



Celebrating one year of Young Farmers' One Million Acres for the Future Campaign.



Since launching our One Million Acres for the Future campaign in November 2021 with the support of Chipotle, the Young Farmers' team has been working hard to build power for our farmer leaders and to change federal policy—and we have started to see this work pay off!

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MARCH

We onboarded 100 current and aspiring farmers for a two-year, paid advocacy & leadership fellowship.

APRIL & AUGUST

Fellows participated in 85 meetings across 29 different states.



APRIL

Michigan Organizer, Payge Solidago, alongside Land Advocacy Fellows Candius Elliott of Workin Roots Farm and Detra Iverson of Love n Labor Botanicals, represented our 2023 Farm Bill priorities during the first farm bill field hearing in Lansing, Michigan.

“It was a great opportunity to speak with a staff member of my Representative’s office about difficulties accessing USDA programs for young, BIPOC farmers. My first in-district was a good entry point into developing a lasting relationship with that office.”

-Iriel Edwards of Jubilee Justice in Alexandria, Louisiana, after her meeting with Congresswoman Julia Letto



PICTURED RIGHT: Andy Chae with Fisheye Farms, meeting with Representative Thanedar of Michigan

CENTERING BIPOC VOICES & BIPOC-LED PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

We strengthened close partnerships with BIPOC-led organizations working on federal policy and coordinated with numerous other federal policy advocacy organizations working toward equitable policy change, including

// the Intertribal Agriculture Council, Federation of Southern Cooperatives, National Family Farm Coalition, Rural Coalition, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, Rural Advancement Fund International, American Farmland Trust, Natural Resources Defense Council, and more.

DRIVEN BY OUR GOAL TO ACHIEVE BOLD POLICY CHANGE & DESIGNED AROUND POLITICAL POSSIBILITY

Our policy team held meetings with members of the Biden-Harris Administration’s agriculture team, along with numerous high-level USDA meetings.

Our staff supported farmer Julia Asherman, of Rag & Frass Farm in Georgia, in delivering a powerful testimony to the House Agriculture Committee on the intersection of land access & finance.



AUGUST

USDA announced the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program, a historic \$300 million funding opportunity for projects that will increase land access for underserved farmers, including funding for innovative ways to connect available land to underserved producers who have challenges in accessing land, or restore lands into the hands of those who have been underserved. This program was directly aligned with our policy platform and top farm bill asks.

Recognizing the immense opportunity but lack of awareness and capacity on the ground, Young Farmers mobilized a rapid response with support from 11th Hour Project, a program of the Schmidt Family Foundation, to conduct outreach with partners to community groups and offer grant writing support to organizations to ensure equitable access to the program.

As a result of this effort, we:

Supported 19 applications, the majority of which were submitted by BIPOC-led organizations, ultimately requesting over \$130 million and involving 91 partner organizations across 30 states.

Conducted outreach to 339 organizations to ensure program awareness and supported 92 organizations with technical assistance.

Submitted a letter on behalf of 99 partners asking USDA to allow more time for equitable access to program funding. We received an extension of 3 weeks.

Held a series of listening sessions with organizations and farmers in December to learn how we can advocate for future funding opportunities like this to better meet the needs of our network.



MARCH 2023

We brought over 100 farmers to D.C., who participated in 155 meetings with their members of Congress and USDA officials in the largest young farmer fly-in ever. We focused on asks related to equitable land access, climate, water, and stress assistance.



JOIN US!

While we have a lot to celebrate and reflect on already, we need there is so much more work to be done. 2023 is going to be a major year for our campaign organizing efforts, as the 2023 Farm Bill will dictate U.S. land policy more than any other policy decision over the next decade. We need to ensure that Congress makes the historic investment in equitable land access that our farmers are calling for.

If you are excited to join us in this advocacy effort, sign up to receive updates & action alerts here: p2a.co/land