



In our area of northern NH, WREN has become one of the lead organizations focusing on local food & farms and is in position to accomplish some ground breaking work in our local food system. This program has just recently launched and we are in the research and networking phase of the project.

The Food & Farm Program was created to research local food opportunity and capacity on both the supply and demand side of our local food landscape. This research, along with producer and consumer input, will guide our efforts in providing business-to-resource connections and assistance to food based businesses of all sizes. Additional outcomes of research and networking in the food system, will be to map out points of access to markets for local food enterprises and farms. The Food & Farm Program has also taken a role in the continued efforts of increasing access to fresh, local food for low-income families through farmer's markets, education and healthcare systems.

Program objectives

- Provide networking for producers to connect with and gain market access. Take the "leg work" away from the local food producer and make market connections for them.
- Maintain data base of resources at WREN. Collect and distribute information to farmers, retailers and local food enterprises who are otherwise too busy to research loan funding, workshops as well as procurement policies for retail and restaurant markets.
- Provide grant opportunities for gaps in the system such as season extension or food preservation programs.
- Build the local food community into a healthy, sustainable economy.

We are actively meeting with farmers and business owners one-on-one. If you are a farm or food business of any kind feel free to contact us today davidw@wrenworks.org or 603-869-9735. We won't take up too much of your time, our goal is to understand your perspective and experience in the local food community and make connections. We hope you could benefit from the resources that are gathering for local food community as well.

WREN is unique in that we can take a lead in the effort of opening market access for food entrepreneurs. There is a strong commitment from our board and staff to make a long lasting, productive program for local food and farm businesses. It's very exciting!