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F R O M: Gabe Johnson, Chair   
Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public  
Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT RELATING TO  
MAUI COUNTY FOOD SECURITY** (ADEPT-1(7))

The attached informational document pertains to Item 1(7) on the  
Committee's agenda.

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# FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY PLAN 2025-2030 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The Maui County Food and Nutrition Security Plan was created to ensure that all Maui County residents have access to affordable, nutritious, culturally appropriate food. This plan acknowledges the power of our local food system as a driver of health, cultural connection, and resilience, especially for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, and aims to facilitate measurable change in our food system by 2030.

Creating this plan involved over 900 Maui, Molokai, and Lānaʻi residents who shared input through community listening sessions between 2021 and 2024, a comprehensive food system needs assessment, surveys, and two rounds of community feedback on the plan. For more details on the community engagement and local data that informed this plan, please access the full Food and Nutrition Security Plan on the Maui County Department of Agriculture’s website.

This plan lays out strategic recommendations to improve nutrition security, climate and emergency resilience, and opportunities for local food producers within Maui County from 2025-2030. The recommendations are organized into four broad goals that focus on different parts of the food system.

The four goals are interconnected and build on each other to achieve food and nutrition security for all Maui County residents



Each goal includes **Objectives**, targets that focus on community-identified opportunities and barriers in that part of the food system. See the full plan for the complete list of each objective’s **Actions**, the specific policies and programs to achieve each objective, and **Action Leads**, the community leaders, organizations, and businesses committed to implementing each action.

# Goals & Objectives

## Goal 1: Ensure all residents have access to nourishing, culturally relevant foods at all times

Objective 1.1	Increase community self-sufficiency by supporting home food production
Objective 1.2	Increase community access to wild foods
Objective 1.3	Increase individual and community capacity to remain food secure in times of emergency
Objective 1.4	Develop innovative programs to increase access to nourishing, culturally relevant foods and lower rates of chronic diseases, especially in rural areas and Pacific Islander communities
Objective 1.5	Leverage existing institutions, infrastructure, and programs, including those funded by USDA, to increase access to nourishing foods with a focus on keiki and kūpuna

## Goal 2: Support producers and expand food production to create an abundant, self-sufficient food system

Objective 2.1	Improve water infrastructure and management to support food production
Objective 2.2	Diversify food production and increase the amount of food grown for local consumption, with a focus on culturally relevant foods and sustainable protein sources
Objective 2.3	Protect and expand access to agricultural land
Objective 2.4	Assist producers in navigating current regulations and identify opportunities to streamline permitting and remove unnecessary regulations
Objective 2.5	Improve agriculture infrastructure and establish new facilities to increase capacity and resilience
Objective 2.6	Increase access to ongoing advancement and supportive resources for current producers

### Goal 3: Build vibrant local food economies & profitable career pathways for producers & food system workers

Objective 3.1	Increase farm viability and the viability of agriculture as a sustainable and fulfilling career
Objective 3.2	Increase market access for local producers & support value chain coordination
Objective 3.3	Assist food system entrepreneurs to grow and sustain their businesses
Objective 3.4	Create educational pathways to develop future generations of producers and food systems professionals

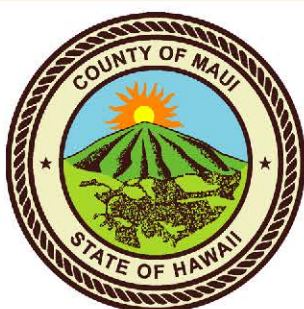
### Goal 4: Promote healthy, resilient ecosystems & responsible resource stewardship

Objective 4.1	Promote food waste diversion, composting, and other efforts that reduce waste and improve soil health
Objective 4.2	Manage invasive species populations
Objective 4.3	Support mauka to makai resource management practices

## Implementing the plan

The plan will be carried out and co-led by community leaders, including non-profits, small businesses, and government-supported projects working to build a better food system for Molokai, Lānaʻi, and Maui. The Maui County Department of Agriculture will oversee the advancement of the Food and Nutrition Security Plan's goals through ongoing coordination with the plan's co-leaders.

We believe that a community-driven food system that nourishes ʻāina and eliminates hunger for all Maui County residents is possible for our islands and achievable within our lifetimes. The Food and Nutrition Security Plan is designed to be dynamic and grow over time, and we invite your ongoing input. Please see the full plan for more information on how to get involved or offer feedback. We look forward to working together to build a brighter food future for Maui Nui.



## Connect with Us

We encourage you to reach out with any questions or feedback you have about this plan.

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