



Helping Local Farmers Grow

We are delighted to have three lead partners (**Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation, Big Y, and the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture**) along with a team of twelve other community funders in this, our 9th year. With this robust support, we have helped fund 97 infrastructure projects related to planting, growing, harvesting, and processing such as these three examples:

Purchase of a three bay sink & salad spinner for a farm in Deerfield to increase production and keep up with the retail and wholesale demand for fresh lettuce and other vegetables. The wash station will ensure the farm's adherence to food safety guidelines for farm store sales.

Construction of swine shelters for a farm in Brimfield to safeguard and pasture 16 pigs at a time, thereby diversifying meat options to include pork. The expansion will help speed up production and "turn time," which is only 6 months for pork compared to 2+ years for beef.

Purchase of a kult finger weeder/next generation cultivator for a farm in Great Barrington to better weed inside the plant rows. Reducing the need for hand weeding will help reduce labor costs by 20% and make the weeding process easier and more efficient. Effective cultivation is one key to the farm's success.

Clearly, the Local Farmer Awards are having an impact as **more than 260 local farms have received awards to date**. As the need for capital improvements continues to escalate, we remain firmly dedicated to the goal of **helping local farmers grow**.

Nine Years of Impact ...

HELPED

266

INDIVIDUAL LOCAL FARMS GROW

SUPPORTED

572

INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

INVESTED

\$1,286,000

IN LOCAL FARMING



3 Point Disc Harrow for Compact Tractor (2022 Award)
Yellow Stonehouse Farm

2023 – OUR WORK CONTINUES

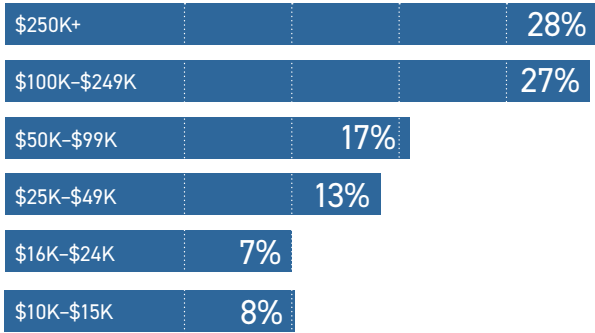
97 Awards, 182 Applications, 39 First-Time Applicants

Learn about the 2023 Winners

Gross Sales

farms of all sizes

GROSS SALES

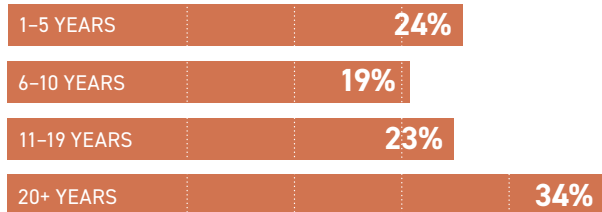


% OF TOTAL FARMS 0% 15% 30%

Years in Business

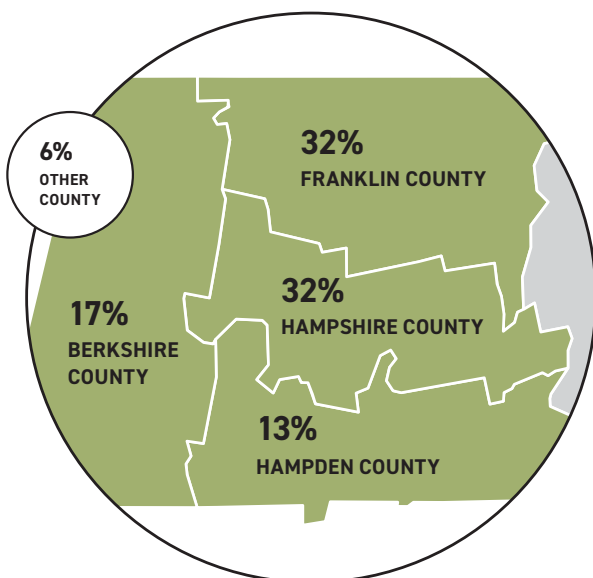
from newer to established farms

YEARS IN BUSINESS



% OF TOTAL FARMS 0% 9% 18% 27% 36%

Location throughout the region



Variety of Agricultural Products

The majority of farms diversify with multiple products, the most prevalent are vegetables and meat

VEGETABLES · MILK · CHEESE · EGGS · MAPLE · MEAT · POULTRY
FRUIT · FLOWERS · HAY · HONEY · VALUE-ADDED · AND MORE

Necessary Infrastructure Improvements

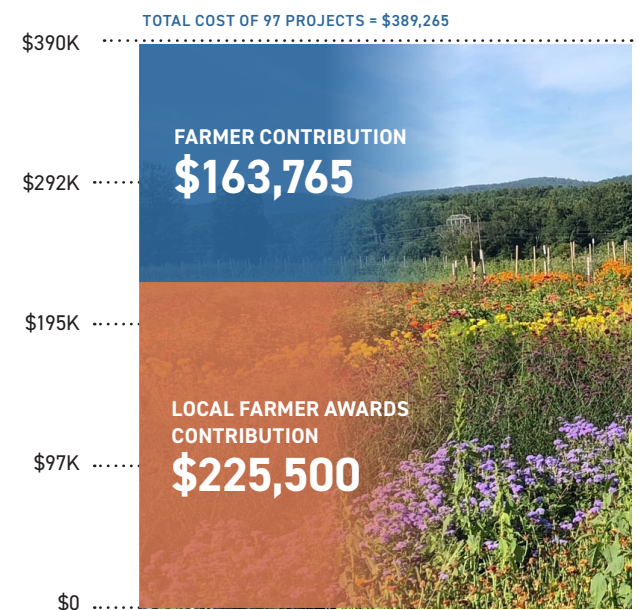
Help with planting and growing, harvesting and processing

Examples of Projects:

TRACTOR/IMPLEMENTS · IRRIGATION · LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT
MAPLE EQUIPMENT · PLANTING/SEEDING EQUIPMENT
STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS · FENCING

Total Cost of Improvement Projects

Farmer contribution is significant





2023 AWARD WINNERS

Franklin County

- ❖ **Antonellis Farm LLC/ Ciesluk Farm Stand**
Three Bay Sink & Salad Spinner
- ❖ **Atlas Farm**
I&J Two Row Cultivator
- ❖ **Boulder Top Farm**
Walk-in Cooler for Fresh Produce
- ❖ **Bree-Z-Knoll Farm, LLC.**
Superhutches for Post-Weaned Calves
- ❖ **Chase Hill Farm**
Headlocks & Slant Bars for Cow Barn
- ❖ **Clarkdale Fruit Farms, Inc.**
Wooden Bushel Boxes
- ❖ **DJ's Farm Fresh Produce**
Greens Harvester
- ❖ **Fern Hill Farm**
Water Storage Tank
- ❖ **Foxtrot Farm**
Mechanizing Low-Impact No-Till Cultivation
- ❖ **Golonka Farm**
3 Shank Ripper (Subsoiler)
- ❖ **Graves Glen Farm**
Cattle Management System
- ❖ **Hager Bros Farm, LLC.**
Hog Feeder Update Due to Increased Production
- ❖ **Hager's Farm Market LLC**
Meeting Health Code Regulations & Optimizing Space
- ❖ **Hart Farm**
Pest Exclusion & Drought Defense
- ❖ **Hettie Belle Farm**
Expanded Fencing Equipment for Increased Grazing
- ❖ **Hicks Family Farm**
High-Tensile Fencing
- ❖ **Just Roots Inc.**
Undercutter Bar
- ❖ **Laurenitis Farm**
Improving Seeding Efficiency
- ❖ **Lyonsville Farm**
Tillage Reduction in Cover Crop Planting
- ❖ **Meadowsweet Farm**
Permanent Perimeter Fencing
- ❖ **Mycoterra Farm**
Aquifer Irrigation for No-Till Market Farm
- ❖ **New Salem Farm and Cidery**
Apple Cider Vinegar Production Infrastructure
- ❖ **Porter Family Farm**
Feed Bunks for Managing Feed with Less Waste
- ❖ **Reed Farm, LLC.**
Root Grapple Attachment for Multiple Efficiencies
- ❖ **Sage Farm**
Replace and Improve Collapsed Hoop House
- ❖ **Shaws Sugarhouse**
Upgrade Maple Cream Machine
- ❖ **The Wholey Cow Farm**
Predator Protection for Free Range Poultry
- ❖ **They Keep Bees**
Wood Chipper for Emerging Agroforestry Enterprise
- ❖ **Thomas Farm**
Ultrasound Machine for Pregnancy Testing Goats
- ❖ **Upinggil**
Market Garden Low Tunnels for Season Extension
- ❖ **Warner Farm**
Upgraded Greenhouse Equipment

Hampden County

- ❖ **Agric Organics LLC**
Jang Seeder
- ❖ **Fern Valley Farms LLC**
Apple Tree Guards
- ❖ **Ferrindino Maple, LLC.**
Commercial Cotton Candy Machine
- ❖ **Kierkla Farm**
Kuhn Hay Tedder
- ❖ **Maple Corner Farm**
Equipment for Maple Specialty Products
- ❖ **Nuestras Raices, Inc.**
Planting & Harvesting Tools
- ❖ **Plante Farm**
Reduction of Plastic Wrap Waste
- ❖ **River Rock Farm**
Swine Shelter Expansion to Offer Pork
- ❖ **Rooted Flowers**
Improving Germination Through Heat Mats
- ❖ **Skalbite Family Farms**
Equipment for Safe Cattle Handling
- ❖ **The Petrie Family Farm**
Irrigation & Crop Protection
- ❖ **Wellspring Harvest**
The Fifth Row
- ❖ **Yellow Stonehouse Farm**
80 Gallon Fertilizer Sprayer

Hampshire County

- ❖ **Bare Roots Farm**
Head House
- ❖ **Barstow's Longview Farm**
Mattresses for Heifer Barn
- ❖ **Blue Heaven Blueberry and Raspberry Farm**
Electric Pruners
- ❖ **Brookfield Farm**
Improvements in Greenhouse Systems
- ❖ **Carr's Ciderhouse**
Cold Room Expansion
- ❖ **Crimson & Clover Farm**
Cold Storage Expansion
- ❖ **Earle M. Parsons & Sons Inc.**
Scale for On-Farm Direct Sales
- ❖ **Fletcher Farm**
Epoxy Floor in Dairy Facility Milkroom
- ❖ **Flora and Fauna Farm**
Hoop House
- ❖ **Four Corners Farm**
Tilmor Plastic Mulch Layer
- ❖ **Grow Food Northampton Giving Garden**
Irrigation Equipment to Support Multi-Farm Collaboration
- ❖ **Hickory Hill Farm**
Energy Efficient High Vacuum Pump
- ❖ **Honey Pot Produce Co. Inc.**
Irrigation for Seed Germination
- ❖ **Hukowicz Farm**
Barn Ventilation
- ❖ **Justamere Tree Farm**
Releaser to Expand Maple Sap Harvest
- ❖ **Kinne Brook Farm**
Vacuum Monitoring for Maple Sap Collection
- ❖ **Lakeside Organic of Hadley, LLC**
Bin Tipper to Feed Vegetables Into Wash Line
- ❖ **Mountainside Maple**
Maple Monitoring System
- ❖ **Old Friends Farm**
Hoophouse Automation
- ❖ **Quabbin Hill Farms**
Hoophouse
- ❖ **River Bend Farm**
Seed Starting/Microgreen Growing Unit
- ❖ **Rivershed Farm**
Increasing Efficiency with a Jang Five-Row Seeder
- ❖ **Runnymede Farm**
Vacuum Pump for Milking System
- ❖ **Salsedo Family Farm**
Irrigation for High Tunnels
- ❖ **Stone Soup Farm**
Root Washer & Wash Station Addition
- ❖ **Sweet Birch Herbals**
Herb Drying Room for Medicinal Teas
- ❖ **Teddy C Smiarowski Farm**
Harvesting Bins
- ❖ **Teddy C. Smiarowski III Farm**
Irrigation Upgrade
- ❖ **Twenty Acre Farm & Greenhouses**
Plastic Mulch Lifter
- ❖ **Wilkes Farm**
Chemical Containment Spray Equipment
- ❖ **Wolf Tree Farm LLC**
Basket Weeder

Berkshire County

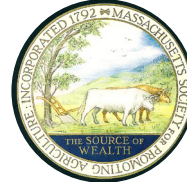
- ❖ **Ayrhill Farms, Inc.**
Tractor Mounted Rotary Tiller
- ❖ **Full Well Farm**
Greenhouse Infrastructure
- ❖ **Holiday Brook Farm**
Greenhouse Heating Unit
- ❖ **Indian Line Farm**
Cultivation Upgrade for Alice Chalmers "G" Tractor
- ❖ **Lion's Tooth Farm**
Perimeter Fencing
- ❖ **Many Forks Farm, LLC.**
Dynamic Electric Greens Spinner
- ❖ **Moon in the Pond Farm/ Farm Education Inc.**
Drying-Curing Hoophouse Shed
- ❖ **Musante Farm**
Water Lines & Frost-Free Hydrants
- ❖ **Red Shirt Farm**
Improving Efficiency & Profitability of Tomatoes
- ❖ **Square Roots Farm**
Fenceline Mower
- ❖ **Swallowbelly Farm**
New Hog Feeders for Increased Efficiency & Growth
- ❖ **Sweet Brook Farm**
Automatic Heated Water Station
- ❖ **Taft Farms**
Riding Mower for Between Rows of Plastic Mulch
- ❖ **The Farm New Marlborough**
Operation Guardian Chicken
- ❖ **Three Maples Market Garden**
No-Till Covercropping
- ❖ **Woven Roots Farm, Inc.**
Reusable Vegetable Crates

Other Counties

- ❖ **Berle Farm LLC**
Flame Weeder
- ❖ **Hawthorne Valley Farm**
Washroom Optimization
- ❖ **Julie The Garden Fairy/ Willow View Farm**
Cold Storage with Cool Bot
- ❖ **Raven & Boar LLC**
Field & Brush Mower
- ❖ **The Goat Project**
Electric Fencing & Solar Charger Upgrade
- ❖ **Woven Stars Farm**
Cattle Handling System Improvements

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