

NESAWG

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group

Building
the bigger
We.

In 1988, sustainable agriculture leaders developed the Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (SAWG) concept – a regional network of organizations working on sustainable agriculture issues in response to the introduction of aggressive chemical technology and practices in farming. The Midwest Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (MSAWG) was the first SAWG.

Subsequently, other regional SAWGs were created in the early 1990s: Southern; Northeast; Western; California. The Northeast SAWG (NESAWG) was founded in 1992.

Source: NSAC website

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Network:



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THE REGION'S FOOD AND FARM NETWORK

NESAWG: The region's farm and food network

- Uniting and leading with People of Color
- Building collective power to uproot systems of oppression
- Co-creating a culture of care and sacredness of All living beings
- Cultivating an equitable just, regenerative, and thriving food system for All



Land is the
basis of
freedom,
security,
equity, &
equality.

-Malcolm X

Why it matters

- 100%** We sit on 100% unceded Aboriginal Territory
- 1.4%** Today, only 1.4% of Black farm operators exist nationwide
- 0.5%** Only 0.5% of total farm sales come from Black farmers in the US
- 1 in 5** In 2022, 1 in 5 Black people in the U.S. experienced food insecurity; two and a half times the rate of white people

Sources: McKinsey & Company; Feeding America

Our history

1992 (Founded)	1992-2012	2012 - 2018	2019-2021	2022 >>>>
	Steering Committee and Coordinator Regionalism framework	Shift to non-profit structure: From Steering Committee to Board of Directors; From Coordinator to Executive Director	Shift toward racial equity	Shift from white-led organization to BIPOC-led organization 5-year roadmap towards a racial equity transformation of the farm and food system