

Vote for Your Food

Growing Together: A National Conversation about Food, Community, and Common Ground

Across the country, people who disagree about politics still share something fundamental: they care about the food they grow, buy, prepare, and eat, and about the communities that depend on it. Farmers, ranchers, business owners, public health leaders, educators, and families across rural and urban America want many of the same things: *healthy, affordable food, strong local economies, and a stable future.*

Yet food and agriculture conversations too often become polarized. **Vote for Your Food** is a national effort from Roots of Change to identify where common ground already exists and how it can be strengthened. The goal is not agreement on every issue, but practical collaboration where it is possible and useful.

Our experience suggests food can be a uniquely constructive entry point. Rural and urban communities are deeply connected through food systems, markets, and shared challenges. By bringing together people across sectors and perspectives, this initiative will help surface ideas, test what resonates, and build from areas of alignment.

Food is one of the few parts of American life that everyone depends on. By starting there, **Vote for Your Food** aims to *strengthen trust, support a healthier and more resilient food system, and expand what communities can accomplish together.*



Objectives

- Build common ground across communities
- Advance food system solutions and policies
- Strengthen and build trust across differences
- Deepen civic engagement through food

