, Chief Sustainability Officer, Just Salad

U.S. Congressman

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Highlights

Food Tank produced dozens of events, grew our working groups, and much more in an incredible year of action. This is just a snapshot of what we accomplished.



FIGHTING FOOD WASTE AND INSECURITY

In July 2022, Food Tank hosted a Summit for policymakers at the U.S. Capitol focused on the Food Donation Improvement Act. It brought together more than 500 attendees from more than five dozen U.S. Congressional Offices in partnership with WW, Harvard University Law School Food Policy Clinic, and the Healthy Living Coalition. We held sessions moderated by the Washington Post and NPR and featured more than 30 speakers including Tom Colicchio, celebrity chef and owner of Crafted Hospitality; U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern (MA); U.S. Congressman Chellie Pingree (ME); U.S. Congressman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX); U.S. Congressman Carolyn Maloney (NY); U.S. Congressman Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC); Sima Sistani, CEO of WeightWatchers International; and many more.

STRENGTHENING FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY RESEARCH

In 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration held the first White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in more than 50 years and released a National Strategy to end hunger, reduce diet-related diseases, and increase physical activity. In the leadup to the Conference, Food Tank held a virtual, interactive listening session focused on breaking down silos to enhance food and nutrition security research. Takeaways from the event were compiled into a report for the White House's consideration as they developed their National Strategy. Speakers included Marion Nestle of New York University, Tamra Raye Stevenson of WANDA, Adrian Lipscombe of the 40 Acres Project, Teresa Mares of the University of Vermont, and Erin Lentz of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF OUR FOOD SYSTEMS

In August, Food Tank partnered with the University of Illinois-Chicago for a Summit on the intersection of food and technology, with the support of Google and Compass Group. The event packed the auditorium with more than 700 highly curated attendees and featured more than 40 speakers including Sam Acho of ESPN, chef and restaurateur Rick Bayless, Congressman Cheri Bustos, Maryann Byrdak of Feeding America, Jean-Pierre Comte of Barilla Americas, Ertharin Cousin of Food Systems for the Future, Elsie DuBray of Stanford University, U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, U.S. Congressman Marie Newman, U.S. Congressman Jan Schakowsky, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and many more. Conversations were moderated by Chicago-based food and agriculture journalists with the Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, AXIOS, Bloomberg News, NBC 5 News, and the Chicago Reader.

HOG FARMER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

September gave us the opportunity to travel to Des Moines, Iowa, where we co-hosted the 2022 Hog Farmer Appreciation Celebration in partnership with Niman Ranch. The event featured an inspiring educational summit along with a dinner to honor America's family farmers, who are contributing to the resilience



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of our food and agriculture systems. Speakers included Kim Severson of the New York Times, Chef Adrian Lipscombe of the 40 Acres Project, Niman Ranch founding hog farmer Paul Willis, Dawn Sherman of Native American Natural Foods, Evadne Cokoh of Butcherbox, Katherine Un of the National Young Farmers Coalition, and many more.

FOOD TANK AT EXPO EAST 2022

Food Tank partnered with New Hope Network to develop programming at the Sustainability Summit of the Natural Products Expo East in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Conversations—aimed at encouraging the natural products industry to embrace organic and regenerative agriculture, engage in climate action, and foster equity—focused on the future of regenerative agriculture, grassroots efforts to prevent food loss and waste, and the power of storytelling to improve sustainable practices. Speakers included Katie Hart of ReFED, Evan Lutz of Hungry Harvest, Salima Jones-Daley of the National Young Farmers Coalition, Marion Nestle of New York University, Jeff Tkach of the Rodale Institute, and more.

EDIBLE INSTITUTE 2022

In October, we went to Denver, Colorado, where we partnered with Edible Communities on their annual Edible Institute to celebrate 20 years of storytelling on local food systems. The agenda focused on transparency, traceability, and trust, with conversations exploring issues around food labeling, innovations in packaging, and more. Speakers included Dianna Cohen of the Plastic Pollution Coalition, Jerusha Klemperer of FoodPrint, Camille Herrera of Driscoll's, Turner Wyatt of the Upcycled Food Association, and Ron Mardesen of Niman Ranch.

WORLD FOOD DAY

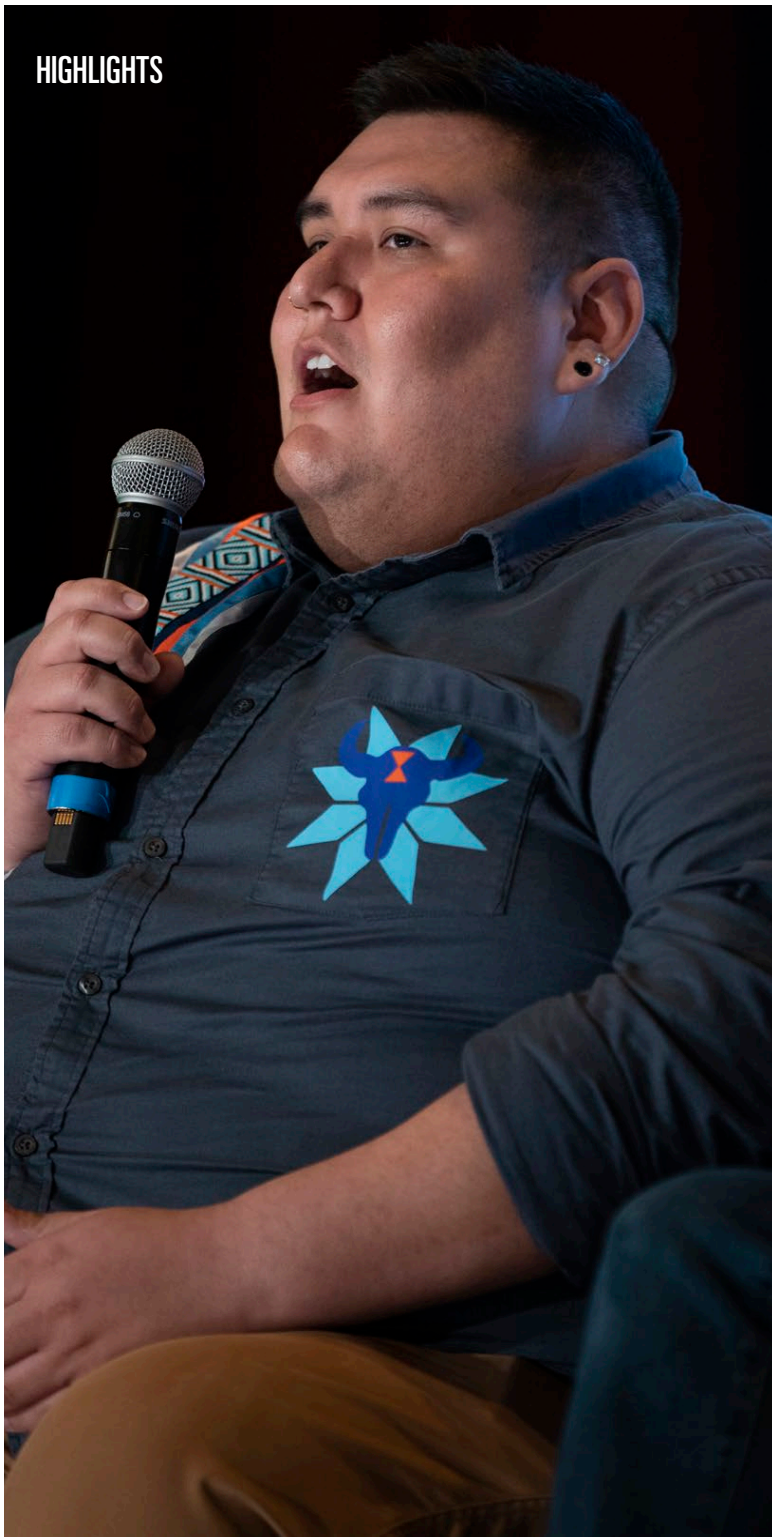
In honor of World Food Day in October, Food Tank partnered with Ohio State University, the Ohio Food Policy Network, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the U.N. Environment Programme to host the official North America World Food Day Celebration. Speakers included former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, author and nutritionist Marion Nestle, Baldemar Velasquez of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, World Food Prize recipient Dr. Rattan Lal of OSU, Jocelyn Brown Hall of the FAO Liaison Office for North America, and more.

UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

In November, Food Tank traveled to Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, for the U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP27), where we celebrated the first official Adaptation and Agriculture Day. The Conference also saw the first-ever pavilions dedicated to food and agriculture, and we are proud that Food Tank was the only organization present in all four of them. Food Tank's 8 days of programming, featuring more than 200 speakers and drawing more than 2,500 attendees, highlighted food and agriculture systems as a solution to the climate crisis.



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A NOURISHING FUTURE ON LAND AND SEA

In 2023, Food Tank kicked off the year with three days of talks, film screenings, tastings, and music during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. Hosted in partnership with Fed by Blue and the Auberge Resorts Lodge at Blue Sky, the event, titled A Nourishing Future on Land and Sea, celebrated the power of film as a mode of storytelling, the importance of aquatic food systems, and the link between consumption patterns and the health of the planet. Speakers included Celebrity Chef Andrew Zimmern, Jennifer Bushman of Fed by Blue, filmmakers Oliver and Simon English, and more.

FOOD TANK AT SXSW 2023

In March, Food Tank hosted an official SXSW event, “All Things Food,” a full-day Summit held in collaboration with Huston-Tillotson University and Driscoll’s. The day featured more than 50 speakers, three food-focused film screenings, and the theatrical debut of “Little Peasants.” Speakers included Congressman Earl Blumenauer, A-dae Romero Briones of the First Nations Development Institute, Jahiel Oliver of Hello Tractor, Dr. Rupa Marya of the Deep Medicine Circle, Jacob Pechenik of Lettuce Grow, Pierre Thiam of Yolélé, and many more. Food Tank also hosted two official SXSW PanelPicker sessions, “The Legislation That Can Fight Hunger & Food Waste” and “Peek Behind Closed Doors: Union Organizing in Food.”

GROUND-TRUTHING IN SENEGAL

Immediately following SXSW, Food Tank traveled to Senegal as part of a partnership with the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research (CORAF) to conduct an agricultural research innovation tour. Meetings with farmers, scientists, funders, and donors highlighted opportunities to improve the resilience of West and Central Africa’s dryland food systems. The research explored the importance of participatory research, the urgent need to invest in women producers, and the value of growing traditional crops that boost climate resilience.





Food Tank Moderated Or Spoke As Part Of These Major Events

- Milken Institute Global Conference
- Food Waste Solutions Summit
- Slow Seed Summit
- Stockholm+50: Appetites for Change
- UN Climate Summit Bonn
- Fifth World Congress on Agroforestry
- CEFS Symposium on Agriculture, Food Systems and Climate Change
- UN General Assembly: Blueprint for the Future: Oceans, Food and Finance
- Terra Madre
- World Food Prize
- Milken Institute Future of Health Summit
- Oxford Farming Conference
- Food Tech Challenge
- Expo West

Trusted with support from The Rockefeller Foundation and the Global Alliance for the Future of Food, along with partnerships that include Harvard University, the James Beard Foundation, and The New York Times.



Social Impact

Food Tank continues to be at the nexus of discussions around food and agriculture at local, national, and international levels.

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 Washington Post, the New York Times, Politico, ABC News, Forbes Magazine, WABE, Bloomberg, and the Food and Environment Reporting Network.
- Nearly 100 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. The achievements of our team—three full-time members—seem like they were accomplished by an organization 10 times our size.



Food Tank Roadmap

Here are just a few examples of what we have been able to accomplish that we will continue to build on in the year ahead.

DOMESTIC POLICY

Food Donation Improvement Act. Landmark bi-partisan legislation that reduces both food waste and food insecurity was passed by both chambers of the U.S. Congress in December 2022 and signed into law by President Biden in January 2023. Food Tank led a diverse coalition of stakeholders, managed Capitol Hill events and programming, ran petition campaigns, held public education events featuring policymakers, and much more. Bill author U.S. Representative Jim McGovern said Food Tank was essential in leading to the bill's passage. In 2023, we will focus on fully supporting the implementation of the legislation.

Food Tank has entered a collaboration with the White House to support the Biden-Harris Administration's National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. This work includes co-hosting a Food is Medicine Summit in Boston on June 20, 2023 (with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University) and another Summit on Food Access and Affordability in Chicago on Aug 2, 2023, among many other joint deliverables.

Food Tank is launching a stakeholder coalition called the Forum for Farmers and Food Security, formally announced during the AIM for Climate Summit in May 2023. The Forum will improve global food and nutrition security while illuminating the inextricable link between food and agriculture systems and climate resilience. Food Tank convened a half dozen agricultural ministers from the Global South in Washington, D.C., and led policymaker education on Capitol Hill in collaboration with U.S. Senator Chris Coons and U.S. Representative Sara Jacobs.

After co-hosting a successful event in August 2022, Food Tank will once again bring together 500 small-scale U.S. hog farmers in Des Moines, Iowa, in partnership with Niman Ranch. This gathering will showcase regenerative, humane practices that serve as alternative models to the factory farm industry. This coalition has been critical to wins around animal agriculture, such as the U.S. Supreme Court choosing to uphold the California animal-welfare law (Proposition 12) this year. Ruth Reichl, Alice Waters, Michael Pollan, and many other chefs and food systems advocates have participated in these convenings.





INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Before 2022, there was never a food systems pavilion at the U.N. Climate Change Conference. But at COP27, we saw not just one, but four pavilions dedicated to food and agriculture systems. Food Tank was the only organization to curate official programming across all four of these spaces, where we brought together nearly 150 speakers for more than three dozen panels. In 2023, Food Tank is working closely with U.N. partners and governments to lead programming at COP28 in Dubai, where we will continue to spotlight food and agriculture as a critical solution to the climate crisis.

In September 2023, Food Tank is partnering with the Steinhardt School at New York University to co-host a Summit during NYC Climate Week, hosted at National Public Radio (WNYC Studios). The event will bring together six U.N. organizations (UNESCO, UNEP, UNDP, WFP, FAO, IFAD) that will each organize panel discussions to center solutions in food and agriculture systems that can mitigate the climate crisis. It is truly an unprecedented opportunity to bring together these U.N. agencies whose work touches on food to build momentum during the U.N. General Assembly.

After a successful Summit on World Food Day in 2022, Food Tank will once again partner with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in October 2023 to co-host the Official North America World Food Day event. Focused on the link between water and food and agriculture systems, the Summit will be held in Vancouver, Canada—the first-ever Food Tank Summit to take place in the country.

TRANSFORMING CULTURE

Food Tank has continued to showcase the power of storytelling through screenings of films and docuseries. In January 2023, Food Tank led three days of talks and screenings during Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. With hundreds of entertainment executives in attendance, the events highlighted films including “Food 2050,” “Hope in the Water,” “Feeding Tomorrow,” and “Food and Country.”

In March 2023, Food Tank received a special exemption to host free official programming during the 2023 SXSW Conference & Festivals, allowing members of the public to attend for free without purchasing a badge. During the festival, Food Tank debuted our second theatrical production, “Unicorn Coffee,” to tell the story of the plight of low-wage workers in food retail. It was selected to be performed in a main ballroom at SXSW, and the play was followed by a panel discussion with food chain workers and labor organizers. It was also accepted and performed a second time at SXSW, in partnership with the University of Texas-Austin’s MFA Directing program. Both performances received extended standing ovations and preceded panel discussions.





Based on the initial response, Food Tank decided to extend “Unicorn Coffee,” originally written as one act, into a full-length performance. April 2023 was dedicated to interviewing dozens of food service retail workers, and a full-length script will be completed in June. Later in 2023, Food Tank will debut the next iteration of the play in its full form.

CREATING NETWORKS

Food Tank initiated, manages, and convenes a network of Chief Sustainability Officers with more than 220 food business leaders—the largest network of its kind. We convene the group monthly and bring in case studies, best practices, and guest speakers, offering meaningful ways for these leaders to work together and support one another in the spirit of “coopertition.” Members include most of the biggest food brands in the world, who work with and learn from dozens of mission-driven companies.

Food Tank created, manages, and operates a thriving network of academic leaders as part of our Academic Working Group. We bring together faculty and department directors from food and nutrition studies and other adjacent fields such as environmental studies, medical and nursing programs, and more. Representing institutions from all 50 U.S. states, members are working together to amplify research, collaborate on advocacy campaigns such as an initiative against hunger in higher education, offer free public educational programming on food issues, and develop curricula.

Food Tank runs other successful networks including the Refresh Working Group, in partnership with Google, where we look at the intersection of food and technology, as well as a network of more than 1,500 food nonprofits across all 50 states in partnership with the James Beard Foundation.

In July 2023, we will launch a new partnership with the Volgenau Climate Initiative to bring together the approximately 30,000 food and environmental nonprofits. This coalition will unite organizations around shared messaging and campaigns—something that tragically does not yet exist but can be truly transformative as we work to balance the influence of business on our food and agriculture systems.

Food Tank continues to also publish original research and articles daily (365 days a year), including investigative work on some of the most under-covered yet pressing food issues. We reach nearly 1 million combined followers on social media, publish a weekly newsletter that reaches 275,000 key stakeholders, produce a weekly podcast “Food Talk with Dani Nierenberg” that is chart-ranking in the food category of Apple Podcasts, publish a twice-monthly column in Forbes, and so much more.



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Food Tank Chief Sustainability Officer Group

Food Tank's CSO Group brings together Chief Sustainability Officers (CSO) and Impact Directors that are defining business leadership around sustainability. Representing the most innovative small, medium, and large businesses, the group addresses the growing need for broader networking and collaboration to drive change in the food system. Through presentations, case studies, social events, peer-to-peer mentoring, and important conversations, the CSO group hopes to inspire meaningful change in the private sector.

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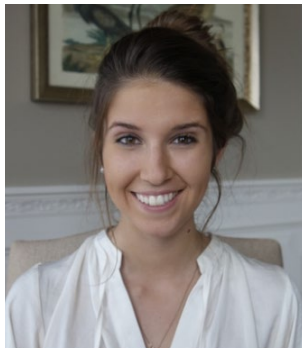
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