

GROWING *IMPACT*



ACROSS NEW ENGLAND 2025

CT · MA · ME · NH · RI · VT



ASTARTE FARM IN HADLEY, MA. PHOTO BY KATIE GOODALL.

American Farmland Trust staff work alongside farmers across the region to deliver hands-on support, unlock critical funding, and advance policies that keep farmers on the land.



FARMER ENGAGEMENT

7,215

farmers participated in trainings & field days

154

farmers engaged in
Peer-to-Peer
Learning

5,233 +54% vs FY24

consultations with
farmers

972

farmers accessed federal
funding for on-farm
conservation

DIRECT FARMER INVESTMENT

\$3 million

provided by AFT to
support 370 Farmers

\$17 million

conservation payments
to farmers

"I feel a renewed sense of purpose. I feel valued and respected as a farmer. And I have reached out to folks listed as resources from the program I went to, which is something I never have done before. I came away from the program thinking, wow there are so many great resources and people available!"

— BLUE SKY FARM ESSEX, MASSACHUSETTS AFT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

2025

POLICY MILESTONES



Healthy Soils Initiative (MA)



Farmland Access Grant Program (CT)



Farm Security Fund (VT)

State policy victories advancing farmer support and protecting working lands.

"In the short term, we've made significant changes to how we manage grazing and soil health. Long term, AFT is key to helping us be part of a larger network of people and resources that will help us be more resilient against extreme weather, business challenges, succession planning, etc."

— **MARY BERLE**, LILA'S MOUNTAIN FARM
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA (RIGHT)



ON THE GROUND RESULTS

55,652 acres

of conservation practices implemented with AFT support

402 free soil tests

for supporting farmers' data-driven soil health decisions

Across New England, American Farmland Trust pairs funding, technical assistance, and peer learning to help farmers adopt practices, access resources, and plan for the future. **This support shows up on farms in tangible, practical ways:**

- **Conservation planning and hands-on implementation support** to help farmers move contracted conservation projects from approval to completion
- **Soil health, grazing, and climate-resilience cohorts** that combine technical expertise with peer-to-peer learning across New England
- **One-on-one technical assistance** to help farmers navigate funding programs, adopt new practices, and strengthen farm viability
- **Peer learning networks** that reduce isolation, build confidence, and accelerate problem-solving among farmers facing similar challenges



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*BASED ON FY25 PROGRAM DATA