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2016 Program Snapshots

Northampton Community Farm

Crimson & Clover Farm

Our anchor vegetable farm, leasing 90 acres in 2016 in a combination of 5-year and 99-year leases. Farmers Nate and Jen:

- Feed nearly 400 local families through their 20-week CSA and 10-week winter farm share
- Grow produce for many of our Food Access programs and several wholesale customers
- Sell at our Tuesday Market and Northampton Saturday Market

Sawmill Herb Farm

A four-year veteran, leasing 2.5 acres on a 5-year lease to grow medicinal and culinary herbs. Farmer Susan:

- Runs a unique 50-share fresh herb CSA that customers can subscribe to on its own or as an add-on to CSA shares offered by several vegetable farms
- Offers Apothecary shares and sells dried herbs, tinctures, and other herbal products
- Hosted over 25 herbal medicine workshops in 2016

Connecticut Valley Farms

A recent incubator farm graduate, leasing 0.8 acres in their first-year lease, Farmers Jim and Vicheth:

- Specialize in uncommon vegetables from around the world
- Sell at farmers' markets and to restaurants
- Plan to return in 2017

Czajkowski Farm/Lakeside Organics

An established vegetable farm in the Pioneer Valley, leasing our East Field in 2016 to grow 10 acres of organic butternut squash. Farmer Joe:

- Grows a wide variety of vegetables for wholesale and farm-to-institution sales
- Is known for innovative value-added products, including spiralized squash "pasta"
- Is a 3rd generation farmer operating on 600 acres throughout the Valley

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Community Garden

Since breaking ground in 2012, we've grown to 265 plots serving over 400 gardeners with:

- Organic growing practices and access to mulch, compost, seeds, and seedlings
- Spanish outreach/translation and low-income/senior garden discounts
- Service and leadership opportunities on teams including edible hedgerows, medicinal garden, mowing, and composting outhouse

Education

We provide free bus rides and professional field trips for public school students to learn about local food:

- 1,000 students in 2015/16 attended field trips
- Serving Northampton, Easthampton, Springfield, Holyoke
- Planting and harvesting at the farm are integrated with classroom curricula and school garden activities

Tuesday Market

A vibrant community resource since 2008, this downtown farmers' market is our newest program, featuring:

- 20+ local farmers/vendors from April to November
- $500,000 in total sales benefitting the local economy
- $25,000 in low-income purchases supported by SNAP matching
- Great live music, fun kids' activities, and a great Northampton vibe

Food Access Programs

Over 40,000 pounds of food available to low-income families through:

- 30 Double-SNAP Shares (20-week share at Crimson & Clover Farm at half price)
- 70 Senior Shares (10-week small share delivered to Senior Center at $1/week)
- 25 Red Bag Shares (10-week small share delivered to Jackson Street School at $2/week)
- SNAP & Save ($25,000 in SNAP matching at Tuesday Market)
- Farmer donations of tons of surplus produce, delivered to soup kitchens and food pantries by our volunteers
- ½-acre Giving Garden growing and delivering tons of fresh produce with help from volunteers
- "Local Premium" subsidy helping food pantries to purchase local produce
- Plot fee discounts and free compost for low-income gardeners growing an average of 100 pounds of food for home consumption

OUR FOOD ACCESS PARTNERS

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