



NORTHEAST FARMERS FUND

Grant Program for Regenerative Practice Implementation and Market Access



The **Northeast Farmers Fund**, an initiative of the nonprofit **Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment**, provides farmers with the financial and technical support necessary to produce and market regenerative agricultural products. The Fund is designed to create systemic impact across the Northeast food system by creating pathways for funding and knowledge sharing between stakeholders. By catalyzing Northeast farmers' adoption of regenerative agricultural practices and access to market opportunities, the Northeast Farmers Fund will increase the economic viability of farms and preserve working lands while building resilience to climate impacts.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Through the Northeast Farmers Fund, Wolfe's Neck Center staff and contractors work with farmers to design, fund and implement projects in the following areas:

- **Regenerative farm management practice implementation**
- **Market access and expansion, including:**
 - Certification fees
 - Marketing material consultation, development and production
 - Distribution and retail access, such as the cost of hiring a distributor
 - Core market infrastructure, such as processing equipment
- **Technical assistance to support project planning and implementation**
- **Soil sampling and analysis in support of:**
 - On-farm decision making
 - Meeting buyer and/or certification requirements
 - Participation in regional soil health research initiatives

The Northeast Farmers Fund aims to enroll approximately 385 Northeast farmers between 2026 and 2028. Priority geographic focus for farmer enrollment in 2026 is Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York.



FUNDING SOURCES

Funding for these services comes from food companies and retailers such as Hannaford Supermarkets, philanthropic gifts, and grant funding from private and governmental sources. As additional funding opportunities become available, Wolfe's Neck Center will scale the impact of the Fund and deliver more than \$20 million to farmers in the Northeast between 2026 and 2028.



PARTNERSHIPS AND SCALE

In addition to our direct farmer support services, the Northeast Farmers Fund will develop partnerships with other regional organizations to further strengthen the market access landscape and opportunities for Northeast farmers. We look forward to collaborating with existing and emerging initiatives that reduce barriers for farmers' market access.



ABOUT WOLFE'S NECK CENTER

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment is building an ecologically and economically resilient food system in the Northeast through regenerative agriculture. Based on a diversified, organic farm of over 600 conserved acres on the coast of Maine, our nonprofit works to accelerate food systems change through public education, farmer training and market development, and agricultural research and innovation. With its demonstration farm, oceanfront campground, wooded trails, and historic buildings, our vibrant campus serves as a unique hub for education and exploration.

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