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National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) is a member-driven coalition focused on the following unified priorities:

- **to support, build, develop, and engage the grassroots of sustainable agriculture for the health and vitality of the sustainable agriculture movement; and**
- **to research, develop, and advocate for federal policies relating to farm, food, and environmental issues, appropriations, and implementation to support and advance sustainable agriculture.**

Over the course of 2014, we worked tirelessly on farm bill implementation to ensure it supports sustainable agriculture driven by family farmers and ranchers, protects our precious natural resources, strengthens rural communities, and increases access to healthy, fresh foods for everyone.

Our coalition successfully launched our Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act campaign. We created bipartisan support for Farm to School and worked to ensure that the next CNR strengthens farm to school and local food sourcing at schools and other educational and child care settings across the country.

Our coalition is effective because our staff and organizational member groups are strong, and our member-generated policy priorities are revised each year. Members are our ear-to-the-ground, providing farm and community-based solutions to federal policy so that it serves sustainable agriculture, family farmers and ranchers, and communities.

Our member groups bring farmers to Washington to work directly with those in Congress who are shaping and voting on critical legislation. Our staff members work long hours to ensure the voices of our coalition are represented on Capitol Hill. Foundations and individuals contribute significant capital so all this vital work can take place. Together, we are a powerful force for change.

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed their time, talent and financial resources to NSAC's successes in 2014. We could not do this work without each and every one of you. We look forward to a prosperous and productive future.

Robert Junk, *Republic Food Enterprise Center*



ABOUT NSAC

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) is an alliance of over 100 grassroots organizations that advocates for federal policy reform to advance the sustainability of agriculture, food systems, natural resources, and rural communities. Our vision of agriculture is one in which family farmers produce a healthful, affordable food supply while protecting the environment and building their communities. This vision guides our work advancing agriculture policies that conserve natural resources, promote organic farming, strengthen local food systems, and help new farmers succeed.

Committed to diversity, NSAC builds capacity among members at the grassroots level to develop leadership. Its effective and experienced staff offer political, media, communications, and collaboration expertise to a growing coalition of member organizations.

Formed from the merger between the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture and the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition in 2009, NSAC leads the development and implementation of federal sustainable agriculture policies through a dual strategy of direct and grassroots advocacy.

NSAC's ten-person staff is based in Washington, DC, and works with member organizations to advance sustainable agriculture priorities.

NSAC's policy team works with Congress and federal agencies to propose, implement, and improve policies and programs. Our grassroots team works directly with our members to provide resources and technical assistance that mobilize farmers, rural businesses, and conservationists to support better federal farm and food policy.

NSAC and its predecessor organizations have played a leading role in developing landmark federal conservation programs that reward farmers for protecting soil, water, and biodiversity. These include the Conservation Reserve Program buffer initiative, Wetlands Reserve Program, Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, and Conservation Stewardship Program, among others.

NSAC has also led the charge to create federal programs supporting organic, beginning, and minority farmers; value-added food businesses and direct farmer-to-consumer and local and regional marketing; and sustainable agriculture research and education.

These programs include the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, Farmers Market Promotion Program, National Organic Certification Cost Share Program, and Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, among others.

In addition to working to create these programs, NSAC is also committed to ensuring that they are correctly implemented, that improvements are made so that they benefit sustainable and organic farmers and businesses, and that they receive funding.

For years, NSAC has brought grassroots voices and stories to the federal policy-making process. Our member organizations directly serve farmers and local citizens, and our priorities are based on how policies work for them and what's needed on the ground. Through our high-impact advocacy, outreach, and education, NSAC translates those needs into substantial policy change for a healthier, more equitable, and more environmentally sound food and farming system.





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NSAC was founded upon two shared, integrated, and equal priorities:

To research, develop, and advocate for federal policies relating to farm, food, and environmental issues, appropriations, and implementation to support and advance sustainable agriculture

THE COALITION'S WORK

NSAC is a coalition with member organizations across the United States, many working at the local, state and regional levels on their own work, and collectively working at the national level to change federal food and agriculture policy for the better.

NSAC works to develop and support policies to create a sustainable and robust food and farm system that support farmers and communities, preserves natural resources, and provides healthy and fresh food. This kind of work requires expertise in a multitude of fields and as such our work covers many different areas. We excel at being experts on a wide range of national food and farm subjects and using that expertise to create real change that positively affects communities on the ground.

To support, build, develop, and engage the grassroots of sustainable agriculture for the health and vitality of the sustainable agriculture movement.

Over the course of five farm bill reauthorizations from 1990 through 2014, NSAC has played a critical role in conceptualizing and helping to establish sustainable agriculture programs including: Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, Beginning Farmer and Rancher Down Payment Program, Microloans, Value-Added Producer Grants, Local and Regional Food Enterprise Guaranteed Loans, Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program, Rural Micro-entrepreneur Assistance Program, National Organic Certification Cost Share Program, Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, EQIP Organic Initiative, Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Program buffer initiative, and CRP Transition Incentives Program, among others. We also play a key role in reducing farm program and crop insurance barriers to sustainable farming.

NSAC and its members complement each other's work to cover a broader spectrum of activities – more than any one of the member groups could cover on its own. NSAC relies on our member organizations for soliciting farmer and citizen input, for ground-truthing policy proposals, and for outreach and state implementation work on priority issues. In turn, the member organizations rely on the DC office for first-class representation, agency contacts, timely information, and expert advice.

At the same time we work to bring grassroots voices to bear on federal policy, we also work to increase the breadth and diversity of the voices in the sustainable food and farm arena. We create a democratic process for participation in the effort to change federal policy and we work to increase capacity and access for organizations and communities that need a louder voice.

We work toward the day when sustainable agriculture and food systems are the norm in America. We work to ensure that a young, ethnically diverse population can become farmers and make a decent living. We work to ensure healthy food access for all Americans, including our children and those most disadvantaged. We work to strengthen conservation on working farmland, improve the soil, sequester carbon and protect our waters. We support research to develop non-GMO seeds that are publicly available and regionally adapted. We push for reform of existing policies that significantly disadvantage sustainable small and mid-size farmers, such as crop insurance, and work to restore fairness to contract poultry and livestock farmers.

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A woman wearing a light-colored cowboy hat, a blue and white plaid shirt, and blue jeans is riding a dark brown horse. The horse has a white brand on its hindquarters. They are in a field of tall, dry grass. In the background, a herd of black cattle is grazing, and there are rolling hills under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A small white arrow points down from the top left towards the text.

NSAC is engaging with USDA in the farm bill implementation process to ensure that programs and policies are successful on the ground.

FARM BILL IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING & OUTREACH

Legislative campaigns are always just half the battle. The administrative and appropriations stage of the policy-making process is no less important. At this step, after Congress has passed the farm bill into law, the US Department of Agriculture writes the rules for how these programs will be implemented on the ground and the congressional appropriators make annual funding decisions. NSAC's legislative gains in the 2014 Farm Bill could come to nothing without vigilant attention during this phase.

RULEMAKING NSAC Submitted recommendations to USDA in advance of rulemakings for all of our NSAC-championed farm bill programs also with equally detailed comments during the rulemaking process on each of our policy and program wins. Between those two submissions, we also met with each USDA national program leader and with most of the relevant political appointees as well. On a targeted basis, we also launched public comment campaigns to help persuade the Department to do the right thing.

During 2014, this effort included advanced comments, agency meetings, and formal rulemaking comments on our program wins for: on-farm conservation and environmental protection; changes to farm bill conservation programs to help mitigate climate change; new insurance options for diversified sustainable farms; farm loan pilot programs to reach new, beginning and minority farmers; grants for value-added farm products, food hubs, and farmers markets; incentives to help low-income families purchase fresh fruits and vegetables; and improved assistance and enhanced research for organic farmers.

FUNDING While farm bills happen about every five years, the food and agriculture funding bill happens each year, and NSAC therefore is constantly on top of it, actively campaigning both to get annual appropriations for our top farm bill programs that require annual funding – programs like the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education competitive grant program and minority and beginning farmer loan programs – and to protect mandatory farm bill funding, especially for conservation and renewable energy programs, from being cut. Our efforts in 2014 paid off with an historic high for farm ownership loans for beginning and minority farmers and first time funding for the new farmer food safety training program.

OUTREACH NSAC's incredible track record in creating and winning funding for farm bill programs to support family farms, new farmers, sustainable and organic agriculture, and local and regional food systems would be for naught if farmers and sustainable agricultural organizations were not making use of them. Hence, outreach and education is a big part of our work. In addition to speaking at numerous conferences around the country and assisting our member groups with up to the minute program insights, 2014 also saw the publication of our online Grassroots Guide to Federal Farm and Food Programs.



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THE IMPACTS OF THE 2014 FARM BILL

DOES IT INVEST IN HEALTHY FARMS, FOOD & PEOPLE?

There were several major losses; many low-income families in cold regions with high heating bills will have fewer dollars to spend on food due to unfair SNAP cuts, targeted assistance for farmers of color was cut in half, and microloans and training for rural small business entrepreneurs were short-changed on funding.

- + Beginning farmers will have better access to the land, credit, and training they need to succeed
- + Researchers will have funds to help organic farmers improve practices like pest control and continue on-farm innovation
- + Farmers and communities will be able to create jobs by growing local and regional food and farm businesses
- + More families in need will be able to access fresh, healthy, local food at farmers markets and in their schools and communities.

DOES IT PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS AIR, SOIL & WATER?

Despite overwhelming farmer demand and growing environmental pressures, funding for smart resource conservation on working farms was cut deeply for the first time ever in a farm bill.

- + Farmers receiving crop insurance subsidies will have to manage natural resources wisely on their farms.
- + Farmers and conservation organizations will be able to collaborate on projects that target local environmental needs and opportunities
- + Farmers' efforts to protect wetlands and native grasslands that provide wildlife habitat will be encouraged and rewarded

DOES IT REFORM SUBSIDIES & LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD?

Congress caved on making long-overdue subsidy reforms, leaving both crop insurance and commodity subsidies completely uncapped and unlimited -- aiding wealthy mega-farms and putting small and mid-sized farms and new farmers at a competitive disadvantage.

- + Big Ag's attempt to gut basic fair market protections for independent meat producers and contract poultry growers was rejected
- + Farmers with diverse fruit and vegetable farms or who raise both grain and livestock will have access to insurance designed specifically for their needs.

CONSERVATION

Despite relatively larger amounts of funding for conservation programs, federal policies predominantly encourage intensive mono-cropping, corn ethanol, and large-scale confined livestock production systems that increase use of fossil fuels, chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The results are increases in greenhouse gas emissions, soil erosion, water pollution, destruction of natural habitat and depletion of aquifers. NSAC promotes conservation programs that can reduce these deleterious effects to our land, air and water through on-farm conservation measures, production of renewable energy, and sustainable and organic farming systems.

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NSAC works closely with federal agencies to ensure successful implementation of our farm bill victories. Due to the scope of our grassroots outreach and member organizations' broad expertise, NSAC is able to collect and share invaluable firsthand information with USDA to shape how conservation programs are structured and administered.

We conducted national outreach and education to encourage sign-ups and increase program access by sustainable small- and mid-sized family farms and by new farmers. NSAC and our member organizations play an important role in publicizing program opportunities, clarifying eligibility and application requirements, and helping applicants plan and develop projects and proposals. Our Grassroots Guide to the Farm Bill, published in 2014, is widely used by advocates, farmers and decision-makers. We also update our guide to federal funding opportunities throughout the year to keep farmers and organizations apprised of funding and enrollment opportunities.

We worked with USDA to modify a number of tools that the department uses to measure conservation performance, including a greenhouse gas and carbon sequestration measurement tool, a comprehensive resource stewardship measurement tool that USDA is currently piloting, and perhaps most importantly, the overhaul of the way the Conservation Stewardship Program will measure and reward conservation performance as Natural Resources Conservation Service moves to eliminate the Conservation Measurement Tool.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014

- NSAC's policy proposals resulted in a variety of important changes to the 2014 Farm Bill, including reattaching basic soil and wetland conservation requirements to crop insurance premium subsidies, creating an expanded conservation partnership program to fund targeted conservation projects, establishing permanent funding for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), increasing funding for the Conservation Reserve Program's Transition Incentive Program (CRP-TIP) to help beginning farmers access land and conserve natural resources, and creating a six-state "Sodsaver" program to conserve our remaining native prairie.
- In late 2014, we completed a four-year project, working cooperatively with NRCS and 10 NSAC member organizations to train USDA conservation staff and improve USDA conservation programs.
- We worked with USDA's Farm Service Agency to increase the number of producers who keep their land in resource-conserving uses after their long-term Conservation Reserve Program contracts expire.
- We secured a \$34 million increase in funding for NRCS Conservation Operations in Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations legislation. NRCS uses the Conservation Operations account to provide on-the-ground technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, and foresters who seek to implement conservation activities.



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SEEDS AND BREEDS

Everything starts with seeds. Whether you're an organic farmer looking for seeds that will work with your specific organic growing practices or looking for wheat varieties adapted to your specific growing climate, seeds are the foundation of every piece of food we put on our plate and central to everything crop farmers do. The continued growth of sustainable and organic agriculture and local, healthy food systems across the country – along with farmers' ability to meet the challenges of climate change and food security – depends on this critical first building block.

Over the past 25 years, there has been a steady decline in investment in public sector breeding programs housed primarily within our nation's land grant university system and USDA research facilities. This slow atrophy of public funding to support improved plant varieties means that farmers have been left with fewer and fewer seed choices over the years and are ill-prepared to meet 21st century needs.

In March 2014, the Rural Advancement Foundation International, an NSAC member organization, held and organized the "Seeds and Breeds" Summit. The summit was a pivotal event for an issue that is at a critical moment. This was the largest such summit in many years, and NSAC and RAFI are not going to let the moment pass.

We will continue the work that came out of the Summit, pushing to enhance federal resources for public plant and animal breeding research that is farmer and field-based rather than lab-based, especially to develop improved varieties that work for sustainable and regionally-focused producers. Building on recent success in pushing USDA to take action, we will use this funding to work with our member groups and partners in the research community, engaging NSAC's acclaimed policy expertise and strong stakeholder and grassroots base, to reverse an ever-concerning trend.

FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

In 2014, NSAC continued our work to defend sustainable food and farm systems from the threat of a one-size-fits-all approach to food safety regulations. FDA's new proposed food safety rules, originally released in 2013, included several highly problematic requirements that would have put many sustainable and organic farmers out of business, dampened the growth of local food systems and innovative supply chains, and undermined efforts to conserve critical natural resources. In response, NSAC and the sustainable agriculture community undertook an extensive public outreach and education campaign on the proposed rules, resulting in thousands of comments to FDA from concerned farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers.

In large part due to that comment campaign in 2013, FDA announced that it would reexamine several critical areas of the FSMA proposed rules that have major potential impacts for sustainable farming. FDA released those revised sections for additional public comment in mid September. The initial findings from the revised language were positive, including:

- Revised definitions of 'farm' and activities that happen on farms were a significant improvement from the original draft and clarified that activities that happen on a farm – like packing and holding produce from other farms – did not inappropriately misclassify the farm as a food facility, or subject it to regulations designed for industrial food processing plants.
- New language to avoid inadvertently discouraging on-farm conservation and wildlife habitat protection, which has been a major problem with previous produce safety standards.

- A proposal to reconsider the unworkable and unscientific restrictions on the safe use of manure and compost; to instead adopt the same application requirements for compost as the National Organic Program standards; and, to conduct the research and risk assessment necessary to inform an appropriate application interval for manure.

FDA's responsiveness to our original concerns – evidenced by the decision to undertake a second set of proposed rules, something that agencies rarely do – was quite encouraging, but it is critical that the final regulations support – and do not undermine – the many public health, economic, and environmental benefits of sustainable food and agriculture systems. To that end, NSAC continues to engage thoughtfully and strategically as the rulemaking process continues, for example, by working with our members and allies to again submit thousands of comments and recommendations to FDA in December to improve upon the revised proposed rules.

NSAC continues to participate in the FSMA rulemaking process, now with an eye toward implementation, to ensure not only that the revised rules ensure a safe food supply, but also that family farms and local food producers can thrive, and that consumers have ready access to foods that are safe, healthy, and sustainably produced.



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GRASSROOTS OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Our coalition draws its power – and its relevance both in DC and in the field – from our grassroots base. Our members represent thousands of sustainable family farmers, along with the community leaders, researchers, and advocates who support them, and in 2014 these grassroots voices were heard loud and clear on all of our campaigns.

For example: with help from our members, NSAC hosted two farmer fly-ins in 2014, featuring nearly two dozen farmers from around the country, from a Mississippi cattle rancher employing advanced grassland management to a diversified organic vegetable grower in Maine. There are no better advocates for USDA programs that support sustainable agriculture than the farmers and ranchers who leverage them to grow and strengthen their businesses. While the House and Senate continue to struggle to pass basic legislation, these meetings give farmers and ranchers the opportunity to directly engage with USDA and their Congressional representatives on the impact of and continued need for sustainable agriculture programs.

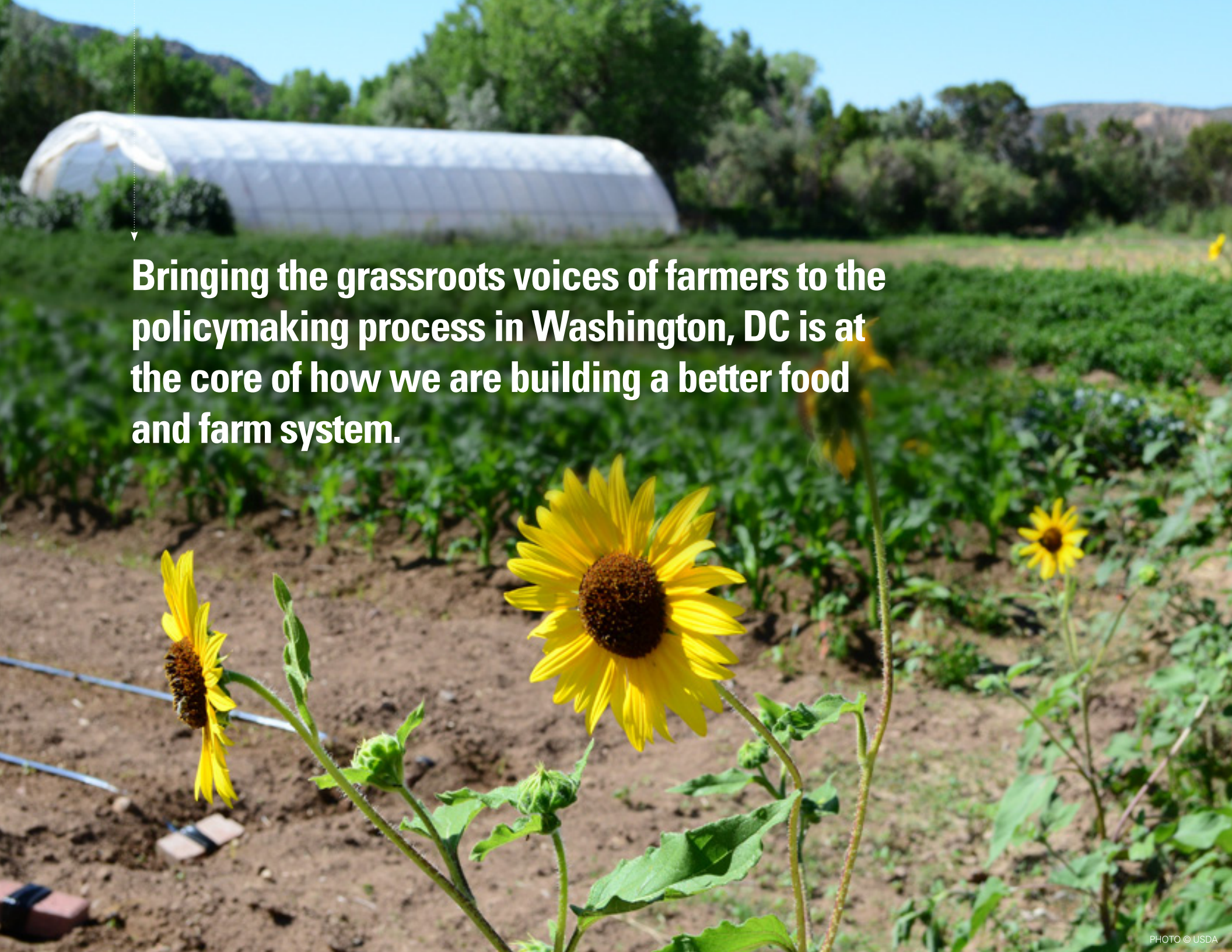
Throughout 2014, farmers and other grassroots advocates helped us by:

- developing and ground-truthing policy recommendations,
- holding legislators accountable through phone calls, emails, and public events,
- sharing their stories with the media,
- submitting comments and feedback to USDA and other agencies,
- spreading the word about issues and opportunities using social media, and much, much more!

2014 also marked the release of our brand-new Grassroots Guide to Federal Farm and Food Programs, the only free online resource of its kind. It serves as an online one-stop shop for farmers, ranchers, food entrepreneurs, and organizations seeking information on federal grant, loan, and enrollment opportunities to build and strengthen their sustainable agriculture efforts.

LEADERS OF COLOR

In addition, we continue to invest in skill building and leadership development across our coalition. We held numerous webinars and in-person trainings for both members and farmer-advocates in 2014 focused on improving their ability to understand critical issues, build our movement's power, and impact policy for the better.

A photograph of a sunflower field under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, several bright yellow sunflowers with dark brown centers are in focus. The ground is dry and brown. In the background, there is a long, white, arched greenhouse structure. Beyond the greenhouse, there are green trees and hills in the distance.

Bringing the grassroots voices of farmers to the policymaking process in Washington, DC is at the core of how we are building a better food and farm system.

THE ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL

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INCOME STATEMENT



Revenue and Support

Donations	\$44,539
Fund Reserve (Memberships)	\$93,440
Grants Revenue	\$1,418,617
Registration Fees	\$43,176
Other	\$12,215

Total Revenue and Support **\$1,611,987**



Expenses

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$1,885,785
<i>Program Services:</i>	
Salaries and Wages	\$642,273
Employee Benefits	\$237,992
Grants and Subcontracts	\$102,359
Consultants & Prof Svcs	\$224,619
Travel	\$48,141
Meeting Expenses	\$99,262
Occupancy	\$75,220
Supplies	\$14,475
Printing	\$6,350
Publications	\$25,807
Telephone	\$12,020
Postage	\$721
Staff Development	\$3,365
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,915

Total Program Expenses **\$1,494,518**

Administrative \$117,469

Total Expenses **\$1,611,987**

LIST OF FUNDERS

Anonymous (x2)
Agua Fund
Annie's Homegrown
The Blackie Foundation
Blue Moon Fund
Cedar Tree Foundation
Clif Bar Family Foundation
The Convergence Partnership
Farm Aid
Fidelity Charitable
The Firedoll Foundation
Michigan State University
The W.K. Kellogg Foundation
The McKnight Foundation
Networks Northwest
New Belgium Brewing
The North Pond Foundation
Organic Valley
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Patagonia
Presbyterian Hunger Program
RZ Foundation
Tikva Grassroots Empowerment Fund
UNFI Foundation
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 Alternative Energy Resources Organization - *Helena, MT*
 California Certified Organic Farmers - *Santa Cruz, CA*
 California FarmLink - *Santa Cruz, CA*
 C.A.S.A. del Llano (Communities Assuring a Sustainable Agriculture) - *Hereford, TX*
 Catholic Rural Life - *Des Moines, IA*
 Center for Rural Affairs - *Lyons, NE*
 Clagett Farm/Chesapeake Bay Foundation - *Upper Marlboro, MD*
 Community Alliance with Family Farmers - *Davis, CA*
 Dakota Rural Action - *Brookings, SD*
 Delta Land and Community, Inc. - *Almyra, AR*
 Ecological Farming Association - *Soquel, CA*
 Farmer-Veteran Coalition - *Davis, CA*
 Flats Mentor Farm - *Lancaster, MA*
 Florida Organic Growers - *Gainesville, FL*
 GrassWorks - *New Holstein, WI*
 Hmong National Development, Inc. - *St Paul, MN and Washington, DC*
 Illinois Stewardship Alliance - *Springfield, IL*
 Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy - *Minneapolis, MN*
 Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative - *Sebastopol, CA*
 Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation - *Des Moines, IA*
 Izaak Walton League of America - *St. Paul, MN/Gaithersburg, MD*
 Kansas Rural Center - *Whiting, KS*
 The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture - *Poteau, OK*
 Land Stewardship Project - *Minneapolis, MN*
 Michael Fields Agricultural Institute - *East Troy, WI*
 Michigan Food & Farming Systems – MIFFS - *East Lansing, MI*
 Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance - *Lansing, MI*
 Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service - *Spring Valley, WI*
 The National Center for Appropriate Technology - *Butte, MT*
 Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society - *Ceresco, NE*
 Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance - *Deerfield, MA*
 Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society - *LaMoure, ND*
 Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides - *Eugene, OR*
 Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association - *Columbus, OH*
 Oregon Tilth - *Corvallis, OR*
 Organic Farming Research Foundation - *Santa Cruz, CA*
 Rural Advancement Foundation International – USA - *Pittsboro, NC*
 Union of Concerned Scientists Food and Environment Program - *Cambridge, MA*
 Virginia Association for Biological Farming - *Lexington, VA*
 Wild Farm Alliance - *Watsonville, CA*

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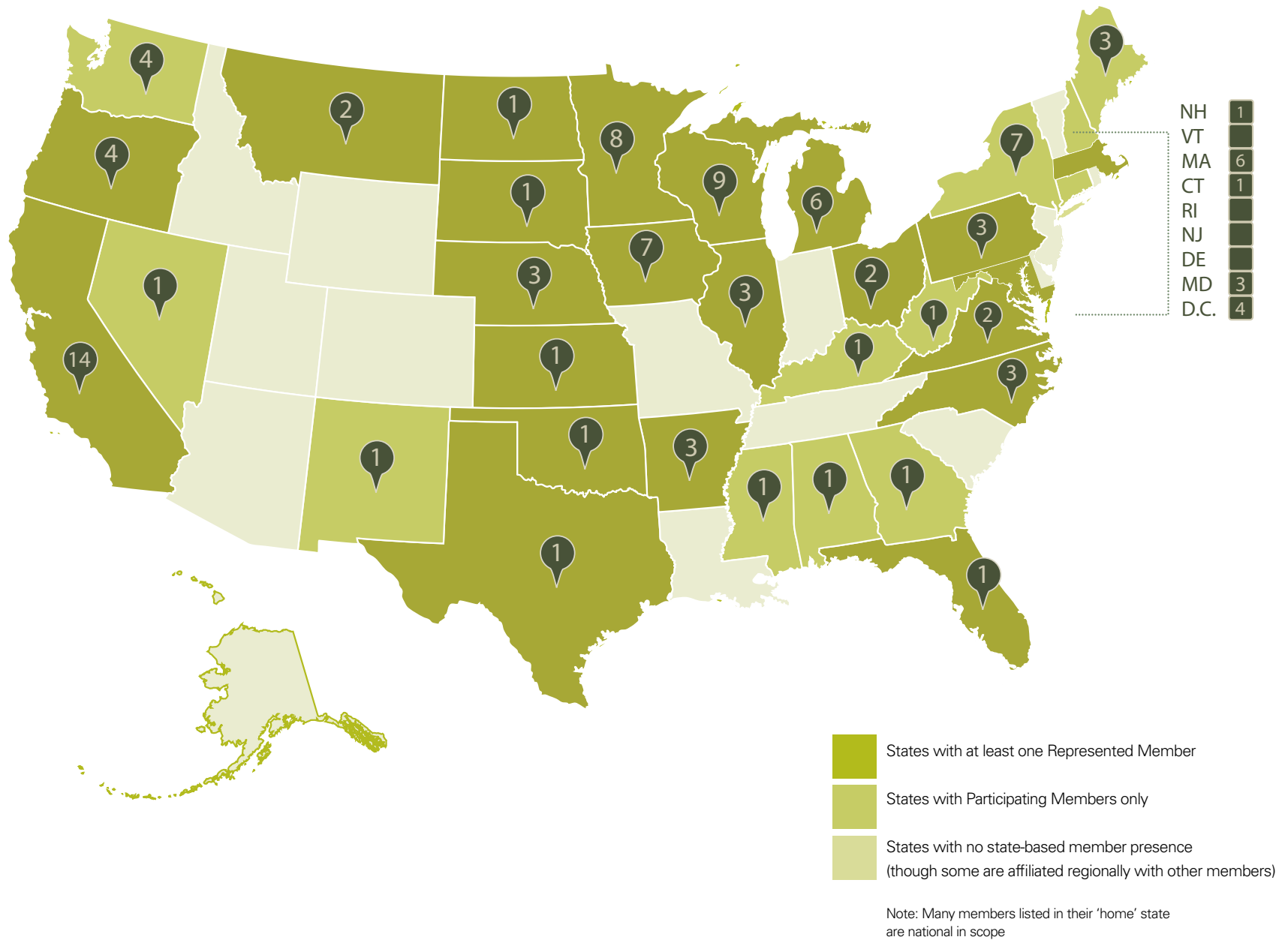
Agrarian Trust - *Great Barrington, MA*
 Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network - *Montgomery, AL*
 Angelic Organics Learning Center - *Caledonia, IL*
 California Climate and Agriculture Network - *Sebastopol, CA*
 Carolina Farm Stewardship Association - *Pittsboro, NC*
 Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems – University of Wisconsin - *Madison, WI*
 Center for a Livable Future – Johns Hopkins University - *Baltimore, MD*
 Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources – Washington State University - *Puyallup, WA*
 Central Appalachian Network - *Berea, KY*
 Certified Naturally Grown - *Brooklyn, NY*
 Community Farm Alliance - *Frankfort, KY*
 Community Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture Program – University of Missouri - *Columbia, MO*
 Conservation Districts of Iowa - *Earlham, IA*
 Fair Food Network - *Ann Arbor, MI*
 Family Farm Defenders - *Madison, WI*
 Farm Aid - *Cambridge, MA*
 Farm to Table – New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council - *Santa Fe, NM*
 Farmers Market Coalition - *Charlottesville, VA*
 Food Animal Concerns Trust - *Chicago, IL*
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 Friends of Family Farmers - *Molalla, OR*
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 Healthy Food Action - *Minneapolis, MN*
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 Iowa Farmers Union - *Ames, IA*
 Island Grown Initiative - *Vineyard Haven, MA*
 Just Food - *New York, NY*
 Land for Good - *Keene, NH*
 Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture – Iowa State University - *Ames, IA*
 Maine Farmland Trust - *Belfast, ME*

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association - *Unity, ME*
 Maine Rural Partners – University of Maine - *Orono, ME*
 Michigan Land Use Institute - *Traverse City, MI*
 Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture – University of Minnesota - *St. Paul, MN*
 Mississippi Sustainable Agriculture Network - *Oxford, MS*
 MSU Center for Regional Food Systems - *East Lansing, MI*
 National Farm to School Network - *Chicago, IL*
 National Hmong American Farmers - *Fresno, CA*
 National Young Farmers' Coalition - *Tivoli, NY*
 Nebraska Wildlife Federation - *Lincoln, NE*
 New England Farmers Union - *Shelburne Falls, MA*
 Northeast Organic Farming Association Interstate Council - *NY, MA, RI, VT, CT, NH, NJ*
 Organic Farmers' Agency for Relationship Marketing, Inc. - *Brussels, WI*
 Organic Valley - *LaFarge, WI*
 Partners for Rural America - *Nationwide*
 PCC Farmland Trust - *Seattle, WA*
 Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture - *Millheim, PA*
 Pesticide Action Network North America - *Oakland, CA*
 Practical Farmers of Iowa - *Ames, IA*
 Republic Food Enterprise Center - *Republic, PA*
 Roots of Change - *San Francisco, CA*
 Slow Food USA - *Brooklyn, NY*
 Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture - *Pocantico Hills, NY*
 Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota - *Princeton, MN*
 Tilth Producers of Washington - *Seattle, WA*
 Wallace Center – Winrock International - *Arlington, VA*
 The Washington Sustainable Food and Farming Network - *Mount Vernon, WA*
 West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition - *Mount Hope, WV*
 Wholesome Wave - *Bridgeport, CT*
 Women, Food, and Agriculture Network - *Ames, IA*
 The Xerces Society - *Portland, OR*

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 Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group
 Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group

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