



## Helping Local Farmers Grow

We are thrilled to share that over the past **8 years** we have awarded over **\$1 Million** to support for **474 farm capital improvement projects**. Thanks to our community funding team led by Big Y and the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation, the Local Farmer Awards help fund projects related to growing, harvesting, and processing. Here are a few examples of this year's projects:

A farm in Dalton, MA purchased **enclosed and uniform containers** which will ensure the safe handling of pre-washed vegetables during storage and transportation. They also allow vegetables to be harvested at their peak ripeness and stored for soonest available retail or wholesale sales.

Improving soil health is the goal of many local farms. A farm in Deerfield, MA purchased a **flail mower** as part of an overall no-till strategy for soil health. The mower will reduce tractor passes through the field from an average of 10 per crop cycle down to 3. In addition to improving the soil health, they expect to see huge efficiencies in fuel and labor savings.

**Shade for outdoor shitake mushrooms** was the goal for a farm in Hatfield, MA. A high tunnel hoop house with high-quality shade cloth will allow them to protect the mushrooms in winter as they continue to expand their in-demand shitake mushroom business.

We admire our local farmers and thank them for all they do to feed us and care for the land. Our goal is to continue to help them grow.

### Eight Years of Impact ...

HELPED

235

INDIVIDUAL LOCAL FARMS GROW

SUPPORTED

474

INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

INVESTED

\$1,082,000

IN LOCAL FARMING



**Walk Behind Tractor (2021 Award)**  
Woven Roots Farm

# 2022 – OUR WORK CONTINUES

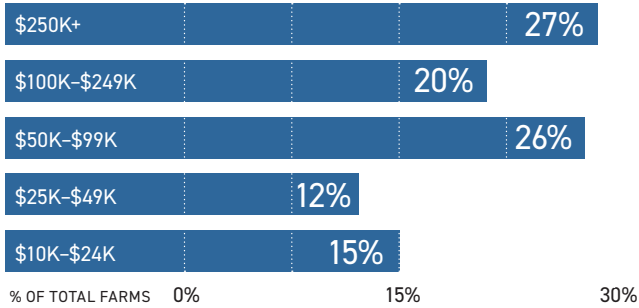
74 Awards, 152 Applications, 23 First-Time Applicants

## Learn about the 2022 Winners

### Gross Sales

farms of all sizes

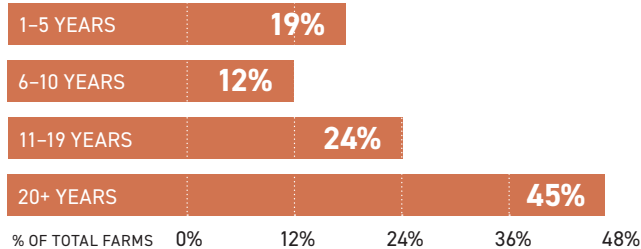
GROSS SALES



### Years in Business

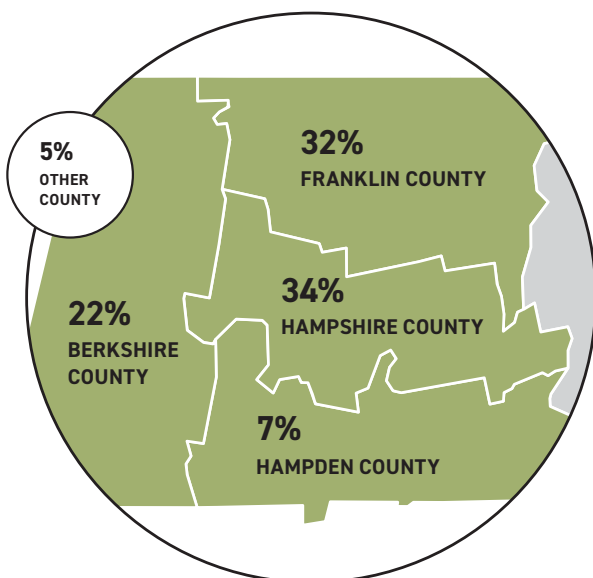
from newer to established farms

YEARS IN BUSINESS



### Location

throughout the region



### Diversified Farms

farm winners grow and produce many products

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

### Variety of Infrastructure Improvements

help all phases of the farming process

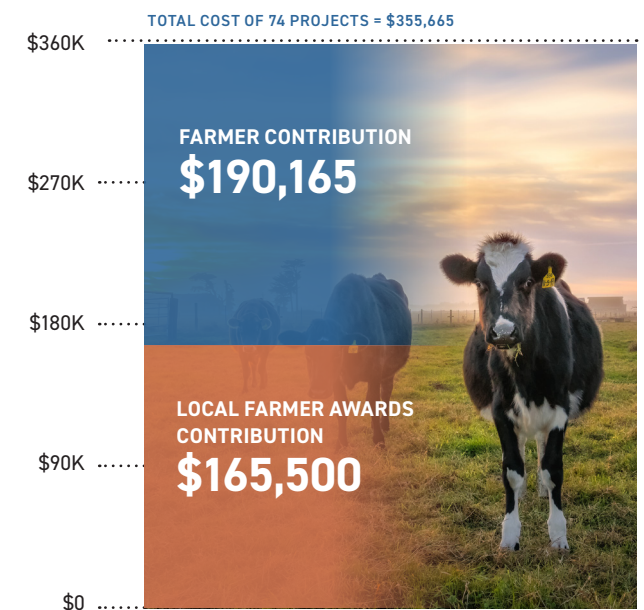
- PLANTING AND GROWING
- HARVESTING
- PROCESSING

Examples:

IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS · GREENHOUSE UPGRADES  
NO-TILL FARMING · VACUUM SEALER FOR FOOD SAFETY  
EGG-WASHING EQUIPMENT · FENCING EXPANSION

### Total Cost of Improvement Projects

farmer contribution is significant







## 2022 AWARD WINNERS



### Berkshire County, Eastern NY, Other

- ❖ **Adamah**  
*No-Till Integration of Cover Crops*
- ❖ **Berle Farm LLC**  
*Next Level Dehydrator*
- ❖ **Bigfoot Farm**  
*Tilther for Vegetable Bed Preparation*
- ❖ **Brattle Farm**  
*Automatic/Heated Watering System for Sheep*
- ❖ **Climbing Tree Farm**  
*Cattle Management System*
- ❖ **Cricket Creek Farm, LLC**  
*Cheese Aging Room Infrastructure Improvements*
- ❖ **Farm Girl Farm**  
*Greenhouse Table Upgrade for Long-Term Use*
- ❖ **Hancock Shaker Village**  
*Moving Pigs to Greener Pastures*
- ❖ **Holiday Brook Farm**  
*Produce Handling and Storage Improvements*
- ❖ **Lion's Tooth Farm**  
*Transition to Organic Mulch*
- ❖ **Mangiardi Farm**  
*Sheep Feed Troughs*
- ❖ **Many Forks Farm, LLC**  
*Haul It All!*
- ❖ **Moon in the Pond Farm/Farm Education Inc.**  
*Vacuum Sealer for Food Safety and Sales*
- ❖ **North Plain Farm**  
*Barn Electricity and Lighting*
- ❖ **Off the Shelf Farm**  
*Upgrades to Egg Washing Equipment*
- ❖ **Olsen Farm LLC**  
*Frost-Free Water System Upgrade for Chicken Coops*
- ❖ **Square Roots Farm**  
*Efficient Packaging for Chicken Parts*
- ❖ **Starry Ridge Farm**  
*5 Row Jang Seeder*
- ❖ **Sweet Brook Farm**  
*Overwinter and Calving Cattle Fencing*
- ❖ **Trumpet Hill Farm**  
*Purchase and Repair Tractor Attachments for Haying*

### Franklin County

- ❖ **Antonellis Farm LLC/ Ciesluk Farm Stand**  
*Grow Light System and High Tunnel Tools*
- ❖ **Atlas Farm**  
*Flail Mower for Reduced Tillage Farming*
- ❖ **Bostrom Farm (K.L. Bostrom Farm LLC)**  
*Organic Milk Bottler*
- ❖ **Boyden Brothers Maple**  
*Insulated Ceiling Over Production/Sales Area*
- ❖ **Bree-Z-Knoll Farm, LLC**  
*Dairy Grain Bins for Maximum Efficiency*
- ❖ **Clarkdale Fruit Farms, Inc.**  
*Harvest Box Shuttle*
- ❖ **D.A. Smiarowski Farms**  
*Asparagus Packing Line*
- ❖ **Diemand Egg Farm Inc.**  
*Vacuum Sealer for Greater Efficiency*
- ❖ **Finicky Farm**  
*Duplex Hydraulic Hay Mower for Front-Mount Tractor*
- ❖ **Flagg Farm**  
*Fenceline Restoration for Raising Heifers*
- ❖ **Foxtrot Farm**  
*Increased Efficiency with No-Till Equipment*
- ❖ **Golonka Farm**  
*Vacuum Seeder/Accessory Plates/Compatible GH Trays*
- ❖ **Good Bunch Farm**  
*Paperpot Transplanter with Accessories*
- ❖ **Hager Bros Farm, LLC**  
*Layer Hen Nesting Boxes*
- ❖ **Hager's Farm Market LLC**  
*Meet Growing Needs for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables*
- ❖ **Just Roots Inc.**  
*The Chisel Plow and the Path to No-Till Farming*
- ❖ **Leyden Glen Farm**  
*Purchase of Upright Freezer*
- ❖ **Oak Hollow Livestock**  
*Livestock Management Equipment*
- ❖ **Poplar Hill Farm Inc.**  
*Purchase of New Hay Tedder*
- ❖ **Shaws Sugarhouse**  
*Maple Sap Reverse Osmosis*
- ❖ **Thomas Farm**  
*Commercial 20 Qt Mixer for Cheese*
- ❖ **Underline Farm**  
*Ohio Brooder Boxes*
- ❖ **Upinggil**  
*Irrigation and Cultivation Tools for Market Garden*
- ❖ **Wheel-View Farm**  
*Irrigation Improvements*

### Hampden County

- ❖ **Kosinski Farms**  
*Ecofriendly Cultivation and Renovation of Crops*
- ❖ **Plante Farm**  
*Purchase of Round Bale Handling Equipment*
- ❖ **Skalbite Family Farms**  
*Fence Infrastructure for Rotational Grazing*
- ❖ **Stony Hill Farm LLC**  
*Electric Greens Dryer*
- ❖ **Yellow Stonehouse Farm**  
*3 Point Disc Harrow for Compact Tractor*

### Hampshire County

- ❖ **Antosz Farms**  
*2 Row Strip Tiller*
- ❖ **Austin & Austin LLC dba Austin Brothers Valley Farm**  
*Manure Management Equipment*
- ❖ **Book & Plow Farm at Amherst College**  
*Jang Seeder*
- ❖ **Breezy Acres Greenhouse and Garden**  
*Electric Fencing for Meat Goats*
- ❖ **Brookfield Farm**  
*Acquisition of Irrigation System*
- ❖ **Chunglo Farm**  
*Fertilizer Application and Monitoring with Planter*
- ❖ **Dave's Natural Garden**  
*BCS Attachments for Transition to No-Till Farming*
- ❖ **Dufresne's Sugar House**  
*Upgraded Candy Production Equipment*
- ❖ **Great Meadow Farm**  
*Weed Wiper*
- ❖ **Justamere Tree Farm**  
*Vacuum Monitoring System in Sustainable Maple Farm*
- ❖ **Kielbasa Orchards**  
*Support System for Newly Planted Apple Trees*
- ❖ **Lakeside Organic of Hadley, LLC**  
*Ice Machine for Vegetables*
- ❖ **Many Graces Farm & Floral Design**  
*A Transplanting System for a Tractorless Farm*
- ❖ **Park Hill Orchard, LLC**  
*Improving the Efficiency of a Sweet Cider System*
- ❖ **Paul's Sugar House**  
*Upgrade Lapiere Turbo 600 Reverse Osmosis Machine*
- ❖ **Pie in the Sky Berry Farm**  
*Bed Shaper for Raised Beds*
- ❖ **ServiceNet's Prospect Meadow Farm**  
*Shade for Outdoor Grown Local Shiitakes*
- ❖ **Shattuck's Sugarhouse**  
*Replacement Maple Cream Machine*
- ❖ **Simple Gifts Farm**  
*No-Till Waterwheel Transplanter*
- ❖ **Skawski Farms**  
*Nettahn Irrigation Project*
- ❖ **Snowshoe Farm**  
*Oiled Cooled Vacuum Pump, 3 Phase*
- ❖ **Song Sparrow Farm**  
*Maximizing Airflow, Increasing Production*
- ❖ **Tripple Brook Farm**  
*Thermal Printer for Plant, Shrub and Tree Labels*
- ❖ **Twenty Acre Farm & Greenhouses**  
*Water Wheel Planter Project*
- ❖ **Wolf Tree Farm LLC**  
*Flame Weeder*

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