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2008 Farm Bill: What We've Gained

After two years, a gazillion action alerts, phone calls, follow up phone calls and reminders, we finally have a 2008 Farm Bill! It passed the week of May 12th by a veto-proof majority in both the House and the Senate.

The bill includes concrete and far reaching victories for conservation, beginning and minority farmers, local food systems, sustainable biomass production, competition, organic agriculture and even public health. The sustainable agriculture movement needs to pause for a moment and give itself a collective pat on the back. We won big! For ALL the details go to our website (<http://tinyurl.com/6qzhod>). For a quick summary, keep reading.

Organic Agriculture: A Starring Role

This Farm Bill provides much to support organic farming. For example, there is \$22 million in mandatory funding over 5 years for **organic certification cost share**, a big increase over the 2002 Farm Bill and a top National Campaign Farm Bill priority. And a new kind of payment is authorized under the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program** to support organic practices and transi-

tion to organic production. The bill also requires USDA to review a wide range of risk and loss data for organic and conventional crops and unless they find a significant difference, the **organic crop insurance surcharge** is to be eliminated or reduced. A new **organic data collection initiative** was also funded.

Conservation Programs: CSP Goes National!

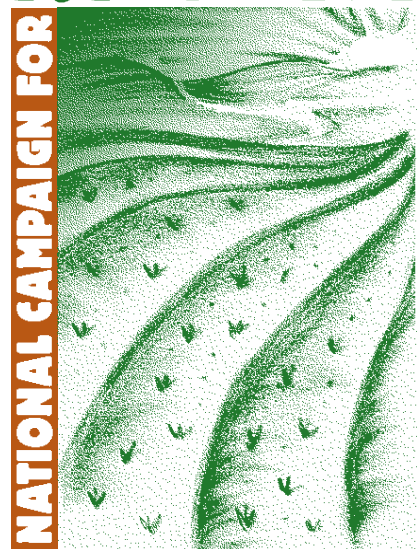
At long last, the **Conservation Security Program (CSP)**, renamed the Conservation Stewardship Program (still CSP), is going **national**, with a continuous sign up. CSP, which until now was limited to a narrow set of watersheds, was the first program to make a significant federal investment in rewarding farmers for sound conservation practices on working lands. The bill provides the resources necessary - \$1.1 billion in new and mandatory funding - to enroll approximately 115 million acres by 2017. The program and payment structure have been streamlined, making access easier without weakening the environmental standards necessary to qualify.

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HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH!

This edition of Ag Matters explores the many ways that agriculture -- and federal policy on agriculture -- affects health.

The impacts are endless, from:

- Easy access to fruits and vegetables that don't travel far and reach our tables with their nutrients intact, to
- Public health threats posed by confined animal feeding operations, to
- Subsidies that promote obesity by keeping prices low on soda instead of celery... and on and on...

With so many policies spending our taxes in ways that clearly make us less healthy as a nation, we believe this issue is a natural for building a broader and stronger coalition for future change.

READ ON!

Letter from the Executive Director

I was reminded as we began to put together this issue that we as advocates in the not for profit sector must stay centered and healthy ourselves. The hours are long, the issues overwhelming, and the change is incremental. In order to be effective we must stay inspired and in good health. Many of the resources we need are within us. We have to remember to take pause and listen to ourselves.

We must create opportunities that advance our individual capacity to make change and to bring out the best in the people we work with. It is easy to forget about the issues of personal sustainability and well being when there is so much to be done - immediately. I write this as much as a reminder to myself, as to others, to be more deliberate in taking time to reflect, laugh, and rest. Thanks to each of you for all that you do to make a better world. And don't forget to take care of YOU!



Deborah M. Burd
Executive Director

Below are some links to resources making the connection between health and sustainable agriculture:

American Public Health Association: <http://www.apha.org/>
Strives to assure that community-based health promotion, disease prevention activities and preventive health services are universally accessible in the US. Their recent publication, 'Toward a Healthy, Sustainable Food System, is available at <http://tinyurl.com/3hr2f8>

Prevention Institute's Nutrition Page:
<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/nutrition.html>
Works to change the conditions that impact community health. Their 2004 study, 'Cultivating Common Ground: Linking Health and Sustainable Agriculture, mentioned in Fern Gale Estrow's article, is available at <http://tinyurl.com/9lpfs>

Hunger and Environmental Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group:
<http://www.hendpg.com/>
Leading the future in sustainable and accessible food and water systems through food and nutrition education, research and action.

Health Care Without Harm's Food Page:
<http://www.noharm.org/us/food/issue>
Committed to working with hospitals to provide nutritionally improved food. Co-sponsors of an Annual Conference on Healthy Food in Health Care: <http://www.foodmed.org/>

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy's Fair Farm Bill for Public Health:
<http://tinyurl.com/4m26pd>
IATP works locally and globally at the intersection of policy and practice to ensure fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems.

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Health Professionals Advocating for Sustainable Agriculture Policy

By Fern Gale Estrow, MS, RD, CDN

Where our food comes from, how it is grown, how it is harvested and by whom, methods of processing and transportation, commercial storage, preparation and sales, recommendations for home preparation and consumption, its disposal and disposal of the waste associated with it - all of this is part of the cycle of food; all is a part of our nation's agriculture policy; and all is related to health. A sustainable food system is a health promoting food system. Yet, health professionals have typically avoided involvement in what defines our food system, namely agriculture policy. But, that is changing. We need to grow the movement.

While most would acknowledge a relationship between food and health, in recent years more and more health professionals have come to recognize that agricultural policy impacts our food supply and decisions made by consumers on a daily basis. In September 2004, the Prevention Institute published *Cultivating Common Ground: Linking Health And Sustainable Agriculture*, a document that has ripples that continue to build and grow. The document outlines many areas of common ground, including problems related to overproduction, use of toxins, worker health and safety, antibiotic resistance, food-borne and respiratory illnesses and poor air quality. A review of its table of

contents is a roadmap to change, noting actions such as: thinking about food systems rather than individual issues, increasing access to healthy foods in neighborhoods and institutions, sustainable agriculture, collaboration, cross sector strategies, shifting subsidies to support production of healthy foods and protecting the health of farmers and agricultural workers.

Shortly thereafter, in January of 2005, the Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) convened a group of health professionals to bring more focus to this conversation. This group eventually became the core of the health professionals working as part of the Healthy Food and Communities Work Group (HFC) of the Farm and Food Policy Project. HFC's focus was the upcoming Farm Bill, leading a conscious effort to bring health into agricultural policy discussion. In the summer of 2006, the Society for Nutrition Education held as its policy plenary the session *Global Issues, Local Impact: Understanding and Impacting the Food and Farm Bill*, featuring Jennifer Wilkins and Fred Kirschenmann, through support of the CFSC.

Efforts were taking place in other venues as well to move the health and agricultural policy conversation forward. The 2002

We are pleased to feature Fern Gale Estrow's (MS, RD, CDN) update on the growing connection between health care professionals and sustainable agriculture advocates. Fern is a leader in her profession who speaks nationally to poverty, food insecurity and obesity. For more information, contact her at fge2@earthlink.net. (See page 2 for links to resources mentioned in this article.)

Farm Bill had 10 Titles (Commodity Programs, Conservation, Trade, Nutrition, Credit, Rural Development, Research and Related Matters, Forestry, Energy and Miscellaneous) - all of which a colleague Mary Pat Raimondi and I believed influenced health—which we detailed in a 2006 article in the *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*¹. Until recently, most believed the only place health professionals should have a concern in the Farm Bill was the legislation associated with Food Stamps in the "Nutrition Title". Our analysis revealed a health connection in all ten titles of the Farm Bill - even the ability of a family farmer to have access to credit was a consideration. We realized to support health we need a food supply that is sustainable in all environments, promoting the health of land, water, animal, fish and bird populations, and that functions in emergencies, whether man-made or acts of nature. Presentations began reflecting this interest around the country as more and more health professionals sought to include the Farm Bill as part of their public health policy conversations - from New York to Washington, from Iowa to Maryland.

As my colleague Sue Roberts and I traveled the country addressing a Food and Farm Bill for Health with health professionals, we soon realized 10 titles was too much and instead focused on the six titles most connected to health. This effort was supported by the Roswell Foundation and CFSC.

At the same time there was increasing recognition by organizations that health, agriculture and sustainability were areas requiring analysis and policy support. The American Dietetic Association commissioned a Sustainable Food Systems Task Force, drawing from many members of the Hunger and Environmental Dietetic Practice Group. The task force developed a Primer on Sustainable Food Systems titled *Healthy Land, Healthy People: Building a Better Understanding of Sustainable Food Systems for Food and Nutrition Professionals*. Angie Tagow of the task force conducted a training session for



Indigenous Food as Medicine

By Vicky Karhu, Executive Director, Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative

Indigenous peoples have a wealth of knowledge of healing properties of native foods. Onions, as described below, are merely one example of the benefits of foods native to North America.

Traditionally, early spring is the time for wild onion dinners. Many say that it is good to "clean the blood" after a winter of relative inactivity and rich foods, and favorite harvesting spots are closely guarded family secrets. Nutritionists and medical researchers have recently "discovered" what many Indigenous peoples already knew: onions are good for your health!

Onions, leeks, shallots and scallions contain the flavonoid quercetin that helps prevent harm-

ful LDL cholesterol from sticking to artery walls and helps prevent blood platelets from sticking together to form clots. A second beneficial group of compounds are the sulfurs that make you cry when cutting them. These help raise the HDL cholesterol and lower levels of triglycerides, thinning the blood just as your grandmother said they would. The sulfur compounds also kill stomach bacteria that may lead to dangerous problems and even be a forerunner of cancer. They also can inhibit the allergic inflammatory response experienced in asthma and other respiratory ailments.

In Appalachia the "old-timers" advised people to put a poultice of slightly cooked onions on

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The bloated \$450,000 payment limitation for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which provides support for structural and management conservation practices, was reduced to \$300,000 over six years. The Secretary, however, can waive the limit for projects of special environmental significance, thus leaving the door open to public subsidies for the construction of manure structures for CAFOs.

Renewable Energy: A Starting Point

The bill provides \$70 million over 5 years in mandatory funding for the **Biomass Crop Transition Assistance Program**. This program will encourage farmers to grow annual and perennial biomass crops. Selection criteria include sustainability criteria and a preference for local ownership, both pushed by the National Campaign's Renewable Energy Committee.

Livestock Title: A Strong Showing

A hard fought amendment to the Packers and Stockyards Act banning packers from owning and feeding livestock was lost in conference. Packers will continue to use these supplies to manipulate the cash market price for livestock. There are, however, some significant protections for contract growers of livestock and poultry in this new Farm Bill. Farmers will no longer be bound by mandatory arbitration provisions but will have the right to opt out of those clauses at the outset of their contract. Contract growers will also have three days to cancel a contract after signing, and the initial contract must disclose whether large capital investments will be required over the life of the contract.

The livestock title also directs USDA to define "**undue pricing preference**" to protect small and independent livestock producers from unjustified pricing practices that favor larger producers.

The bill also includes a **Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)** provision, requiring retailers to label the country of origin of meat, fish, fruits and vegetables. The COOL provision retains the prohibition on the use of a mandatory **National Animal Identification System** to establish country of origin.

The bill also includes a provision allowing the **interstate sale of state inspected meat** for certain small packers, a great boon to

small facilities serving sustainable livestock producers.

Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers: Big Gains

Section 2501, a competitive grant program to fund groups helping socially disadvantaged farmers access USDA programs, received \$75 million in mandatory funding over 4 years, a significant increase over current authorized levels and a first time mandatory allocation.

Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers also won a 90% cost share rate under the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**, with advance payments of up to 30% available for conservation expenditures.

The bill creates a new **Beginning Farmer and Rancher Individual Development Account** pilot program, available in 15 states, to establish matched savings accounts for the purchase of farmland, farm equipment or livestock. No mandatory funding was provided, so this new program will have to win funding in the annual appropriations process.

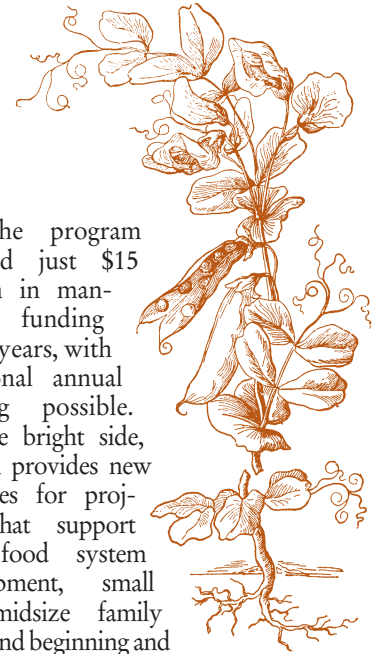
The **Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program** won mandatory funding of \$75 million over 4 years to administer a competitive grants program for organizations providing technical assistance and other services to beginning farmers. This program was created in the 2002 Farm Bill but was never funded.

For a more detailed summary of Farm Bill wins for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers go to the Rural Coalition website: <http://www.ruralco.org/>

Rural Development: Important New Program

The new **Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program** was given \$15 million in mandatory funding over 4 years. RMAP will provide small loans and technical assistance to rural entrepreneurs with low and moderate incomes to establish small businesses in rural areas.

The **Value Added Producer Grant** program, which provides support for farmers to process raw products into higher-profit goods, took a funding hit. We had pushed for \$40 million in mandatory funding,



but the program received just \$15 million in mandatory funding over 4 years, with additional annual funding possible. On the bright side, the bill provides new priorities for projects that support local food system development, small and midsize family farms and beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

Local and Community Food Systems: Health and Nutrition Play a Big Role

The **Community Food Project** program, which makes matching grants to community organizations working on local hunger, nutrition and food access issues, was funded at \$5 million annually over 10 years.

Very importantly for local producers, the bill will also allow local schools to establish a **purchasing preference for locally produced fruits, vegetables, dairy and meats** for school meals.

The **Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center** is a new grant program for community projects to distribute and market healthy and locally produced food, particularly in underserved communities.

USDA's **Rural Business and Industry Loan Program** now includes a priority for those working on local food distribution and marketing. Five percent (about \$50 million a year) of the guaranteed loan funds are to be set aside for these types of businesses.

Thank you!

Thanks to all of you who followed this debate, repeatedly made calls, and/or faxed letters on so many important issues. Stay tuned, and stay with us as we begin the hard work to make sure that these great programs are properly funded, publicized and implemented!

Farm Bill Organizing: What We've Done Together

We have worked hard at the National Campaign throughout the endless debate on this Farm Bill. We've worked with our partners, and we've worked with grassroots activists, to keep the information flowing and to get the word out whenever public outcry could be most effective in the push for policy that supports a clean and healthy food system.

First, with the leadership of our Policy Coordinator, Annette Higby, we enlisted over 2,000 grassroots activists to sign up as Farm Bill Heroes—a list of folks specifically inter-

ested in keeping abreast of developments on the Farm Bill, and speaking out to their representatives in Congress, as needed.

We sent a total of 67 action alerts on this Farm Bill since the beginning of 2007, followed up by 10 rounds of phone calls to activists in key states best positioned to press for legislative change. While many of the alerts were sent out nationwide, 45 were sent statewide within specific states, and many were carefully tailored and targeted to 58 districts in 26 states.

In support of keeping people informed, our Policy Coordinator also created and distributed 12 editions of our Farm Bill e-newsletter, "Farm Bill Digest," to cover the progress of our priority issues. In addition, we drafted and/or circulated 15 sign-on letters in support of specific policy, and submitted comments on many regulatory issues as they arose.

All told, these efforts we've engaged in together, as organizers and as activists, have made a difference in bringing reform to the final Farm Bill. *Thank you!*



National Campaign Included in New Kind of Activism

The #1 New York Times bestseller from the 1990's, *50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth* is back! This time, the authors chose 50 critical issues, and joined forces with 50 leading environmental groups to present them... including The National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture.

We're proud to be one of the 50 groups chosen as partners in this exciting project. You'll find us under Issue #2, Go Organic. And we're in great company, with organizations that range from The National Wildlife Federation, to Friends of the Earth and Audubon.

We hope you will go to www.50simplethings.com to learn more about this clear and compelling call to action. Even the most dedicated environmentalist will find practical ideas here that they can put to work!



From *50 Simple Things*: **2. GO ORGANIC**

It wasn't long ago that most Americans thought of organic food as something only "health nuts" ate. But today, about one in four U.S. families buy organic products every week. Organics is the fastest-growing segment in the food market. This is great news for people who care about the environment, because organic farming is the essence of sustainable agriculture. It builds soil, provides habitat, and eliminates pesticide runoff. But the movement is just beginning to get firmly rooted. We need to help make it grow...

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leadership at a 2007 spring meeting, providing information regarding sustainable food systems and tools to assume leadership roles in the many areas of sustainable food systems.

Concurrently, the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) published a *Fair Farm Bill for Public Health*. The American Public Health Association (APHA) focused on a stronger policy position with its November 2007 policy platform titled *Toward a Healthy, Sustainable Food System*. Presently APHA is moving forward with a policy entitled *Public Health in Agriculture Policy Program*.

So, with all this happening what does it say?

Agriculture Policy = Food Policy =
Health Policy

As Sue Roberts and I have highlighted in the past, we need a food system that provides Good Food that is healthy, green, fair and affordable. (See sidebar.)

Let's keep the momentum going. Help assure that changes supporting Good Food get incorporated into agricultural policy - not only with the Farm Bill (with four new titles - Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, Livestock, Crop Insurance, Commodity Futures), but with all federal, state and local legislation. Health professionals must continue the conversations with their colleagues and the public. We will get more Good Food.

For information on food and nutrition initiatives passed in the 2008 Farm Bill, see this issue's front page article. For more detail, see <http://tinyurl.com/4d5jq5>.

¹Estrow, FG and Raimondi, MP The Farm Bill: Past Present and Future: What We Need to Know and Why. pgs 125-138, Vol 1(2) 2006, *Journal of Hunger & Environmental Nutrition*

Healthy – Food whose nutrition value promotes health rather than disease – food that is free of contaminants such as pesticides from production or unhealthy additives or bacteria from processing;

Green – Food that is produced in an environmentally sound manner – ways that are less polluting, that add nutrients to the soil, that mitigate climate change, that use less non-renewable resources, that give us better air to breathe and water to drink;

Fair – A fair price and safe working conditions to all involved;

Affordable – Food that is priced in a manner that makes it available to all, no matter where they live or what their income - to make healthy food more affordable and accessible than unhealthy food.

Welcome New National Campaign Board Members for 2008!

Stacie Clary is the Deputy Director of the Ecological Farming Association, and the former Executive Director of the California Coalition for Food and Farming. She describes her work as motivating activists and volunteers, implementing public education campaigns, fundraising, and working with public officials.

Cornelia Flora is the Director of the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development of Iowa State University. Her research interests include international and domestic development, community, and the sociology of science and technology. Her current research includes work on community development, sustainable agriculture and natural resource management, with particular attention to how class, gender, and ethnicity influence and are influenced by technology and policy.

Ruth Anne Flore has served on the Board of the American Cheese Society and has co-chaired their "Back to Basics" Conference.

For the past 2 years she had advised on a television series focusing on traditional cheeses, particularly the use of raw milk, farmstead milk, and natural maturation techniques.

Marty Mesh is the Executive Director of Florida Organic Growers. He has dedicated his work over the past 35 years to a more environmentally responsible and socially just form of agriculture. He has also been involved in developing the Agricultural Justice Project, developing Social Justice standards for organic and sustainable agriculture.

Dennis Olson is the Senior Policy Analyst for the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, based in Minnesota. He works on U.S. agricultural trade policy and biotechnology issues. Previously, he was a community organizer with grassroots farmer and environmental organizations, and also spent three months in the former Soviet Union, networking with environmental and agricultural activist organizations.

Steve Potts has been working on his family's farm since he was a small child, helping his father milk dairy cattle. Today, he lives on the farm that his grandfather bought in the 1940s, raising swine, sheep and beef cattle. He also volunteers with the Missouri Rural Crisis Center.

Brad Redlin served as Federal Policy Analyst for the Center for Rural Affairs and later served as its Media Director. In 2004, Brad became the National Director of Agricultural Programs with the Izaak Walton League of America. With his six brothers and sisters, Brad maintains the family farm in Montana.

We would also like to recognize the service of our outgoing Board Members... **Margaret Huelsman, Linda Kleinschmit, Kim Leval, Dick Parrott, Donnie Valdez** and especially **Loni Kemp**, who has served the National Campaign since its inception. *Thank you!*

Indigenous Food Cont'd

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their chest for chest colds and coughs knowing of their many health benefits. A slice of raw onion on insect bites can be used to reduce swelling. The green part of young onions, eaten raw, is a good source of Vitamins A and C.



Additional useful information about onions: To reduce the strong odor while preparing onions you can chill them for 30 minutes and avoid slicing through the root end, which releases a puff of concentrated sulfur compounds when cut. Onion skins can be saved and used as a dye to produce a soft brown color. They should not be put onto the compost pile, as they will repel earthworms that are essential to good compost.

The healing properties of food used in medicinal ways have long been taught by indigenous peoples. For more information, please contact the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative, an organization formed in 2005 to promote sustainable agriculture, economic development, community involvement, and, cultural and educational programs. Contact: Vicky Karhu (918) 756-5915, or email Mvskokefood@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.mvskokefood.org/>

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Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Appropriations Campaign: Flying Blind, But Flying High

By Margaret Krome, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

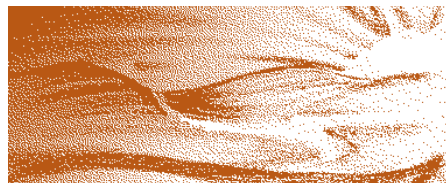


After sustainable agriculture advocates' amazing success last year with our FY08 appropriations campaign (see October newsletter), we launched our FY09 campaign with foreboding. No, it's not that we're afraid of success! But, despite excellent responses to our biannual survey of grassroots supporters, giving us clear feedback on priorities, it was hard to assess what programs ought to take priority this year. Without the Farm Bill's passage, it was hard to know just which programs were even going to be in play, which ones would have their funding subject to annual appropriators' discretion, and which lucky ones would be deemed mandatory (meaning that we probably won't have to fight for its funding). The good news is that your hard work on the Farm Bill helped us get mandatory status for a number of great programs, which should make our appropriations work a little easier in the future.

We ended up setting the following programs as FY09 appropriations priorities: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas, Organic Transitions Research, Outreach and Technical Assistance

for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers; Value Added Producer Grants, Conservation Security Program, Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development, and Community Food Grants programs. We emailed forty-six (!) action alerts this spring on our appropriations priorities, and sent another similar number by mail to you, the supporters whose contacts to key appropriators have helped keep funding for our priorities over many years.

Appropriators in both houses of Congress are expected to mark up their funding bills this summer, but there likely won't be a FY09 appropriations bill until after the new Congress and new President are sworn in next January. Instead, we can expect Congress to pass a Continuing Resolution to keep funding streams flowing to federal programs, starting next October.



Meet Our New Organizer

The National Campaign added a new Field Organizer this year, just in time to help us reach out on organizing for the Farm Bill. **Reba Richardson** tells us that her work in this newly created position is a perfect coming-together of her two life passions: organizing for social justice, and sustainable agriculture. As an organizer and activist, she was formerly a labor organizer with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; her agriculture interest has now coalesced around Hatchet Cove Farm, a diversified organic vegetable farm on the coast of Maine that Reba runs with her husband.

Here are Reba's own words: "From my work with unions I know the importance of bringing new voices together with experienced ones, of challenging people to take risks and make commitments to propel the movement forward. From farming I know the myriad ways that the policy work taken on by the National Campaign can impact working family farms, and of the importance of a truly engaged and effective voice for sustainable agriculture. Since I believe that it is in joining our disparate experiences and passions that we will be able to fight most powerfully for change, I am very excited to be organizing with the National Campaign, the "big tent" of the movement!"



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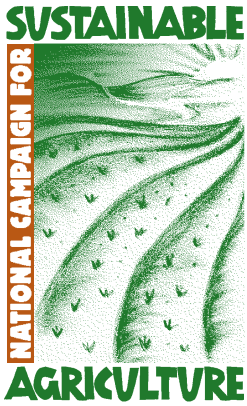
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