

Ryan Yoder Testimony for House on Crop Cash

1. Please fund this program and if possible the crop cash plus.
2. By matching EBT funding crop cash brings a LOT of lower income shoppers to the farmers market's allowing them to participate in the local food economy
3. This increases our farms revenue by around \$150/week during the main growing season – both from extra EBT sales and the crop cash itself.
4. The local food available at the farmers market is fresher, more nutrient dense, and less full of toxic residue, processing chemicals and etc. than food at stores.
5. Making healthier food available to more people is probably the best way that we can begin to address the epidemic of chronic disease that is creating so much unnecessary suffering.
6. Addressing chronic disease will ultimately redirect resources from the medical-industrial complex into other parts of our local economy allowing our state to thrive.
7. Additionally, local organic agriculture – “regenerative” practices – are the most realistic way to address the ecological problems that our society faces, ensuring that we keep small scale, diversified, regenerative farms thriving is one of the best ways we can ensure a healthy livable future.
8. So please fund the crop cash program and consider building on it the future as a way to create the most impact with federal dollars.