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WINTHROP, MAINE – [Right to Food for Maine](#) is pleased to announce that on Friday, October 29th at 6:00 pm, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) will host an informational webinar featuring Heather Retberg and Senator Craig Hickman about why Mainers should **Vote YES on Question 3**, the Right to Food for Maine Constitutional Amendment. Here is the link to register and attend: <https://www.mofga.org/event-calendar/webinar-the-right-to-food/>

“MOFGA envisions a future of healthy ecosystems, communities, people and economies sustained by the practices of organic agriculture,” says Deputy Director Heather Spalding. “This is a vision of an agriculture that generates the vast majority of the state’s food supply with locally, organically grown produce...Maine needs to ensure that policy incentives, and some safety nets, are in place at local, county, state, federal and, increasingly, international levels...The United States Constitution should have such an amendment. But, as with many other bold initiatives, it is fitting that Maine leads the discussion. More than 75% of the House and Senate voted to bring the Right to Food question to the ballot box this November.”

“MOFGA enthusiastically supports Question 3, and we invite you to join us for a conversation featuring leaders of the [Yes on 3 Campaign](#) to learn more about how Right to Food will empower all of us to address the badly broken food system and create a new one that is healthy and fair for all of us.”

MOFGA is the largest advocacy organization for farmers in the state.

A diverse coalition of individuals, farms and organizations across the state have endorsed a **Vote YES on Question 3** including:

Maine Legislature

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine ILA

Cumberland County Food Security Council

Food and Medicine Maine

Sierra Club of Maine

Slow Food Maine

Food for Maine’s Future

Local Food Rules

Maine Black Community Development

Renew Rockland

Maine Green Independent Party

Brooklin Food Corps

Blue Hill Coop

Midcoast Maine Permaculture

Eastern Woodlands Rematriation Collective

Halcyon Grange

National Family Farm Coalition

Right to Food National Community of Practice

Protect Our Harvest

When Mainers **Vote YES on 3**, the following [clear and straightforward language](#) that affirms our right to feed ourselves in self-determination and dignity will be included in the Constitution of Maine’s Declaration of Rights, becoming the first state in the nation to enumerate a Right to Food:

Section 25. Right to food. All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to food, including the right to save and exchange seeds and the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being, as long as an individual does not commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production or acquisition of food.

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Right to Food. Right for ME. Vote YES on Question 3.