



2026

Helping Local Farmers Grow

Now in its 12th year, the Local Farmer Awards program continues to support agriculture in Western Massachusetts by helping more than 128 farms make capital improvements in 2026. Thanks to the generosity of partners—the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation, Big Y, Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, and the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation—along with community funders, the program provides support to farms across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire counties.

These awards help farmers purchase equipment, improve infrastructure, strengthen climate resilience, enhance food safety, and expand production capacity, supporting daily operations and long-term sustainability.

Projects include irrigation systems, frost protection, greenhouse upgrades, livestock infrastructure, harvest storage, food processing equipment, and building improvements.

Bolduc Farm in Southampton is investing in fans to improve dairy cow comfort, increasing resting and feed intake while supporting milk production.

Ray's Family Farm in Southwick is replacing a greenhouse that collapsed under heavy snow, ensuring continued crop production and sales.

Many Forks Farm in Clarksburg is installing a hoophouse to extend the growing season for tomatoes and greens, meeting CSA and farmers market demand.

To date, the program has **invested more than \$2,000,000** in regional farms, reflecting over a decade strengthening local agriculture and helping farms grow resilient and sustainable.

Twelve Years of Impact ...

INVESTED OVER
\$2 Million
IN LOCAL FARMING

SUPPORTED
916
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

HELPED
333
INDIVIDUAL LOCAL FARMS GROW



Permanent Pole Bean Trellis Structures (2025 Award)
Little Bean Farm and Pantry, Sheffield, MA

2026 - OUR TWELFTH YEAR OF SUPPORTING LOCAL FARMERS

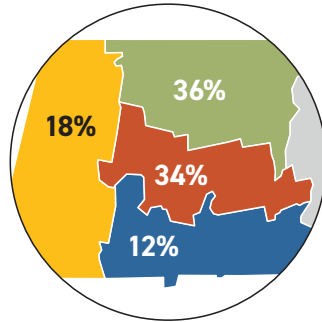
128 Awards, 181 Applications, 25 First-Time Applicants

Learn about the 2026 Winning Farms & Projects

Location

in Western Massachusetts

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



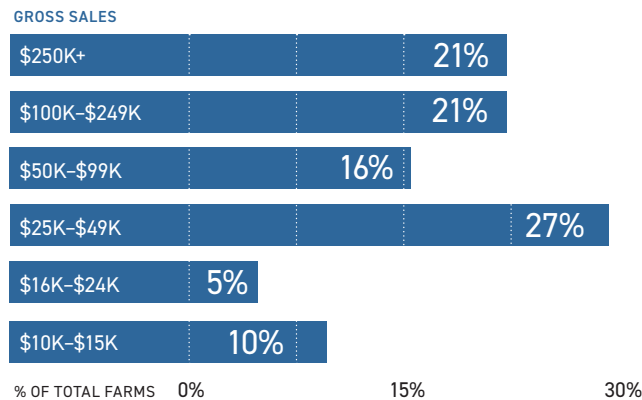
Variety of Agricultural Products

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

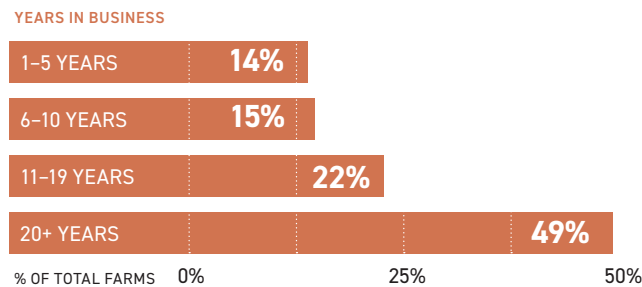
Gross Sales

farms of all sizes



Years in Business

from newer to established farms



Big Impact, Shared Investment

2026 FUNDING BREAKDOWN ACROSS 128 PROJECTS

Local Farmer Awards:	\$276,791
Farmer Share:	\$272,804
Total Project Investment:	\$549,595

On average, farmers covered nearly half of total project costs through their cost share—contributing not only financial resources, but also significant labor and innovative, on-the-ground solutions.

Types of Capital Improvement Projects

- Infrastructure & Equipment Investment**
Forklifts, trailers, cold storage, barn improvements
- Irrigation & Water Management**
Pumps, drip irrigation, storage tanks, filtration systems
- Greenhouse & Season Extension**
Greenhouses, caterpillar tunnels, shade cloths, climate controls
- Crop and Field Production, Soil Management**
Seeders, transplanters, bale handling equipment
- Livestock Infrastructure & Animal Handling**
Fencing, chutes, calf hutches, feeding systems
- Maple, Sap, & Syrup Production**
Sap lines, vacuum pumps, monitoring systems, filter presses
- Honey & Specialty Product Production**
Extraction equipment, capping spinners, dehydrators
- Post-Harvest Processing & Food Safety**
Wash stations, dehydrators, chilling tanks, packing equipment
- Specialized Efficiency & Labor-Saving Systems**
Electric pallet jack, egg sorting table, compost bagger



Bulk Feed Bin (2025 Project)
Holguer Hill Farm, Ashfield, MA



2026 AWARD WINNERS

Berkshire County

- ❖ **Balawender Farm**
Portable Electric Fencing
- ❖ **Bigfoot Farm**
Manual Mulch Layer
- ❖ **Bill Mangiardi - Mangiardi Farm**
Sheep Handling System
- ❖ **Brattle Farm**
Pasture Management Improvements
- ❖ **Dandelion Hill Farm**
New Cover for High Tunnel
- ❖ **Elmartin Farm**
Cattle Working Shute
- ❖ **Field Of Love Farm**
Greenhouse for Seedlings & Curing
- ❖ **Flycatcher Farm**
Metal Horizontal Crop Supports
- ❖ **Flynn Farm**
Track System for John Deere Gator
- ❖ **Full Well Farm**
Greenhouse Crop Systems
- ❖ **Gould Farm**
Bottle Washer for Creamery Expansion
- ❖ **Hancock Shaker Village**
Headlocks for Safer Cattle Handling
- ❖ **High Lawn Farm LLC**
Rock Bucket
- ❖ **Holiday Brook Farm**
Greenhouse Irrigation Improvement Project
- ❖ **Lion's Tooth Farm**
Herbal Upgrades
- ❖ **Little Bean Farm and Pantry**
Haying While the Sun Shines
- ❖ **Many Forks Farm**
Hoophouse Construction
- ❖ **Musante Farm**
Cappings Spinner: Maximizing Honey Harvest
- ❖ **Red Shirt Farm**
Improving Farm Efficiency Through Irrigation
- ❖ **Second Drop Farm**
Enhanced Crop Productivity
- ❖ **Sweet Brook Farm**
Breathable Water Proof Hay Tarp
- ❖ **Three Maples Market Garden**
Leveling Up Cover Cropping
- ❖ **Trumpet Hill Farm**
Pastured Chicken Tractor
- ❖ **Turner Farms Maple Syrup LLC**
Gas Hot Water Heater for Sugar House
- ❖ **Woven Roots Farm**
Irrigation Expansion with Booster Pump

Franklin County

- ❖ **Atlas Farm**
Quick Couplers for Irrigation Sprinklers
- ❖ **Bear Hill Sugar Farm**
Maple Sap Harvesting Improvements
- ❖ **Big Foot Food Forest**
Small Farm Black Walnuts Processing
- ❖ **Bostrom Farm**
Cattle Medical Gate
- ❖ **Clarkdale Fruit Farms, Inc.**
Pump for Frost Protection
- ❖ **Conway Natives**
Deer Fencing System
- ❖ **D.A. Smiarowski Farms**
Material Handling Equipment
- ❖ **Dan's Veggies and Poplar Mountain Maple**
16 Tray Led Light Cart
- ❖ **Diemand Egg Farm, Inc.**
Optimization of Egg Processing Equipment
- ❖ **E & J Scott Orchards**
Livestock Pens
- ❖ **Emerson Christmas Tree Farm**
A Mower for the Trees!
- ❖ **Fern Hill Farm**
Pest Management Equipment
- ❖ **Foxbard Farm**
Perimeter Pasture Fencing
- ❖ **Good Bunch Farm**
Greenhouse Efficiency with Kwik-Klik Seeder
- ❖ **Gothic Top Farm**
Fuel Storage/Transfer Equipment
- ❖ **Green Earth Farm**
Improving Efficiency with Greens Washer/Spinner
- ❖ **Hastings Farm**
Weaned Calf Feeding Upgrade
- ❖ **Headwater Cider**
Harvest Trailer
- ❖ **Hillside Nursery**
Shade/Winter Protection for Perennials
- ❖ **Holguer Hill Farm**
Calf Housing
- ❖ **Just Roots**
Tractor-Mounted Seeder for Efficient Planting
- ❖ **Kelly Homestead Apiary**
Regenerative Mobile Egg Production System
- ❖ **Kitchen Garden Farm**
Crates for Harvesting Crops
- ❖ **Leyden Glen Farm**
Electric Fencing and Solar Charger
- ❖ **Lombrico Farm**
Terrateck Greens Harvester
- ❖ **Mycoterra Farm**
Preserving Harvest Through Value-Added Processing
- ❖ **New Salem Farm and Cidery**
Plastic Bushel Crates for Harvest
- ❖ **O'Brien Farm**
Milk Bulk Tank
- ❖ **Patten Hill Flower Farm LLC**
Hydroponic Setup Cut Flower Production
- ❖ **Porter Family Farm LLC**
3-Ton Bulk Grain Bin
- ❖ **Red Barn Farm and Deane Family Christmas Trees**
Drip Irrigation Installation
- ❖ **Reed Farm**
Grainwagon for Pastured-Poultry Feeding Efficiency
- ❖ **River Valley Farm**
Precision Fertilization for Sustainable Efficiency
- ❖ **Seeds of Solidarity Farm**
Fencing for Native Plant Nursery
- ❖ **Sugar Mountain Produce**
Parsnip Scale Replacement
- ❖ **Sunrise Valley Farm**
Expansion of Vat Pasteurization
- ❖ **Sweet Birch Herbals**
No-Till Bed Preparation
- ❖ **They Keep Bees**
Wax Capping Spinner
- ❖ **Thomas Farm**
Goat Raising Equipment Upgrades
- ❖ **Tip Top Orchard**
Tractor Implements
- ❖ **Wheel-View Farm**
Cattle Handling Equipment
- ❖ **Winston's Sugar House**
Energy Efficient Processing Room
- ❖ **Woodslawn Farm LLC**
Farm Gates and Corral Panels



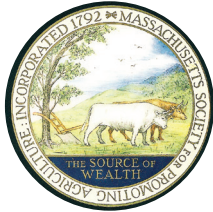
Hampden County

- ❖ **Ellison Farms Beef**
Corn Stalk Reclamation
- ❖ **Farmer Clark's**
Climate Resilient Irrigation System
- ❖ **Ferrindino Maple LLC**
Increased Frozen Storage Capacity
- ❖ **Kosinski Farms**
Greenhouse Atomizer/Fogger
- ❖ **Maple Corner Farm**
Livestock Feed Handling System
- ❖ **McKinstry Market Garden Inc.**
Greenhouse Energy Curtain
- ❖ **Nightjar Farm**
Garlic Processing Equipment
- ❖ **Nordica Street Community Farm**
Cold Storage Unit
- ❖ **Nuestras Raices, Inc.**
New Wash Station Installation
- ❖ **Plante Farm Inc.**
Cattle Chute
- ❖ **Ray's Family Farm, Inc.**
Replacement Greenhouse
- ❖ **Rockwood Farm**
Bedding Shredder and Spreader
- ❖ **Skalbite Family Farms**
Fenceline Mower
- ❖ **The Petrie Family Farm**
Roll Out Nesting Boxes & Solar Electric Fencing
- ❖ **Woodhill Farm**
Harvest Processing and Season Extension
- ❖ **Yellow Stonehouse Farm**
Sliding Barn Door


Hampshire County

- ❖ **Astarte Farm**
Enhanced Washhouse Water Pressure Flow
- ❖ **Bardwell Farm**
Shade Cloth Covering
- ❖ **Barstow's Longview Farm**
Automatic Curtains for Calf Barn
- ❖ **Bolduc Farm**
Industrial Fans for Cow Comfort
- ❖ **Brookfield Farm**
Raised Bed Plastic Layer Improvement
- ❖ **Chestnut Mt Tree Farm**
Increased Efficiency In Weed Control
- ❖ **Cote Cattle Company**
Corral Panels for Cattle Grazing
- ❖ **Cure For Boredom**
Strengthening Small Farm Production Systems
- ❖ **Deere Creek Farm LLC**
Updated/Larger Hay Tedder
- ❖ **Dufresne's Sugar House**
Conversion To Oil-Burning Evaporator
- ❖ **Farmers World**
Heavy Duty Roto-Tiller for Cultivation
- ❖ **Fletcher Farm**
New Chicken Coop
- ❖ **Flowerwork Farm**
A More Accessible Workspace
- ❖ **Food Bank Farm**
Tractor Attachments for Vegetable Production
- ❖ **Four Corners Farm**
Subsoiler for Climate-Resilient Soils
- ❖ **Front Yard Farm**
Improvements To Transplant Production System
- ❖ **Gray Raven Farm**
Hydroponic Growing Systems
- ❖ **Gwydyr Farm**
Pasture Water Pipeline System
- ❖ **Hickory Hill Farm**
Maple Sap Harvesting System
- ❖ **Hillcrest Farms**
Corn Planting
- ❖ **Intervale Farm**
Manure Management
- ❖ **J & J Farms**
Round Bale Grabber
- ❖ **Joyner Dairy Farm, Inc.**
Calf Housing
- ❖ **Lakeside Organic of Hadley LLC**
Rolling Cultivator for Organic Crops
- ❖ **Little Light Farm**
Plastic Layer
- ❖ **Many Graces Farm & Floral Design**
Climate Change: Growing Under Cover
- ❖ **McRay's Farm**
New Seed Planter
- ❖ **Mountain View Farm**
Specialized Cultivation Expansion Project
- ❖ **New England Wild Edibles**
Shade Shed and Inoculation Tools
- ❖ **North Hadley Sugar Shack LLC**
Passive Air Temperature Control
- ❖ **Old Friends Farm**
Self-Dumping Compost Bin
- ❖ **Park Hill Orchard, LLC.**
Expansion of Apple Cider Production
- ❖ **Passalongs Farm**
Frost Protection Grow Tent
- ❖ **Paul's Sugar House**
Sapsy Sugarbush Monitoring System
- ❖ **Plum Brook Farm LLC**
Belt Conveyor for Inspecting/Sorting Fruit
- ❖ **Ras Farm**
Water Tank for Irrigation
- ❖ **Robert Keyes Farm**
Greenhouse
- ❖ **Runnymede Farm**
Increasing Productivity With Bagging Compost
- ❖ **Steve's Sugar Shack**
Maple Syrup Filter Press
- ❖ **Stone Soup Farm**
Water Wheel Transplanter
- ❖ **Sweet Little Farm**
Livestock Trailer Upgrade and Repair
- ❖ **Tripple Brook Farm**
Heavy Duty Plant Propagation Heating
- ❖ **Windy Hill Farm**
Sap Vacuum
- ❖ **Ziomek Farm LLC**
Electric Pallet Jack

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