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...from field to table, working for a sustainable food system

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group

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The Purpose of the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NESAWG) is to build a sustainable food and agriculture system... one that is environmentally sound, economically viable, socially just, and produces safe, nutritious food.

NESAWG IS A BROAD NETWORK

Members are organizations and individuals representing farm, environmental, consumer, food security, government, education and other constituencies. All are committed to building a food and agriculture system that regionally focused and truly sustainable and secure.

NESAWG PROMOTES:

- An inclusive vision for our food and agriculture system
- Economically viable and environmentally sound agriculture
- Increased availability of nutritious and safe food for all
- Research, education and public policies that foster sustainability
- Food- and farm-related economic development in Northeast rural and urban communities

NESAWG MEMBERS WORK TOGETHER TO:

- share resources and information
- educate and inform the public
- enhance the capacity of member organizations
- provide forums for multi-state and multi-stakeholder projects and concerns
- strengthen linkages among members and with other food system stakeholders

NESAWG'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



Education and Outreach
Website, hard copy newsletter, monthly electronic newsletter, special events, annual Resource Harvest, information

clearinghouse, electronic list-serve, public education campaigns and publications. Searchable electronic directory under development.



Public Policy Development
Fostering citizen engagement and strengthening our regional voice to shape and implement the Farm Bill and other federal policy. Working with members to influence regional, state and local policy.



Food Systems Development
Building local and regional food systems by addressing market access, food security, producer-consumer connections, rural-urban links and food- and farm-based economic development.



Land Grant Research & Education
Collaborating with Northeast land grant and other educational institutions and advocating for research, education and extension agendas that promote sustainability.

CURRENT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Accokeek Foundation Ecosystem Farm ■ Action of Church and Community Together ■ Agriculture, Food and Environment Program, Tufts Univ. ■ American Farmland Trust ■ Berkshire Grown ■ Biodynamic Farmland Conservation Trust ■ Boston Natural Areas Network ■ Catholic Charities of Southern Tier ■ Capitol Area Food Bank ■ Center for Sustainable Living, Wilson College ■ Chefs Collaborative 2000 ■ Community Farms Outreach ■ Community Harvest ■ Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture ■ Community Food and Agriculture Program(CFAP), Cornell U ■ Conservation Law Foundation ■ Council for Responsible Genetics ■ Empire State Family Farm Alliance, Inc. ■ Equal Exchange Food Link, Inc. ■ Glynwood Center ■ Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank ■ Hampshire College Farm Center ■ Hartford Food System ■ Heifer International ■ Intervale Foundation ■ Just Food ■ Maine Coalition for Food Security ■ Maine Farms Project ■ Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Assoc. ■ Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society ■ Massachusetts Audubon Society, Drumlin Farm ■ Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture ■ Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust ■ National Wildlife Federation ■ Native Earth Teaching Farm ■ Neptune's Harvest ■ New England Small Farm Institute ■ New Eng. Heritage Breeds Conservancy ■ New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides ■ NYC Technical College ■ New England Small Farm Institute ■ New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group ■ Northeast Cooperatives ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Central NY ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Connecticut ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Massachusetts NOFA New Jersey ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, New York ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Vermont ■ Nuestras Raices ■ Open Field Foundation/Bramble Hill Farm ■ Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture ■ Pennsylvania Farmers' Union ■ Phillis Bridge Farm Project ■ Politics of Food Program, Inc. ■ Red Tomato ■ Regional Food & Farm Project ■ Rodale Institute ■ Rural Vermont ■ Seedcorn's Farm, Food & Land Program ■ Tuscarora Organic Growers Co-op ■ United Northeast, LLC ■ University of Massachusetts Extension / Agroecology Program ■ University of New Hampshire, Office of Sustainability Programs ■ University of Vermont / Center for Sustainable Agriculture ■ Vermont Department of Agriculture ■ Vermont Land Trust ■ Vital Communities ■ Yellow Wood Associates

WHAT IS NESAWG?

NESAWG was founded in 1992. It is one of five regional Sustainable Agriculture Working Groups (SAWGs).

In addition to its own initiatives, NESAWG partners with the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture and other organizations to promote change throughout the food system.

The NESAWG network includes the six New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Membership in NESAWG is open to all organizations and individuals who support NESAWG's mission and purpose. Membership provides an opportunity for active participation in building a sustainable food system for our region. NESAWG members believe that true food system transformation requires a systems approach -- linking sectors and stakeholders through dialogue, mutual learning and shared initiatives.

NESAWG is guided by a Steering Committee. It is hosted by the New England Small Farm Institute, and supported by member dues, private foundation grants and project contracts.

WHY WORK TOWARD A REGIONALLY SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYSTEM?

"Regionally sustainable" means growing, processing and consuming as much of our food and fiber as possible within the Northeast region. It means protecting our region's productive natural resource base. It means investing in our rural and urban economies and fostering new opportunities at local and regional levels. It means reducing our reliance on transportation energy and on transnational corporate food interests. It means regaining control over our food supply, assuring access to safe, nutritious food.

GET INFORMED and GET CONNECTED!

NESAWG's website: www.nesawg.org offers a wealth of online resources including electronic versions of publications, links to NESAWG member groups and partners, and information about upcoming happenings in the world of Northeast food and agriculture.

List-serve and newsletters: NESAWG fosters a regional food system by bringing people together -- virtually and literally. The **NE-FOOD list-serve** offers an open electronic forum for exchanging information and ideas about NE food and agriculture topics, plus a monthly Potluck e-newsletter. **NESAWG NEWS** is published for members 3 times a year.

Resource Harvest: NESAWG's annual meeting is one of the most popular regional gatherings of food system advocates.

Regional organizing: NESAWG staff provides policy updates, action alerts, technical support and education for thousands of Northeast food system advocates -- member groups and others working on public policy reform at the local, state, regional and national levels.

NESAWG Publications:

- *Northeast Farms to Food: Understanding Our Region's Food System** (2002)
- *Northeast Farms to Food: Update from the 2002 Agricultural Census*
- *Land Grant Institutions and the Stakeholder Rule* (2004)
- *Agriculture Policy in the Northeast States: Inventory and Innovation* (2003)
- *CSA Across the Nation: Findings from the 1999 CSA Survey** (2003)
- *Conservation Security Program: Significance and Impacts to Northeast Farms** (2003)
- *NESAWG White Papers** (1998)

* available online at www.nesawg.org

JOIN UP!

A. ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____
Website: _____

Contact person 1: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone: _____
Address (if different from above): _____

Contact person 2: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone: _____
Address (if different from above): _____

Contact person 3: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone: _____
Address (if different from above): _____

B. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____
Website: _____

Annual membership dues are based on a sliding scale.

A. Organization:

BUDGET OVER \$100,000: __\$75 __\$150 __\$200

BUDGET UNDER \$100,000: __\$35 __\$50 __\$75

B. Individual: __\$15 __\$25 __\$50

*Please select a dues category, and return this completed form with your check to NESAWG, P.O. Box 11, Belchertown, MA 01007.
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