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Our Mission: NOFA-NH actively promotes organic, regenerative, ecologically sound farming, gardening, eating, and land care practices for healthy communities. We help people build local, just, and sustainable food systems.



2022 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- 545 members, including 162 new members
- 41 educational workshops, hosted in-person and online
- 30 educational videos produced
- 5600+ people reached through educational offerings
- 199 Bulk Orders, 3,481 items sold, 102,834 pounds of product moved
- 44 volunteers
- 900+ new email subscribers & social media followers
- 2 new knowledgeable & passionate staff members welcomed to our team
- Celebrated NOFA's 50th Anniversary



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Winter Conference

22 workshops reached 186 attendees through our 20th Annual Winter Conference, held virtually February 6th-12th, 2022. Workshop topics included, northeast food security, agroforestry, seed saving, farm to school, taking back organic, and much more. Keynote Speaker Niaz Dorry of the National Family Farm Coalition and North American Marine Alliance explored how collaboration and interdependence can build both a stronger food system and social fabric that holds and nurtures all of us together.



The Green Market Fair, Bookstore, and Conference Raffle were held virtually, and online workshops were recorded, giving registrants who were unable to initially attend a chance to access the sessions later, furthering our educational reach.



Bulk Order Program

The Spring Bulk Order, a collective buying program for farmers and gardeners, sold over 3,480 items, amounting to 122,000 pounds of farming and gardening supplies safely distributed to 199 customers.



Thank you to our host pick-up sites and volunteers! In 2022, 36 volunteers helped organize, distribute, and load orders at Belletetes in Andover, Country Three Corners in Weare, and the Spaulding Industrial Complex in Rochester.



Farm Share Program

We partnered with 10 farms in 8 counties to provide 50 subsidized CSA shares to 160+ low-income NH residents through our 2022 Farm Share Program. 72% of shares went to families of 3 or more and 49% of those served were children or elders. Participating farms included Abenaki Springs Farm, Brookford Farm, Local Harvest CSA, Mountain Heartbeet, Picadilly Farm, Pork Hill Farm, Stout Oak Farm, Tuckaway Farm, Winter Street Farm, and Work Song Farm.



Private donations and our third annual Share the Bounty Day, held September 19, 2021, raised \$13,618.87 for the 2022 program. Thank you to our Share the Bounty Day partners and program sponsors: Monadnock Food Co-op, Co-op Food Stores, Concord Food Co-op, Merrimack County Savings Bank, The Works Bakery Café, Warner Public Market, Revival Kitchen & Bar, Sweet Beet Market at Kearsarge Food Hub, and Flatbread Company, in addition to a CT NOFA led USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program grant.



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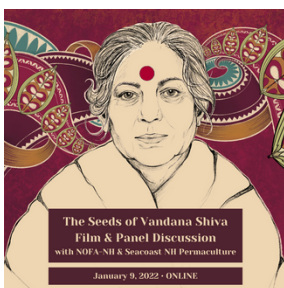
The CRAFT of Farming

The CRAFT (Collaborative Regional Alliances for Farmer Training) program provides opportunities for peer-to-peer technical education, training, and networking. In 2022, we coordinated 6 in-person, on-farm tours in 3 counties, in addition to 4 online webinars, reaching over 225 attendees. Topics included record keeping, growing culturally appropriate foods, a Farm Bill listening session with U.S. representative Annie Kuster, farm diversification, financial literacy, and more. Thank you to the participating farms and collaborating organizations: Stout Oak Farm, Fresh Start Farms, Kearsarge Food Hub & Sweet Beet Farm, Grounding Stone Farm, Brookford Farm, Clyde Farm, Hanover Co-op Food Stores, NH Food Hub Network, Rose Wilson, NH-NRCS, and the Agricultural Justice Project. This program was made possible by funding from Farm Credit Northeast AgEnhancement, the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, and the National Healthy Soils Policy Network



"Feeding the Family" Organic Gardening Series

Our 4th Annual "Feeding the Family" Organic Gardening Series included 6 virtual workshops from March to April, with 333 attendees across New Hampshire and the Northeast. Workshop topics included garden planning, raising backyard chickens, garden herbs for wellness, cultivating fruit and nut trees, permaculture principles, and container gardening. Low and no cost tickets were available to learners in need. Thank you to our program sponsors: NHEC Foundation and Merrimack County Savings Bank.



The Seeds of Vandana Shiva Film & Panel Discussion

In collaboration with Seacoast NH Permaculture, we hosted a virtual screening and panel discussion of "The Seeds of Vandana Shiva," a feature-length documentary presenting the remarkable life story of the Gandhian eco-activist, agro-ecologist and brilliant scientist, Vandana Shiva. Panelists included co-founded of Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center Kate Duesterberg, community organizer Olivia Zink, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Food Systems at Guilford College Tony VanWinkle, and faculty member in Sustainable Food Systems at Sterling College Tiana Baca.



Book Study: *A Small Farm Future* by Chris Smaje

In another combined effort with Seacoast NH Permaculture, NOFA-NH facilitated a 5-part book study in 2022. Participants dove into *A Small Farm Future: Making the Case for a Society Built Around Local Economies, Self-Provisioning, Agricultural Diversity and a Shared Earth* by Chris Smaje.



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Keeping NH's Dairy Heritage Beautiful, Delicious & Strong



In June 2022 we released a 3-part educational guide for consumers titled "Keeping NH's Dairy Heritage Beautiful, Delicious, & Strong, intended to increase awareness and support for New Hampshire's local and organic dairy farms for National Dairy Month, in the wake of Danone/Horizon dropping contracts with 89 organic dairies in New England. The campaign reached thousands through social media, E-Newsletters, and our website. Campaign topics included buying dairy products from certified organic NH farms, brands sourcing organic milk from farms in NH and/or New England, and supporting local dairy farmers.



Farm to School Webinar

NOFA-NH and the Farm to School Network hosted a virtual information session and live Q & A on January 21, 2022 to learn more about the [Local Food for Local Schools Reimbursement program \(HB 1657\)](#), a bill submitted to the NH state legislature. Participants learned more about this exciting opportunity to support NH students and our state's food system from Rep. Alexis Simpson (primary bill sponsor) and Rep. Megan Murray (bill sponsor). Other panelists included, Doris Demers - School Food Service Director, Stephanie Hsu, Program Manager - Farm to Institution New York State and American Farmland Trust, Renee Page - Executive Director, Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, and Nikki Kolb, NOFA-NH's Operations Manager.



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PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS



NH Feeding NH

The NH Food Bank's 'NH Feeding NH' program, in partnership with the NH Food Alliance, NH Farm Bureau and NOFA-NH, is a statewide initiative designed to support the purchase of NH grown food to feed our neighbors facing food insecurity with nutritious, locally grown fruits, vegetables, dairy and protein throughout NH communities. This program, modeled after our neighbors in Vermont and Maine, not only supports our local farmers, but also helps nourish communities in need, reduce food waste and replenish our local economy. In 2022 NOFA-NH was instrumental in creating a farm database for the program. The 2022 program funded the purchase of 271,261 pounds of food from 193 NH farms, benefiting 261 partner agencies.



NH Food Alliance

This statewide network engages and connects people and organizations dedicated to growing a thriving, fair, and sustainable local food system in the Granite State. In 2022, NOFA-NH was an active member of the NH Food Alliance Network Leadership, Climate Action, and Racial Equity Teams. NOFA-NH also participated in the NH Statewide Gathering and the NHFA Strategy Retreat.



NH Food Access Coalition

The NH Food Access Coalition brings together public health and food system professionals to develop and advocate for policies that ensure food security for all in New Hampshire. In 2022, NOFA-NH participated in monthly meetings to build relationships and strategize on how to use our collective voice for policy change.



NOFA Interstate Council

The NOFA Interstate Council provides coordination between NOFA's seven state chapters, conducts the annual NOFA Summer Conference and acts as an umbrella organization for projects of collective concern to NOFA chapters, including public policy. NOFA-NH board and staff members participated in monthly policy committee meetings, bi-monthly interstate council meetings, racial justice & equity committee meetings, and an annual retreat.



Food Security, Strengthening Organic, and Supporting Beginning Farmers Through Collaborative Grants

We collaborated on the following state and regional grants: CT NOFA's Building Community Food Security – Northeast CSA Farm Share grant, the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success' Beginning Farmer & Rancher grant, and NOFA-NJ's Verifying the Promise of Certified Organic in the Northeast grant.



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POLICY & ADVOCACY

Development of a 2023 Farm Bill Platform & Listening Session with Rep. Ann Kuster

NOFA-NH staff and policy committee members collaborated with NOFA sister chapters across the region to develop a robust 2023 Farm Bill platform and host multiple listening sessions with farmers and community stakeholders, both virtually and in person. With funding from the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and the National Healthy Soils Policy Network, NOFA-NH hosted a Farm Bill Listening Session and with Congresswoman Ann Kuster at Kearsarge Food Hub in Bradford on August 22, 2022. Attendees named organic integrity, meat processing infrastructure in New Hampshire, consolidation in agriculture, agricultural justice, nutrition, climate resiliency, subsidies, ecological health, pollinator protection, farm to school, land access, and support for building local, vibrant, and rural food systems as key areas of concern for the next Farm Bill. Following the Listening Session with over forty community members, Rep. Kuster toured Sweet Beet Farm, where farmers shared how a market garden functions, its connection to the Kearsarge Food Hub and community, and ways that the Farm Bill can support small farms to thrive. The NOFA-NH policy committee will continue to work on the Farm Bill platform and Farm Bill advocacy in 2023.

HB 487-FN: Local Food For Local Schools Reimbursement Bill

Rep. Alexis Simpson (Exeter) with the sponsorship of 4 other NH legislators including Rep. Megan Murray (Amherst) introduced a Local Foods for Local Schools Reimbursement Bill for the second year in a row. The bill was largely drafted by the NH Farm to School Network, an organization in which NOFA-NH participates. The bill incentivizes school nutrition directors to channel more incoming federal school meal dollars towards the purchase of fresh, locally produced foods for breakfast and lunch services in cafeterias across the state. It would boost youth health and wellness, and increase economic opportunities for local farmers. NOFA-NH provided public outreach for the bill, and will continue to support a new version of this proposed legislation next year.

Published an Op-Ed on the Dangers of Sludge Applications and PFAS in the Union Leader

NOFA-NH Board Members Edith Pucci Couchman, Joan O'Connor, and Kate Dobrowski published an op-ed in the *Union Leader* illuminating concerns about sludge applications and PFAS contamination on agricultural lands in the Granite State to counter a *Union Leader* article promoting the practice. "Healthy food and clean water are essential for human life. That's why we at the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire (NOFA-NH) were alarmed and concerned to read your recent headline: 'With fertilizer costs skyrocketing, farmers find a friend in New Hampshire sludge.'"

NH Agricultural Policy Forum

The Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition, NH Food Alliance, League of Conservation Voters, NH Farm Bureau, NH Hunger Solutions, and NOFA-NH joined forces to produce the 2022 NH Agricultural Policy Forum, held on December 13, 2022. During this free, online event, Chelsea Gazillo of American Farmland Trust provided keynote remarks, and panelists, including NOFA-NH Board President Julie Davenson, discussed Farm Bill policy priorities, soil health, climate change, farm to school, NH food access bills, Inflation Reduction Act impact on New England small-scale farms, and more.

Letters of Support

Throughout 2022, we signed letters of support advocating for a just and reparative 2023 Farm Bill, farmworker protections, support for organic dairies, protecting communities from the harmful effects of CAFOs, pesticide reduction, meat inspection reform, and more, available here: www.nofanh.org/action-alerts-resources.



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NOFA

Five Decades of Organic Farming, Gardening and Food

In 1971, the Northeast Organic Farming Association was started by Samuel Kaymen along with a group of young environmentalists, farmers, and concerned citizens. Since that time, the organization has grown with branches in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. NOFA-NH is proud to be a founding chapter along with our neighbors at NOFA-VT. To commemorate our 50th anniversary, we hosted two exciting events to honor this milestone in 2022. Thank you too all those who celebrated with us! [Visit our 50th Anniversary Archive](#) for more.



Colby Hill Inn Farm to Table Dinner & Panel

NOFA-NH supporters, partners, and staff, along with past and present board members, came together to enjoy a farm to table dinner at Colby Hill Inn in Henniker, NH. Over 100 people joined us to delight in local food, tastings from local wineries, cideries, and breweries, live music, and [a program](#) featuring leaders in our local food system. Speakers included Dave Chapman of the Real Organic Project and Long Wind Farm, Anthony Munene of Fresh Start Farms and the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success (ORIS), Hanna Flanders of Kearsarge Food Hub and Sweet Beet Farm + Market + Cafe, Julie Davenson - NOFA-NH Board President, Nikki Kolb - NOFA-NH Operations Director, in addition to a tribute to NOFA founder Samuel Kaymen by Paul Doscher. It was an inspiring evening that invited us to reminisce, spark discussion, and look ahead to the next 50 years of organic agriculture in New Hampshire and beyond.

Brookford Farm Pizza Party, Live Music & CRAFT Tour

In a special joint event NOFA-NH celebrated 50 years and Brookford Farm celebrated 10 years at their Canterbury location. The afternoon was filled with a fun pizza party, live music, exhibitor fair, raffle, children's activities, and educational opportunities with our local partners. Brookford Farm made pizza from scratch using ingredients straight from the farm. Over 150 people joined us for the day, which was capped by a CRAFT tour of the long standing NOFA-NH member farm.

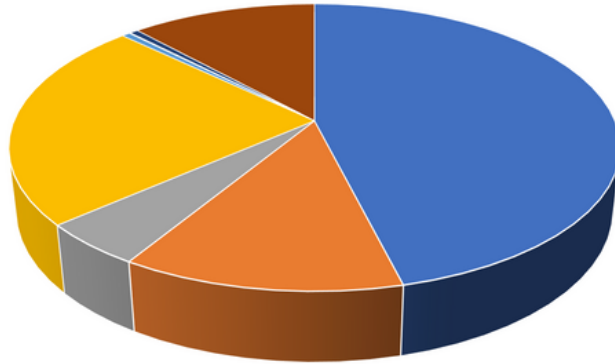


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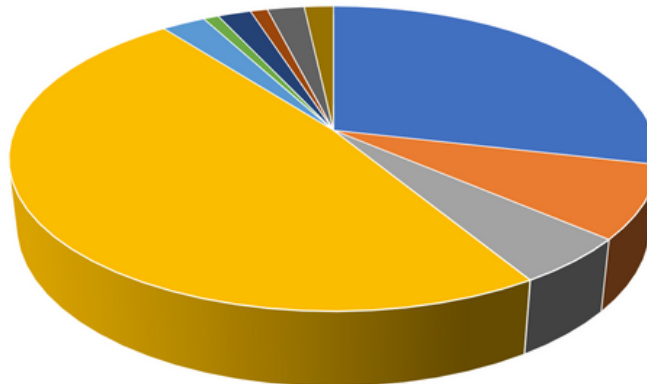
INCOME & EXPENSES

Income \$261,041



- Program Revenue
- Contributions
- Member dues
- Grants
- Professional Fees
- Merchandise Revenue
- Advertising income
- Restrictions Released

Expenses \$251,413



- Cost of Goods Sold
- Program Subcontractors
- Program costs
- Payroll Expenses
- Ind. Contractors/Prof. Services
- Insurance
- Occupancy Charges
- Printing & Publications
- General/Operating
- Marketing/ Fundraising /Promo



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THANK YOU!

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