

Fact Sheet # 35 Pocket Resource Guide



This pocket resource guide highlights a few of the most important resources for beginning farmers in Mass to know about. Visit bfnmass.org for a more complete, searchable guide.

Massachusetts Organizations

New Entry Sustainable Farming Project • Lowell, MA • nesfp.org
nesfp@tufts.edu • 978-654-6745
Land matching program, livestock workshops and trainings, mobile poultry processing unit for rent, World PEAS CSA, incubator farm, farm business planning class, explore farming free workshops, online free farmer resource library, National Incubator Farm Training Initiative, and Beginning Farmer Network of Mass

Northeast Organic Farming Association Mass Chapter (NOFA/Mass) • Barre, MA
nofamass.org
info@nofamass.org
978-355-2853
Beginning farmer mentor program, workshops, conferences

Communities Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)
South Deerfield, MA
buylocalfood.org
info@buylocalfood.org
413-665-7100
Local Hero buy local campaign, women farmer program, workshops, emergency farm fund

Southeastern Mass Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP)
East Wareham, MA
semaponline.org
kirvin@semaponline.org
508.295.2212 ext.50
Conference, workshops, networking events, Buy Fresh Buy Local campaign

New England Small Farm Institute (NESFI)
Belchertown, MA • smallfarm.org
413-323-4531

Berkshire Grown
Great Barrington, MA
berkshiregrown.org
413-528-0041
Marketing, buy local campaign

Northeast Harvest
northeastharvest.com
Marketing, buy local campaign

Mass Farmers Markets
Waltham, MA
massfarmersmarkets.org
martha@massfarmersmarkets.org
781-893-8222
One-on-one consultation for farmers considering selling at farmers markets

The Farm School • Athol, MA
farmschool.org
Patrick@farmschool.org
978.249.9944
Offers a 1-year, residential learn to farm program on its working farm in Orange, MA

Land

Land For Good • Keene, NH
landforgood.org
info@landforgood.org
603-357-1600
Farmland access workshops and trainings, online learning, and consulting on farmland access, tenure, and transfer

Equity Trust • Amherst, MA
equitytrust.org
jim@equitytrust.org • 413-256-6161
Land tenure, technical assistance, and loan fund

New England Farmland Finder
Keene, NH
newenglandfarmlandfinder.org
Collaboration of organizations led by Land For Good • *Owner-listing site of available farmland*

Networks

BFN/Mass
bfnmass.org

PV Grows
pvgrows.net

Young Farmer Network
youngfarmernetwork.org

C.R.A.F.T. (Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training)
craftfarmapprentice.com

Eastern Massachusetts CRAFT
emasscraft.org

Money

The Carrot Project
Somerville, MA
thecarrotproject.org
info@thecarrotproject.org
617-674-2371
Financial and business planning assistance

USDA Farm Service Agency
fsa.usda.gov
Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Loans

Farm Credit East
farmcrediteast.com
chris.laughton@farmcrediteast.com • 860-741-4380
Committed to serving all of agriculture, including young, beginning, small, and veteran farmers
Farmstart farmcrediteast.com/Products-and-Services/FarmStart.aspx
Generation Next farmcrediteast.com/Products-and-Services/GenerationNext.aspx

Agencies

Massachusetts Department of Agriculture • mass.gov/agr

Center for Agriculture Research & Extension • ag.umass.edu

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
nrcs.usda.gov

Policy

New England Farmers Union
newenglandfarmersunion.org

National Young Farmers Coalition
youngfarmers.org

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
sustainableagriculture.net

Business Needs

Accounting

Amalie Ann George, CPA PC
Needham, MA
amalie@aageorgecpa.com
781-455-0200

Roy Henshaw, MBA, CPA

Rucci, Bardaro & Falzone PC
Malden, MA • royh@rbfpc.com
781-424-2520

Kimberly Pinkham, CPA, CFP

South Burlington, VT
kpinkham@gdr-cpa.com
802-846-2000

Farm Insurance

Farm Family - Ludwig Agency

ludwigagency.com
don@ludwigagency.com
978-467-1001

Insurance programs for farmers

Legal Services

The Food Law Firm

Sag Harbor, NY • foodlawfirm.com
info@foodlawfirm.com
631-903-5055

Legal Counsel for Farmers and Food Entrepreneurs

Emergency

Farm Aid

farmaid.org

Equipment/Supplies

Farm Equipment

Padula Brothers • Raynham, MA

padulabrothers.com
caroline@padbros.com
978-537-3356 ext. 124

Sales, service, and parts for a wide range of farming equipment

BCS Shop • Harvard, MA

bccsshop.com
bccsshop@earthlink.net
508-254-1964

Sales and service of BCS two-wheel tractors with tillers, sickle bars, and plow

Farm/Livestock Supplies

Essex County Co-op

Topsfield, MA
essexcountycoop.net
MDHCOOP@gmail.com

978-887-2300

Feed and Grain, Hay, Compost/Mulch, Garden Supply, Pet Food Supplies

New England Hay Supply •

Cheshire, MA
newenglandhaysupply.com

Balawender1@gmail.com

413-841-0777

Year round producer and supplier of premium hay/straw

Rain-Flo Irrigation

East Pearl, PA
rainfloirrigation.com/index.php
sales@rainfloirrigation.com
717-445-3000

Vegetable planting/growing products, T-Tape drip tape, plastic mulch, portable water pumps, etc.

Rimol Greenhouse Systems

Hookset, NH • rimol.com
jwells@rimol.com • 603-494-9426
Greenhouse & High Tunnel Manufacturer

Seeds

Fedco Seeds • Waterville, ME

fedcoseeds.com
main line 207-426-9900
catalog request line 207-426-0090

Comstock, Ferre & Co

Wethersfield, CT • rareseeds.com

Johnny's Seeds • Winslow, ME

johnnyseeds.com • 877-564-6697

Compost

Amend Organics

Amherst, MA • amendorganics.com
info@amendorganics.com
413-992-6464

Completing the loop, from farm to table & back to the farm!

Jobarb Farms • Bolton, MA

jobarbfarms.com
joe@jobarbfarms.com
978-314-6590 • *Excellent compost made from mixed manures and other organic wastes*

Bridgewater Farm Supply

Bridgewater, MA
bridgewaterfarm.com
508-697-0357 • *Farm and garden supply, compost, and mulch*

Dracut Department of Public Works

Dracut, MA
dracut-ma.us/public-works-dpw
978-452-1227 • *Raw compost for pickup for Dracut residents only*

Martin's Farm Compost

and Mulch • Greenfield, MA

martinsfarmrecycling.com

413-774-5631

Top quality compost (including organic-approved)

Brick Ends Farm

South Hamilton, MA

brickendsfarm.com

978-468-3131

Bulk organic garden compost, compost tea, garden soil and compost (ME, MA, and NH)

Vineyard Gardens

West Tisbury, MA
vineyardgardens.net

508-693-8511

Compost on Martha's Vineyard

Bear Path Farm • Whately, MA

bearpathfarm.com
bearpath@comcast.net

413-665-2894

Recognized throughout the Pioneer Valley as a dedicated producer of high quality, organic compost

Smith's Otter River Farm

Winchendon, MA
blackgoldcompost.net

info@blackgoldcompost.net

978-939-5738

Black Gold Compost delivered in Franklin and Hampshire counties

Certification

Certified Naturally Grown

naturallygrown.org
info@naturallygrown.org

845-687-2058

Baystate Organic Certifiers

baystateorganic.org

Find Resources

Start to Farm

start2farm.gov

Beginning Farmers

beginningfarmers.org

Beginning Farmer Network of Mass

bfnmass.org

National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service

attra.org

