



# FAN Updates

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From all of us on the Government Relations and Advocacy Team here at the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!



## Ohio Special Election Results

We wanted to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation for those who participated in the November election in Ohio. Democracy thrives when individuals like you take an active role in shaping the future of our community and nation. You can check out official election results [here](#).

Thank you for your engagement and for making your voice heard!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing opportunities are available at all locations such as the new **Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road**! Our agency partners need the support of community members to meet the growing needs of our neighbors and that is especially true in the coming months. To learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, visit <http://vhub.at/MOF>.



## Another Federal Government Shutdown Aversion

A little timelier this go-around - Congress passed, and the President signed, a bipartisan continuing resolution extending current government funding through **Friday, Jan. 19** for some departments and agencies, including USDA and our priority programs, or **Friday, Feb. 2** for the remaining departments. This will allow federal nutrition programs to continue without disruption.

Should Congress fail to pass appropriations legislation to fund government functions or another continuing resolution by the above dates, a partial government shutdown would begin on **Saturday, Jan. 20** with a full government shutdown on **Saturday, Feb. 3**.

## Continuing Resolution Extends 2018 Farm Bill for One Year

The continuing resolution passed by Congress includes a one-year extension of the 2018 Farm Bill through Sept. 30, 2024, retroactive to the beginning of this fiscal year on Oct. 1. This authorizes the continuity of all mandatory and discretionary programs in their current form, while Congress continues to negotiate critical updates to include in the next farm bill reauthorization. Congressional farm bill negotiators have already stated their intention to move swiftly in 2024 to consider farm bill legislation.

## USDA Findings Show Increase in Food



### Advocacy Resources:

Access [advocacy resources](#) and [FAN updates](#) here; or, for federal advocacy information, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center](#) (FRAC) advocacy sites.

The USDA recently released its report: *Household Food Security in the United States in 2022*. The data is sobering, showing that 44 million people (1 in 7), including 13 million children (1 in 5), in the U.S. lived in food-insecure households in 2022. This is an increase of **31%** and **44%** respectively from 2021, the highest rate and number since 2014 and the largest one-year increase since 2008.

In the month before the 2022 survey, about 55% of households experiencing food insecurity took advantage of one or more of the three main federal nutrition assistance programs: the National School Lunch Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

To learn more about the report, you can check it out [here](#).

Find out how you can become an advocate for MOFC and those we serve at <https://mofc.org/advocacy/>.

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