

GROWING *IMPACT*



ACROSS NEW ENGLAND 2025

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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 REACH & TRAINING

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

\$16.98 million

farmer cost-sharing payments
supported by AFT Staff

"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 WINS

State policy victories advancing farmer support and protecting working lands.



Healthy Soils
Initiative



Farmland Access
Grant Program



Farm Security
Fund

"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)



PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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 policy advocacy 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** tied to NRCS contracts, helping farmers move 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