



## Helping Local Farmers Grow

For the past seven years, community funders have come together to offer Local Farmer Awards of up to \$2,500 that help support farm infrastructure improvement projects. The goal of these awards is to help farmers better compete in the marketplace. Farmers continually share their appreciation and stories of the tremendous impact the awards have made on many aspects of their operations.

A farm in Greenfield, Massachusetts, bought a new barrel washer used for gently washing fresh produce. It has helped bring efficiency to its operation by tripling the amount of produce the farm can wash each week.

The purchase of an animal feed wagon with an auger was a game changer for a Mill River, Massachusetts, farm that raises chickens, turkeys, and pigs. With this new wagon, the farm literally doubled its production of hogs, laying chickens, and broilers.

In mid-May, a hard frost hit during the strawberry bloom. A frost-protection blanket purchased with the award helped a Northampton, Massachusetts, farm save nearly a thousand quarts of strawberries, a value of roughly \$5,000.

The many incredible farms and farmers in our region continue to grow and persevere despite facing constant challenges and unpredictable circumstances. Farmers need our support. We need our farmers.

### Seven Years of Impact ...

HELPED

225

INDIVIDUAL LOCAL FARMS GROW  
with 400 awards for  
infrastructure improvements

INVESTED

\$917,000

IN LOCAL FARMING

THANKS TO

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COMMUNITY FUNDERS



**Animal Feed Wagon with Auger (2020 Award)**  
Mill River Farm

# 2021 WAS A RECORD YEAR FOR THE LOCAL FARMER AWARDS

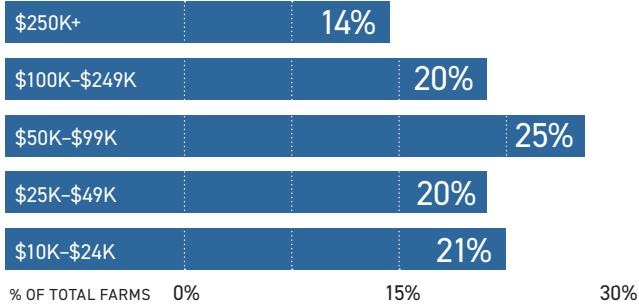
81 Awards, 170 Applications, 32 First-Time Applicants

## Learn about the 2021 Winners

### Gross Sales

farms of all sizes

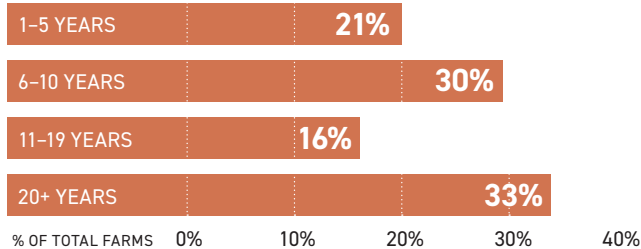
GROSS SALES



### Years in Business

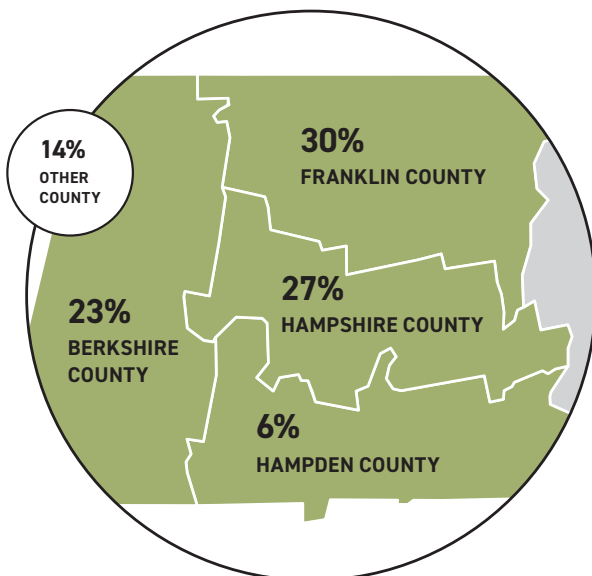
from newer to established farms

YEARS IN BUSINESS



### Location

throughout the region



### Diversified Farms

farm winners grow and produce many products

VEGETABLES · MILK · CHEESE · EGGS · MEAT · FRUIT · FLOWERS  
HONEY · MAPLE SYRUP · VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

### Variety of Infrastructure Improvements

help all phases of the farming process

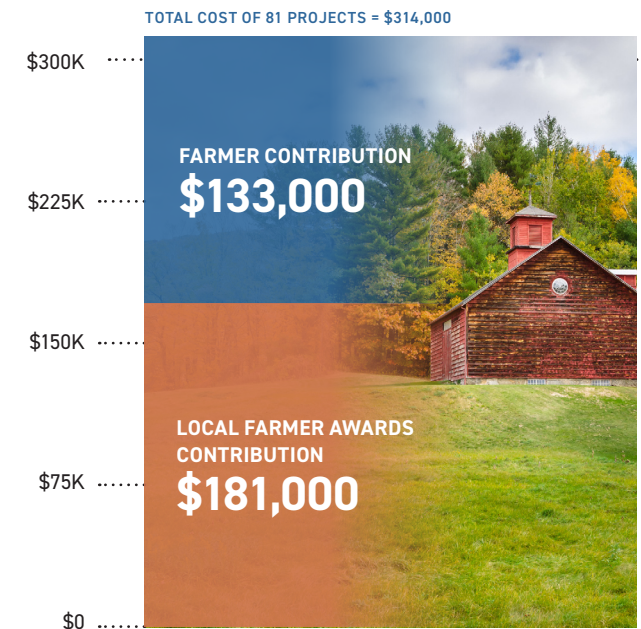
- PLANTING AND GROWING
- EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS
- POST-HARVEST
- IMPROVE FARM EFFICIENCY

Examples:

IRRIGATION EXTENSION · BULK GRAIN STORAGE ·  
HI-TENSILE FENCING · PAPER POT TRANSPLANTING SYSTEM ·  
GREENHOUSE EXPANSION

### Total Cost of Improvement Projects

farmer contribution is significant





## 2021 AWARD WINNERS

### Berkshire County, Eastern NY, Other

- ❖ **Bigfoot Farm**  
Shade Cloth for Greenhouse  
Tomato Production
- ❖ **Brattle Farm**  
Weed Suppression for No-till Operation
- ❖ **Cedar Farm Wholesale**  
Repair Hoop House Infrastructure
- ❖ **Climbing Tree Farm**  
Brooder for Pasture-Raised Poultry
- ❖ **Dandelion Hill Farm**  
Grass Fed Goat and Lamb Production
- ❖ **Elmartin Farm**  
Commercial Kitchen
- ❖ **Fern Farm**  
Egg Roll-Out Nesting Boxes  
for Improved Production
- ❖ **Flynn Farm**  
5105 Tractor Repair
- ❖ **Full Well Farm**  
New Hoophouse for Season Extension
- ❖ **Gaetanos Organic Farm**  
Irrigation Well
- ❖ **Gould Farm**  
Dairy Improvement Project
- ❖ **Gray Raven Farm**  
Water Line to the Barn
- ❖ **Graylight Farm, LLC.**  
Bulk Feed Storage for Pastured Pigs
- ❖ **Hancock Shaker Village**  
Equipment for No-Till Bed Preparation
- ❖ **Indian Line Farm**  
2 Door Glass Display Refrigerator  
For On Farm Sales
- ❖ **Joshua's Farm**  
Mobile Poultry Processing Trailer
- ❖ **M and A Farm**  
Caterpillar Tunnel for Increased Production
- ❖ **Many Forks Farm, LLC.**  
Making the Cut
- ❖ **Markristo Farm**  
Replacement of Malfunctioning  
Refrigeration Unit
- ❖ **MX Morningstar Farm**  
PropTek Reusable Seeding Trays
- ❖ **Raven & Boar LCC**  
Mobile Shelters for Silvo Pasture Pigs
- ❖ **Shaker Creek Farm**  
Bulk Grain Storage; Increased Efficiency
- ❖ **Sky View Farm**  
Farm Signage
- ❖ **Stillman Quality Meats, LLC**  
Purchase of New Commercial  
Egg Washing Machine
- ❖ **Three Maples Market Garden**  
Efficient Greens Production
- ❖ **Turner Farms Maple Syrup LLC**  
Electric Vacuum Releaser Pump
- ❖ **Wild & Cultivated Flower Farm**  
Greenhouse Improvement
- ❖ **Wildstone Farm**  
Market Garden Irrigation System
- ❖ **Woven Roots Farm, Inc.**  
BCS 749 Model Walk-behind Tractor
- ❖ **YundWell Pastured Poultry**  
Egg Washing Improvement

### Franklin County

- ❖ **Atlas Farm**  
Greenhouse Flat Filling Machine
- ❖ **Bree-Z-Knoll Farm, LLC.**  
Fans for Dairy Cows
- ❖ **Diemand Egg Farm Inc.**  
20-quart Hobart Mixer
- ❖ **E & J Scott Orchards**  
Safety Complex for Cattle
- ❖ **Foxtrot Farm**  
Building Cold Storage to  
Increase Farm Capacity
- ❖ **Full Kettle Farm**  
Storage and Blending Facility
- ❖ **Hart Farm**  
Far Field Irrigation Extension
- ❖ **Hastings Farm**  
Hi-tensile Fence Project
- ❖ **Hettie Belle Farm**  
Vacuum Sealer for Value-Added  
Product Expansion
- ❖ **Just Roots Inc.**  
Weed Management Upgrade
- ❖ **Kenburn Orchards**  
Reduce Bird Depredation  
of Blueberry Crop
- ❖ **M&W Farm**  
Expansion of Apiary
- ❖ **Mondego Acres**  
Pasture & Paddock Watering System
- ❖ **Red Fire Farm**  
Paper Pot Transplant System for  
Greenhouse Greens
- ❖ **Riverland Farm**  
Flame Weeder Tractor  
Mounted/Push Behind
- ❖ **River-Maple Farm, Inc.**  
Sugar Shack Update
- ❖ **Roaming Farm**  
Water Management to  
Improve Farm Resilience
- ❖ **Sage Farm**  
Farrowing Barn Renovation
- ❖ **Seeds of Solidarity Farm**  
Irrigation System to Enhance  
Farmstand Sales
- ❖ **Sweet Morning Farm**  
Year Round Farm Stand
- ❖ **The Atherton Farm**  
Greenhouse Cold Frame
- ❖ **The Little White Goat Dairy**  
Expansion of Farmstead Creamery Facility
- ❖ **Underline Farm**  
New Freezers for Expansion
- ❖ **Windrow Farm**  
Hay Moisture Meter to Enhance  
Harvest Precision

### Hampden County

- ❖ **Ferrindino Maple, LLC.**  
Roadside Farm Stand  
Improvement Project
- ❖ **Gardening the Community**  
Building Better Soil through  
Onsite Composting
- ❖ **Kosinski Farms**  
Laser Bird Deterrent
- ❖ **Pomeroy's Vegetable Farm**  
Rehabilitation of an Existing  
High Tunnel
- ❖ **Silver Bell Farm, LLC**  
Pumpkin Field Expansion

### Hampshire County

- ❖ **Bardwell Farm**  
Improvement of No-till Tools  
on our Planter
- ❖ **Book & Plow Farm  
at Amherst College**  
Electric Tractor to Increase Efficiency
- ❖ **Bridgmont Farm**  
Hi-tensile Fencing for  
Rotational Grazing
- ❖ **Carr's Ciderhouse**  
Barn Flex-Space for Productivity  
Enhancement
- ❖ **Chestnut Mountain Tree Farm**  
Controlling Weeds for Improved  
Hay Production
- ❖ **Crimson & Clover Farm**  
Paper Pot Transplanter
- ❖ **Dave's Natural Garden**  
More Efficient Post-harvest Storage/Wash/  
Pack Building
- ❖ **Double C Ranch**  
Turkey Processing Improvements
- ❖ **Justamere Tree Farm**  
Purchase of Maple Cream Machine
- ❖ **Mayval Farm**  
Maple Syrup Canner
- ❖ **North Hadley Sugar Shack LLC**  
Livestock Proficiency- Feed Wagon
- ❖ **Phoenix Fruit Farm**  
Salad Greens Spinner for  
Packinghouse Efficiency
- ❖ **Quabbin Hill Farms**  
Greenhouse Expansion for  
Year-Round Production
- ❖ **Runnymede Farm**  
Maple Cream Machine
- ❖ **Sawmill Herb Farm**  
Energy Efficient Heater for Greenhouse
- ❖ **Sawyer Farm**  
Pastured, No-Till Vegetables:  
Increased Efficiency
- ❖ **Snowshoe Farm**  
Maple Cream Machine
- ❖ **Song Sparrow Farm**  
Transplant Efficiency via  
the Paperpot System
- ❖ **Teddy C. Smiarowski III Farm**  
New Harvesting Bins
- ❖ **Trees of Life Farm**  
Seeders! Planting for the Future!
- ❖ **Twenty Acre Farm & Greenhouses**  
Crop Mulch Improvement Project
- ❖ **Wolf Tree Farm LLC**  
No Till Vegetable Production

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