



# CONNECTING THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM

## Phase 1 Timeline

**2022**  
Planning  
Fundraising  
Site Acquisition



**Early 2023**  
Construction  
Renovation



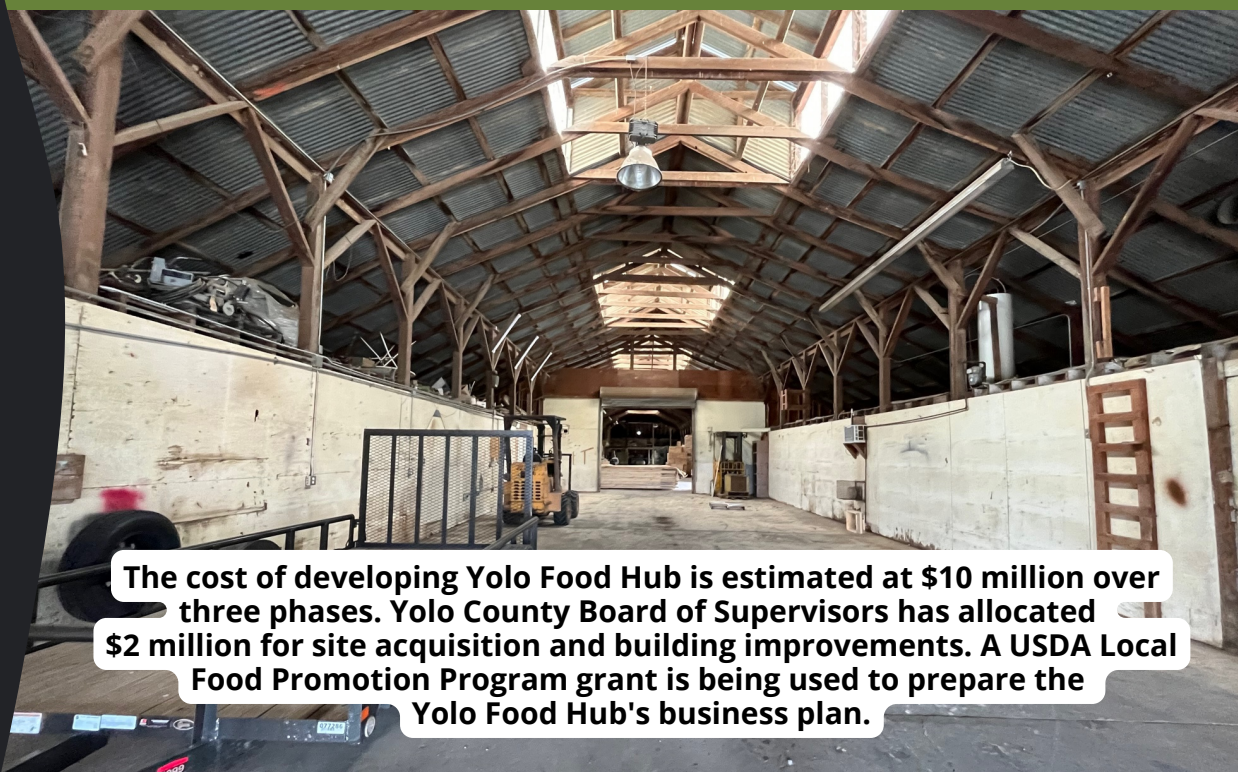
**Late 2023**  
Operational

## What is Yolo Food Hub?

The Yolo Food Hub is a new facility that will aggregate, store, process, package and distribute source-identified crops and foods locally grown in Yolo County and surrounding counties in the Greater Sacramento region - America's Farm to Fork Capital.

Located in Esparto, the gateway to the Capay Valley, the Yolo Food Hub will expand food production and distribution channels for growers and food and agriculture businesses in Yolo County and across the region, while at the same time bolstering local food and nutrition security and healthy food access, increasing employment and job training opportunities, and strengthening the resilience and sustainability of the regional food system.

The Yolo Food Hub will support a regional network of organizations by offering logistical support in aggregation, value-added processing, storage, marketing and distribution services. By offering a combination of value-creating services, Yolo Food Hub will enable farmers and producers to focus their efforts on producing healthy food for targeted markets such as schools and hospitals, strengthening their viability and providing opportunities for scaling.



The cost of developing Yolo Food Hub is estimated at \$10 million over three phases. Yolo County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$2 million for site acquisition and building improvements. A USDA Local Food Promotion Program grant is being used to prepare the Yolo Food Hub's business plan.

# THREE PHASES OF YOLO FOOD HUB

## Phase 1: (2022-2023) - \$3.7M

Phase 1 includes the purchase of the five acre property, taxes, insurance, fundraising, engineering, and architectural designs to retrofit 8,000 square feet of the existing barn, storage services, road improvements, solar energy, refrigeration, air conditioning, and permit fees.

*If funding needs are met, Yolo Food Hub will be operational by late fall, 2023.*

## Phase 2 (2023-2024 Fiscal Year) - \$3.4M

Phase 2 focuses on increasing Yolo Food Hub facility capacity to 12,000 square feet including equipment costs for new processing lines.

## Phase 3 (2024-2025 Fiscal Year) - \$3.3M

Phase 3 includes the purchase and development of the Esparto train depot and existing metal building, including designing and installing a commercial kitchen and retail business in the depot, and interior renovations and accessibility improvements throughout.

## Project Partners

The Yolo Food Hub is a collaborative project between New Season Community Development Corporation (NSCDC), Capay Valley Farm Shop (CVFS), Yolo Food Bank, Durst Organic Growers, Spork Food Hub, Hatamiya Group, Kitchen Table Advisors, and Valley Vision. Valley Vision is the planning project manager.

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## PHASE 1.

**PROPERTY  
ACQUISITION  
SITE IMPROVEMENTS  
OPERATIONAL**



## PHASE 2.

**EXPAND FACILITY  
& PROCESSING  
EQUIPMENT**



## PHASE 3.

**RETAIL &  
COMMERCIAL KITCHEN  
OPERATIONAL**



**TOTAL  
PROJECTED COST:**

**\$10.4M**

**Project Manager**



**Site Acquisition  
Project Funder**



**Business  
Planning  
Project Funder**

