

OUR IMPACT IN 2025

Research

Launched a multi-year project—funded by the **One Hive Foundation** and supported by local partners—to increase the availability of locally adapted seeds.

Added 250 seedlings for future perennial seed production, expanding access to resilient, ecosystem-supporting plants.

Continued our Specialty Crop Block Grant research, tracking labor and yield data for no-till vs. conventional strawberry production, with two full cycles nearing comparison.

Partnered with the **Vermont Center for Ecostudies** on its Native Plants and Pollinators Research Project, a leading study on how plant provenance influences plant resilience and pollinator support.



Education

Expanded education program reach, increasing scholarship support by 36% to ensure broad access to hands-on learning: hosted 20+ workshops engaging more than 400 participants in farming, food, and sustainability; welcomed nearly 200 campers across winter, spring, and summer sessions; supported 250 Little Farmers and their caregivers in growing and learning together; and, connected with 500+ students from almost 20 regional schools through field trips.

Empowered five Teen Farm Fellows to take on real-world projects—from harvesting and invasive-species management to service work at farms, gardens, and schools across the Upper Valley.

Organic & Regenerative Farming

Strengthened soil health by combining crop rotation with an expanded, increasingly effective cover-crop system—improving soil structure, increasing root diversity, and minimizing periods of bare soil.

Reduced imported fertility inputs by 60% through precise fertilizer planning and application, decreasing reliance on distant resources while boosting native soil microbial activity and nutrient cycling.

Expanded Integrated Pest Management practices to reduce pesticide use and enhance produce quality, including releasing beneficial predatory and parasitic insects and interplanting diverse flower mixes to support local beneficial species.

Advanced efforts to cut plastic use in crop production, successfully growing onions without plastic on over half an acre and setting ambitious goals to replace plastic mulch with Dutch white clover.

Community Engagement

Fostered community connection and joy, welcoming 600+ guests and volunteers to on-farm events—including the new Pickin' Time: Bluegrass, Brews & Bites series—and nearly 1,400 attendees to our 20th Annual Pumpkin Festival.

Supported fresh food access through our partnership with **Willing Hands** and provided 795 farm-prepared meals to the **Norris Cotton Cancer Center's** Healing Harvest program.

Grew our CSA participation to 400 members (540 shares!) while supporting local schools and 20+ community organizations with in-kind donations of food, seedlings, and farmstand goodies.

Celebrated Farmer Phoebe's viral Instagram moment, where her paste tomato tips captured the hearts of over a million sauce lovers around the world.

