



Helping Local Farmers Grow

Now in its 11th year, the **Local Farmer Awards** program proudly celebrates a record-breaking milestone: **116 farms** across the four counties of Western Massachusetts received grants this year. This was made possible through the generous support of our lead partners — the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation, Big Y, the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, and the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation — along with 15 community funders.

These community-funded grants help farmers invest in tools, infrastructure, and sustainable practices that boost productivity, food safety, environmental stewardship, and long-term viability.

Examples of diverse improvements include:

Infrastructure: Everyday Farm in Gill invested in grain silos for their pastured pigs. This upgrade supports the growing customer demand, offering a more efficient and cost-effective feeding system.

Automation: Indian Line Farm in Great Barrington installed an automatic control system for three hoop houses to improve operational efficiency by reducing labor, maintaining consistent temperatures, and improving yields.

Crop Production: Luther Belden, Inc. in Hatfield, purchased precision seeders to diversify their operation and generate additional income through vegetable production.

To date, the Local Farmer Awards has invested more than **\$1.78 million** in our region's farms, helping operations of all sizes grow stronger and more resilient.

Eleven Years of Impact ...

HELPED

321

INDIVIDUAL LOCAL FARMS GROW

SUPPORTED

788

INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

INVESTED OVER

\$1.78 Million

IN LOCAL FARMING



Spring Harrow for Improved Nutrient Distribution (2024 Award)
Roaming Farm, South Deerfield, MA

2025 - OUR ELEVENTH YEAR OF SUPPORTING LOCAL FARMERS

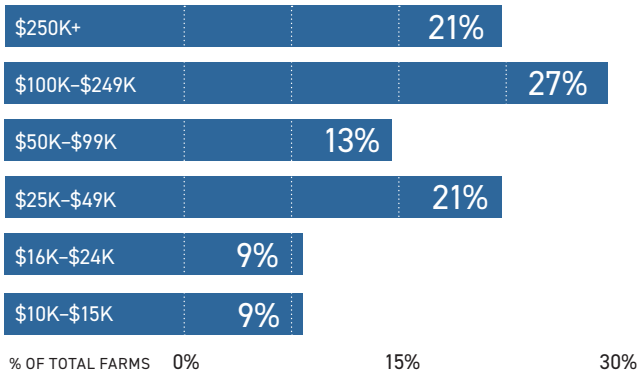
116 Awards, 207 Applications, 36 First-Time Applicants

Learn about the 2025 Winning Farms & Projects

Gross Sales

farms of all sizes

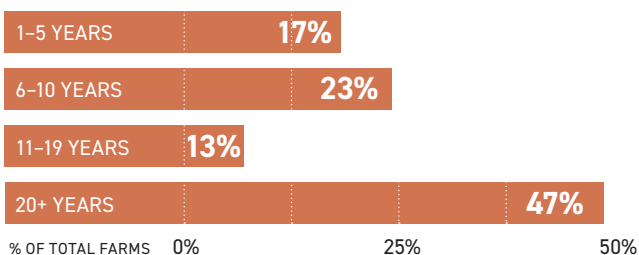
GROSS SALES



Years in Business

from newer to established farms

YEARS IN BUSINESS



Variety of Agricultural Products

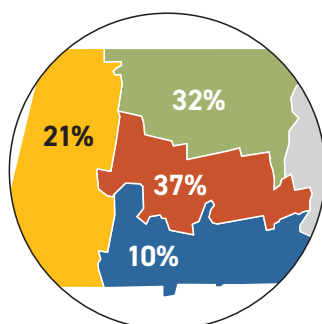
The majority of farms diversify with multiple products, the most prevalent are vegetables and meat

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

Location

in Western
Massachusetts

- BERKSHIRE COUNTY
- FRANKLIN COUNTY
- HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
- HAMPDEN COUNTY



Big Impact, Shared Investment

2025 FUNDING BREAKDOWN ACROSS 116 PROJECTS

Local Farmer Awards: **\$267,850**

Farmer Contributions: **\$267,576**

Total Project Investment: **\$535,426**

On average farmers contributed nearly half of the total project costs – offering not just dollars, but also hard work and inventive solutions.

Types of Capital Improvement Projects

- Infrastructure & Equipment Investment**
Buildings, storage, trailers, and structural upgrades
- Irrigation & Water Management**
Irrigation pumps, tanks, rainwater collection, and solar-powered water systems
- Greenhouse & Environmental Control**
Climate control, ventilation, and greenhouse automation
- Crop Production & Processing**
Planting, weeding, spraying, harvesting, and soil care
- Fruit & Tree Crop Management**
Pruning, harvesting, and specialty equipment for perennial crops
- Automation & Monitoring Technology**
Sensors, climate stations, smart controllers
- Animal Care**
Livestock handling, feeding, fencing, and housing
- Maple & Sap Production**
Sap extraction, processing, and monitoring systems
- Value-Added Production & Food Safety**
Washing, processing, and storage of farm goods



Grindstone Root Crop Washer (2024 Project)
Four Corners Farm, Worthington, MA



2025 AWARD WINNERS

Berkshire County

- ❖ **Bigfoot Farm**
Insect Netting to Protect Crops
- ❖ **Caretaker Farm**
Low Tunnels for Fall Greens
- ❖ **Cricket Creek Farm**
Resuming Bottling Milk in Glass
- ❖ **Dancing Greens Farm**
Cut Greens Equipment
- ❖ **Elmartin Farm**
Sorting
- ❖ **Field of Love Farm**
Efficiency-Building Tools
- ❖ **Full Well Farm**
Paperpot Transplanting System
- ❖ **Gaetano's Organic Farm**
Mixer, Bale Breaker, Pot Filler
- ❖ **Holiday Brook Farm**
Shade Cloth Structures
- ❖ **Indian Line Farm**
Automatic Roll-Up Sides for Hoophouses
- ❖ **Lion's Tooth Farm**
Sickle Bar Mower
- ❖ **Little Bean Farm and Pantry**
Permanent Pole Bean Trellis Structures
- ❖ **Moon in the Pond Farm/Farm Education Inc.**
Seed Cleaning, Production, Processing Tools
- ❖ **Musante Farm**
Steam Honey Processing Uncapper
- ❖ **New England Hay Supply**
Safer Cattle Handling Equipment
- ❖ **Red Shirt Farm**
Improving Efficiency with Precision Weeding
- ❖ **Seekonk Tree Farm**
Deer Fencing
- ❖ **ServiceNet's Prospect Meadow Farm**
Berkshires Winter Garden Processing
- ❖ **Sweet Brook Farm**
Hot Water Pressure Washer
- ❖ **Taft Farms**
New Sprayer for Foliar Feeding
- ❖ **The Farm New Marlborough**
Pastured Poultry Protection Project
- ❖ **Trumpet Hill Farm**
Safe Cattle Handling System
- ❖ **Wild & Cultivated Flower Farm**
Greenhouse Ventilation Upgrade
- ❖ **Woven Roots Farm, Inc.**
Trailer for Overall Efficiency

Franklin County

- ❖ **Apex Orchards, Inc.**
Weather Station
- ❖ **Bear Hill Sugar Farm**
Upgrading Maple Equipment for Efficiency
- ❖ **Birch Brook Farm**
Hay Bale Huggers
- ❖ **Boulder Top Farm**
Three Season Greenhouse
- ❖ **Boyden Bros. Maple**
Renewable Energy Maple Vacuum System
- ❖ **Brookledge Sugarhouse**
Sugar Bush Monitoring System
- ❖ **Burnt Hill Blueberry Farm**
Enlarge the Walk-In Freezer
- ❖ **Diemand Farm**
Upgrade Range Feeders for Efficiency
- ❖ **E & J Scott Orchards**
Portable Cattle Catch Pen
- ❖ **Everyday Farm**
Grain Silos for Pastured Pigs
- ❖ **Fern Hill Farm**
Purchasing a Flail Mower
- ❖ **Foxtrot Farm**
90L Juice Press
- ❖ **Fungi Ally**
Mushroom Substrate Steamer
- ❖ **Good Bunch Farm**
Flail-Mower for Incorporating Cover Crops
- ❖ **Gothic Top Farm**
Plastic Bulk Bins for Harvest
- ❖ **Green Earth Farm**
Greenhouse Ventilation
- ❖ **Hager Bros Farm, LLC**
Updating Animal Husbandry Employee Safety
- ❖ **Hart Farm**
Efficient and Safe Salad Production
- ❖ **Hillside Farm**
Feed Efficiency
- ❖ **Holguer Hill Farm**
Bulk Feed Bin
- ❖ **Just Roots**
Pendulum-Spreader
- ❖ **Laurenitis Farm**
New Rototiller for Bed Preparation
- ❖ **Native Plant Trust Nasami Farm**
Rainwater Collection System
- ❖ **Natural Roots**
Bed Lifter
- ❖ **New England Wild Edibles**
Solar Irrigation Equipment
- ❖ **Oak Hollow Livestock**
Fenceline Feeders for Goats
- ❖ **O'Brien Farm**
Walk-In Cooler
- ❖ **Porter Family Farm**
Better Storage for Livestock Feed
- ❖ **Reed Farm**
Nest Boxes for New Enterprise
- ❖ **Round Mountain Farm and Sugarhouse**
Climate and Humidity Control
- ❖ **Sage Farm**
Curtains for Bedded Pack Barn
- ❖ **The Kitchen Garden**
Mechanical Greens Harvester
- ❖ **Thomas Farm**
Automatic Swinging Goat Brush
- ❖ **Upinngil**
Salad Greens & Produce Washing
- ❖ **Wauban Farm**
Cattle Handling System
- ❖ **Wild Bramble Farm**
Pastured Poultry Upgrades
- ❖ **Woodslawn Farm LLC**
Poultry and Livestock Feeders

Hampden County

- ❖ **Agric Organics LLC**
Irrigation Supplies
- ❖ **Buzz Off Bee Co.**
Honeybee Pollination Trailer
- ❖ **Ellison Farms Beef**
Cattle Feeder Improvements
- ❖ **Florek Family Farm**
Cattle Working Facility
- ❖ **Nightjar Farm**
Walk Behind Tractor
- ❖ **Nuestras Raices, Inc.**
Re-Establishing Wash/Pack
- ❖ **Plante Farm**
Livestock Trailer
- ❖ **Sandman's Wild Blueberries**
Cooler/Merchandiser
- ❖ **Squire Farm**
Mulch Spreader
- ❖ **Terra Flower Farm**
Compost Tea Brewer
- ❖ **Wellspring Harvest**
Greenhouse Roof Replacement
- ❖ **Whistle Wind Dairy, LLC**
Grain Silo for Milking Cows

Hampshire County

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| ❖ Amherst Nurseries Inc.
<i>Tracking Trailer</i> | ❖ Deere Creek Farm LLC
<i>Bulk Grain Storage Silo</i> | ❖ Luther Belden Inc.
<i>Precision Seeders</i> | ❖ Plum Brook Farm LLC
<i>Apple Brusher/Washer</i> |
| ❖ Astarte Farm
<i>Improved Blueberry Enclosure</i> | ❖ Dufresne's Sugar House
<i>Increase Maple Cream Production</i> | ❖ Maple Acres Farm
<i>Adding Safety and Ergonomics</i> | ❖ Red Fire Farm
<i>Automatic Greenhouse Venting</i> |
| ❖ Bardwell Farm
<i>Irrigation Pump</i> | ❖ Four Corners Farm
<i>Greens Spinner</i> | ❖ McCray's Farm
<i>No-Till Drilling</i> | ❖ River Bend Farm
<i>Vacuum Seeder for Seed Starting</i> |
| ❖ Bashista Orchards
<i>Pruning Tools</i> | ❖ Four Rex Farm, Inc.
<i>Greenhouse Heating Efficiency</i> | ❖ Mountain View Farm
<i>Pathway Cultivation for Staked Crops</i> | ❖ Salsedo Family Farm
<i>Solar Powered Water System</i> |
| ❖ Bolduc Farm
<i>Calf Housing</i> | ❖ Front Yard Farm
<i>Automated Venting for High Tunnel</i> | ❖ Mountainside Maple
<i>Large Capacity Transport Tank</i> | ❖ Shattuck's Sugarhouse
<i>Vacuum Pump and Tubing</i> |
| ❖ Bridgmont Farm
<i>Round Bale Hay Feeder</i> | ❖ Gwydyr Farm
<i>Hay Feeder for Rotational Grazing</i> | ❖ North Hadley Sugar Shack LLC
<i>Stainless Steel Maple Syrup Drums</i> | ❖ Stone Soup Farm
<i>New Greenhouse Heater</i> |
| ❖ Brookfield Farm
<i>Cultivation Tool for Production Improvement</i> | ❖ HJS Enterprizes/Sarafin Family Sugarhouse
<i>Increasing Efficiency in Maple Operation</i> | ❖ Outlook Farm
<i>Netting System for Blueberries</i> | ❖ Swift River Farm
<i>Sawmill Shed</i> |
| ❖ Chestnut Mountain Tree Farm
<i>Growing & Insuring Tree Sales</i> | ❖ Hukowicz Farm
<i>On Farm Grain Roasting</i> | ❖ Park Hill Orchard, LLC
<i>Vacuum Sealer for Loss Prevention</i> | ❖ Tripple Brook Farm Inc.
<i>Native Plant Propagation and Transition</i> |
| ❖ Cook Farm
<i>Investing in Growth and Safety</i> | ❖ Justamere Tree Farm
<i>Increasing Sales of Maple Sugar</i> | ❖ Paul's Sugar House
<i>Horizontal Sap Extractor with Submersible Pump</i> | ❖ Underline Farm
<i>New Grain Silos</i> |
| ❖ Cottage Grove LLC DBA: Sentinel Farm
<i>Safe & Sanitary Cider Upgrade</i> | ❖ Kinne Brook Farm
<i>Sap Collection Control and Monitoring</i> | ❖ Pause & Pivot Farm
<i>Expansion of Microgreens Production Space</i> | ❖ Vollinger Farm
<i>Fuel Delivery and Handling Safety</i> |
| ❖ Cure For Boredom
<i>Scaling Sustainable Soil Solutions</i> | ❖ Livingstone Mycology
<i>Autoclave for Sterile Mushroom Cultivation</i> | ❖ Pie In The Sky Berry Farm
<i>Bird Scare to Protect Berries</i> | |

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