



Thanks to supporters like you, Toxic Free NC has been fighting environmental injustice and advocating for pesticide reform since 1986. Take a look at some of our highlights from 2023.



Toxic Free NC's Health and Justice Organizer Ana Flores-Dolbow delivered **four workshops on the Worker Protection Standard** for 120 farmworkers, advocates, and outreach workers.

Six Women of Color Farmers joined us in DC to rally for climate action and advocate for equitable food and farming policies.



Our Program and Organizing Director Phoebe Gooding spoke about the importance of **equitable policies** at a **Farm Bill listening session**, one of many we joined this year alongside the NC Food Systems Advocacy Coalition.



OUR IMPACT

2023 BY THE NUMBERS



1200+

farmworkers on the frontlines received health outreach and pesticide safety training



31

environmental health and justice champions joined us at 25 legislator visits, listening sessions, and public comment forums



26

workshops and events for parents and community members, more than half of which were in Spanish



6

harmful "forever chemicals" included in EPA's new proposed regulatory standards



23

farmworkers and family members graduated from the first Environmental Justice Academy in Spanish



25

members of the Women of Color Farmers Network connected monthly to share skills and strengthen their farm businesses



102

Spray Free Zone yard signs in English and Spanish posted across NC to protect biodiversity



3

legal suits for clean water and polluter accountability



Through workshops and experiential activities, **EJ Academy Scholars** learned about climate and environmental health and justice issues and built skills for advocacy.



In partnership with Merrick Moore community in Durham, Program and Organizing Director Phoebe Gooding led a **Pesticide-Free Gardening workshop** in June. Toxic Free NC served as a fiscal sponsor for their grant to establish a food forest and community garden. **Toxic Free NC helped community partners access more than \$250,000 for projects** to strengthen local food sovereignty over the last 4 years.

2023 was a year of advocacy. We supported community members speaking up about water quality concerns, language injustice, discriminatory practices in USDA's farm loan programs, harmful pesticide impacts, and much more.



In October, we partnered with Farmer Bernard Obie of Abanitu Organics to host **(Re)imagining a World without Pesticides**, an inspiring day of heart-centered conversation and learning.

Parents and community members gained **training on advocacy and tools to protect health** through workshops and conversations on clean water, pesticide alternatives, safer baby products, toxic-free child care, food sovereignty, and more.



Ni Una Vida Mas! Alongside Farmworker Advocacy Network partners, we hosted a press conference and vigil for 5 workers who died in North Carolina in 2023 as a result of unjust labor conditions.

