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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:

- Regional approaches and solutions
- 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 listserv, public education campaigns, publications, trainings



#### 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.



#### Research and Extension

Collaborating with Northeast land grant and other educational institutions. Advocating for research, education and extension

agendas and initiatives that promote sustainability.

## CURRENT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Abbott's Garden ■ Accokeek Foundation Ecosystem Farm ■ Agriculture, Food and Environment Program, Tufts University ■ American Farmland Trust ■ Berkshire Grown ■ Biodynamic Farmland Conservation Trust ■ The Carrot Project ■ Chefs Collaborative 2000 ■ Coastal Enterprises Incorporated (CEI) ■ Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture ■ Connecticut Farmland Trust ■ Conservation Law Foundation ■ Empire State Family Farm Alliance, Inc. ■ Equal Exchange ■ Food Link, Inc. ■ The Food Project ■ Fulton Center for Sustainable Living, Wilson College ■ Future Harvest CASA ■ Glynwood Center ■ Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank ■ Hartford Food System ■ Healthy Oxford Hills ■ Heifer International ■ Humane Society of the United States ■ Intervale Center ■ Just Food ■ M/A Com-Food Share ■ Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association ■ Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society ■ Massachusetts Audubon Society, Drumlin Farm ■ Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture ■ Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust ■ National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture ■ National Wildlife Federation ■ Native Earth Teaching Farm ■ New England Small Farm Institute ■ New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Central NY ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Connecticut ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Massachusetts ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, New Jersey ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, New York ■ Northeast Organic Farming Association, Vermont ■ North Twin Educational Programs ■ Nuestras Raices ■ Organic Valley East ■ Oxfam America ■ Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture ■ Phillis Bridge Farm Project ■ Red Tomato ■ Regional Food & Farm Project ■ Rochester Roots, Inc. ■ Rural Vermont ■ Seedcorn's Farm, Food & Land Program ■ Spoons Across America ■ Tuscarora Organic Growers Co-op ■ University of Massachusetts, Agriculture & Landscape Program ■ University of New Hampshire, Office of Sustainability Programs ■ University of Vermont, Center for Sustainable Agriculture ■ Vermont Land Trust ■ Vital Communities ■ Waltham Fields Community Farm

## WHAT IS NESAWG?

NESAWG was founded in 1992. The network includes the six New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

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

Membership in NESAWG is open to all who support NESAWG's mission and purpose. Membership provides an opportunity for active participation in building a sustainable food system for our region. Members believe that 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 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 resources. 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.

A regionally sustainable food and farming system requires public policies that are responsive to regional needs and strengths. It requires that we regain control over our food supply, and assure access by all to safe, nutritious food.

## GET INFORMED and GET CONNECTED!

**NESAWG's website:** [www.nesawg.org](http://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.

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

**Regional organizing and events:** 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. Annual conference, meetings, trainings.

**NESAWG Publications** (most available online):

- *Regionalist Approaches to Farm and Food System Policy: Focus on the Northeast*
- *A Northeast Farm Bill Agenda: Priorities for the 2007 Farm Bill*
- *Are We Being Served? A Regional Framework for U.S. Farm and Food Policy*
- *Are We Being Served? A Policy Checklist*
- *Northeast Farms to Food: Understanding Our Region's Food System*
- *Northeast Farms to Food: 2006 and 2004 Updates*
- *Land Grant Institutions & the Stakeholder Rule*
- *Agriculture Policy in the Northeast States: Inventory and Innovation*
- *CSA Across the Nation: Findings from the 1999 CSA Survey*
- *Conservation Security Program: Significance and Impacts to Northeast Farms*

## 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

**C. We want to join! Dues waiver, please:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please select a dues category, and return this completed form with your check made out to NESAWG/NESFI to P.O. Box 11, Belchertown, MA 01007. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT*