

# SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LFPA)

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Through the LFPA Program, SCDA is working to identify South Carolina's socially disadvantaged farmers and producers to provide them with an opportunity to sell their food. Purchased food will then be distributed to local underserved communities, helping both the producers and the communities they serve.



## What is the LFPA program?

The Local Food Purchase Assistance program is a cooperative agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA). SCDA was awarded \$4.7 million to purchase food from local, socially disadvantaged producers to distribute to underserved populations within our communities. In addition to increasing consumption of local, healthy, and culturally unique foods, this program will help build and expand economic opportunity for the socially disadvantaged producers of South Carolina.

- SCDA will partner with 12 or more approved aggregators to help them purchase local food products.
- To facilitate the connection between producers and aggregators, SCDA is working to identify South Carolina producers that would like to sell product through this program, with a focus on those that identify as socially disadvantaged.

## What types of products can be purchased? Is it limited to just fresh produce?

The LFPA Program is not limited to fresh produce. Any food or beverage products that are grown and produced in South Carolina or within 400 miles of the delivery destination are permissible. This includes processed products and seafood.

## I'm a farmer or producer who would like to sell my food. How do I connect with funded groups?

If you are a South Carolina producer and would like to participate, please fill out the Producer Registration Form located online at [agriculture.sc.gov/lfpa](http://agriculture.sc.gov/lfpa). Your information will be used to build a database so aggregators can get in touch with you and purchase your food.

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