

The Local Farmer Awards provide awards of up to \$2,500 for capital improvements to farmers in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties.



Since 2015, the Local Farmer Awards have

- Provided a unique funding program for Western Massachusetts farmers
- Invested over \$2 million to help local farms grow
- Supported 916 capital-improvement projects on 332 local farms

Our 2026 Sponsors

- Donors include 4 major partners along with 14 businesses and individual sponsors
- Contributed \$277,000 by providing grants to local farms
- Funded projects that helped farmers purchase needed equipment related to planting, growing, harvesting, and processing. (Such as tractor implements, irrigation improvements, livestock equipment, and building structures to extend the growing season.)

Benefits to Sponsors

- 100% of contribution goes directly to farmers in Western Massachusetts
- Acknowledgment in all marketing materials, press releases, social media, and at events
- Annual appreciation gathering to celebrate farmers and funders, enjoy local food, connect with others, and hear farm stories

Impact of Awards

- Introduce efficiencies and improve product quality and safety
- Help to combat climate change
- Improve animal environment, health, and safety
- Boost sales in the marketplace and take key projects off the back burner

“Thank you for shining a light on small farms doing big work”

Diemand Farm, Wendell, MA



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