

BUSINESS BUILDER AWARD RECIPIENTS

The NASDA Foundation is awarding of a total of \$9.9 million in Business Builder grants to 150 businesses across the Northeast, from Washington, D.C. to Maine. These awards, made possible through the Northeast Regional Food Business Center, will support farmers, producers and food entrepreneurs working to build resilient, sustainable and locally rooted food systems.

The Business Builder grants are designed to help small and mid-sized food and farm businesses access capital, scale operations and expand market opportunities. These investments represent a critical step in strengthening the region's agricultural supply chain and ensuring communities have access to fresh, locally grown food.

CONNECTICUT

Dondero Orchards, LLC

Fresh Picked to Preserved: Equipping a Commercial Bakery for Food Preservation and Food Waste Reduction

Holcomb Farm, Inc. dba Friends of Holcomb Farm

Equipment for new Home of Holcomb Farm

Levo International, Inc.

Establishing Cold Storage Capacity to Facilitate the Aggregation, Storage, and Sale of Regionally Produced Food

Steadfast Farms Poultry Processing & Slaughter

Steadfast Farms: Expanding Cold Storage and Launching the HARVEST Unit to Support Product Innovation and Regional Poultry Growth

Sustainable Works LLC

Building Capacity for Community-Centered Mushroom Production and Processing

Thy Neighbors Farm LLC

Increasing Cold Storage Capacity and Market Access for Thy Neighbors Farm LLC

DELAWARE

WaterGirl Farm

Enhancing Processing and Products of Elderberry and Aronia

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Farmers Alliance

Enhancing Microgreens Production, Aggregation, and Distribution in the District of Columbia

MAINE

Aphrodite Oysters LLC

Aphrodite Oysters LLC is expanding their Market Reach by the purchase of a refrigerated vehicle for deliveries

Butterfield Shellfish Company

Icemaker and Cold Storage for Shellfish Safety and Sustainability

Cranberry Oysters

Cranberry Oysters Seafood Facility and Cold Storage Equipment Outfit

Deep Blue Aquaculture LLC dba Vertical Bay

Creating long-term resilience in Maine's emerging farmed scallop sector by increasing processing and cold-storage capacity

Fare Share Food Cooperative

Increasing Storage Capacity for Producers and Farmers Supplying FSFC

Five Pillars Butchery House of Meat

Increasing Halal Meat Production and Sales Capacity at Five Pillars Butchery

Green Geans LLC

Scaling Freeze-Drying Operations to Boost Maine's Agricultural Value Chain with Green Gean's LLC

Haalis Halal Cuisine Inc.

Expanding Access to Culturally Relevant Halal Meals

Khmer Maine

Salted Green Crab: Building a Market for Invasive Green Crab in Maine

Maine Garum Company

Byproduct to Brand: Scaling the Reach of America's Garum

Merrymeeting Shellfish Company

Regional Aquaculture Services Provided by Merrymeeting Shellfish Company

Nor'Easter Oyster Co.

Equipment Investments for Scaling Value-Added Oyster Processing for Market Expansion

Rolling Fatties

Flour Tortilla Production Equipment and Marketing for Product Development at Rolling Fatties

Singing Pastures

Scaling Pasture-Raised Egg Production: Increasing Efficiency, Cold Storage and Marketing for Regional Markets

Smithereen Farm LLC

Specialty Crop Copacking Facility

The Buckle Farm LLC

Mechanizing Post-Harvest Handling at The Buckle Farm to Increase Annual Production Capacity

Tootie's Tempeh

Completing the Equipment Scaling Plan for Tootie's Tempeh to Achieve Northeast Expansion

Two Farmers Farm LLC

Improving Post-Harvest Efficiencies at Two Farmers Farm

Wolf Pine Farm

Wolf Pine Farm Modernizes CSA to Strengthen Local Food Connections

MARYLAND

Acres4Change Inc.

Developing Fresh & Value-Added Mushroom Production Opportunities for Acres4Change

Berlin Bison Ranch LLC

Improving Meat Storage Capacity and Installing Product Protection for Berlin Bison Ranch

Burnt Hill Farm LLC

Milling local heirloom grains into premium flour

Flying Plow Farm & CSA

Increasing Facility, Cold Storage, and Delivery Capacity for The Flying Plow

Garrettdale LLC

Garrettdale LLC dba Bear Branch Malt: Post-Harvest Grain Processing

Good Soil Farm LLC

Purchasing a Dedicated Refrigerated Delivery Van for Good Soil Farm

Harvest Haven Farm LLC

Harvest Haven Commercial Kitchen Equipment

Ourspace World Inc.

Transitioning a DMV Mobile Farmers Market from Pilot to Full Implementation through Market Analysis, Training, and Partnership Development

The 6th Branch

Growing Baltimore: Cold Storage and Expanded Distribution for SHARE & East Baltimore Farmers Market

The Wine Collective LLC

Increasing The Wine Collective's Grape Processing Capacity, Product Line, and Market Access to Specialized Products

MASSACHUSETTS

Big River Chestnuts

Closing Food System Gaps in the Northeast with Chestnut Storage and Processing Equipment

Central Mass Organics LLC

Expanding Cold Storage and Regional Food Access for Central Mass Organics LLC

Coastal Foodshed Inc.

Increasing Local Food Sales through Rebranding & Updated Website Design

Deershorn Farm

Increasing Cold Storage Capacity to Support Farm Expansion and Market Access Growth

Farmer Tim's Foods LLC

Cold Storage Equipment for long term storage of vegetables

Foxtrot Farm LLC

Growing Elderberry Value Added Product Line to Increase Farm Viability

Growing Places Garden Project Inc.

Local Food Works Builds Capacity in North Central MA

Husselton Head Oysters

Distribution & Marketing Materials for Husselton Head Oysters

Little Bean Farm and Pantry LLC

Increasing Dry Pantry Crop Quality Control Processing and Packaging at Little Bean Farm and Pantry

Oake Knoll Farms

Equipment to establish pasteurized, bottled milk in existing dairy

Osamequin Farm Inc.

Increasing Post-Harvest Washing Efficiency and Cold Storage Capacity for Cooperative of Small Farms at Osamequin Farm

Red Shirt Farm

Improving Food Access Through Cold Storage & Preservation at Red Shirt Farm Market

Robert S. Nihtila, Jr.

Local Seafood Expansion and Access to New Markets for Nihtila Farm

Slocum King Farm Inc.

Strengthening Local Food Distribution with a Refrigerated Truck at The King Farm

Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts Inc.

Business Strategy Development and Market Analysis/ Marketing Plan to Increase Market Access for SEACMA

The Bone Sauce

Commercial Equipment Expansion for Scalable Sauce Production

The Livestock Institute of SNE

Meatworks Cutting Edge Retail Growth

Tiani Gardens

Purchase of a Cargo Van: Towards Enhancing Farm Viability and Operational Efficiency for Tiani Gardens

Westlake Fruit Processing LLC

Fruit Juice Processing Equipment for Westlake Fruit Processing LLC

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tellman Hill Farm

Increasing fruit juice processing capacity and market access at Tellman Hill Farm

Westwick Farming LLC dba Tuckaway Food Commons

Expanding co-marketing space for local producers through Technology, Storage Capacity, and Market Development

NEW JERSEY

Abe's Acres Farm LLC

Abe's Acres Farm Post Harvest Processing Capacity and Resilience Development Project

Avellana Agroforestry Cooperative Corporation

Developing Business Systems, Financial Modeling, and Facility Planning for a Regional Hazelnut Cooperative

Blue Republic Shellfish LLC

Salty Soul Oyster Company Will Expand Oyster Processing and Storage Capacity for Direct-to-Consumer Sales and Market Access

Coia Vineyards

Increase Market Distribution for Coia Vineyards Sales of Grapes and Juice

Fairgrown Farm LLC*Developing a Scalable CSA Customer Acquisition Strategy***Sapphire Shoals Mariculture LLC***Enhancing Distribution and Resilience through Cold Storage and Shellfish Shipper Licensing***Sickler's Circle View Farm***Access to Local Meat on the Move: Establishing Cold Storage Transportation Capabilities at Sickler's Circle View Farm***South Bay Shellfish Company***Increasing Refrigerated Delivery Capacity of Oysters for South Bay Shellfish Co.***The Naked Botanical LLC***Equipment and Marketing Support to Boost Herb Production and Increase Market Share of the Syrups and Tonics***Working Dog Farms LLC***Establishing Climate Controlled Storage for Working Dog Farms to Facilitate Market Expansion*

NEW YORK

Alder Meadow Farm LLC dba Crown Point Farm & Dairy*Aged Cheese Expansion***Atina Foods LLC***Expanding Market by Refining Messaging, Strengthening Sales Channels for Atina Foods: Globally Inspired, Locally Sourced Fermented and Preserved Condiments***Belle Hollow Farms LLC***Belle Hollow Farms: Modernizing Sap Concentrate Storage***Berle Farm LLC***Filling and capping efficiency for rural dairy processing plant***Blackduck Cidery***Blackduck's Post Harvest Storage Capability***Bottomland Farm***Increasing Cold Storage Capacity for Pasture-Raised Meats at Bottomland Farm***Brooklyn Packers LLC***Growing Local Market Share for Regional Food Through Brooklyn Packers***Catskill Packing Co.***Catskill Packing Scaling USDA Meat Processing***Chaseholm Farm***Promoting Milk Quality and Food Safety at Chaseholm Farm***Chateau Niagara Winery***Wine processing equipment upgrade for Chateau Niagara Winery***Dear Native Grapes LLC***Grape Processing Equipment to Increase Efficiency and Output for Dear Native Grapes LLC***Double Drop Farm***Vegetable processing, storage and market facility for Double Drop Farm***Drifter Ferments***Expanding Regional Access to Fermented Foods Through Production Scale-Up, Workforce Development, and New Market Channels***Dune Fishery LLC***Dune Fishery LLC Expands Blue Point Oyster Distribution in Northeast Markets*

Finger Foods Farm

Growing New Markets for Farms in the Frozen Food Aisle by Increasing Capacity and Brand Awareness of Finger Foods Farm Frozen Soups

Fox Run

Fresh Mushroom Storage and Excess Mushroom Processing for Fox Run

Gather Together Farm LLC

Upgraded wash/pack equipment and cold storage capacity that will enable Gather Together Farm to significantly increase the amount and safety of the produce supplied to the local community

Graceful Acres

Building Capacity and Food Safety Implementation for a Successful Farm/Agritourism Business

Greene Pasture Ranch

Increasing Cold Storage Capacity and Local Product Displays for Greene Pasture and Ranch

Harmony Hills Farmstead

Rural Franklin and Essex Counties Farmer Aggregation and Distribution Capacity Building Project

Hazy Fudge LLC

Scaling Production and Market Reach for Hazy Fudge's New York-Sourced Alcohol-Infused Dairy Products

Hickory Hill Smokehouse LLC

Hickory Hill Smokehouse LLC Increases Meat Smoking Capacity

Hollenbeck's Cider Mill Inc.

Walk-in Freezer/Cooler to Increase Storage Capacity, Extend Season, and Expand Market Reach Through Frozen Product Sales and Shipping at Hollenbeck's Cider Mill

Jacuterie

Expanding Production Efficiency and Custom Charcuterie Offerings for Jacuterie

Jones Family Farm LLC

Increase Cheese Production Capacity for Jones Family Farm LLC

Kaye Ranch LLC dba Rock Steady Farm

Design and Planning of an Ergonomic and Winterized Washpack and CSA Pack Out Assembly Line Facility at Rock Steady Farm

Let's Get Farming LLC dba Rise & Root Farm

Investments in Infrastructure and Food Safety Compliance Ramps up Production and Sales for Rise & Root Farm and BQE Hub Farms

Martins Pretzel Bakery

Martins Pretzel Bakery Growth Project: Product Expansion, Automation, and Market Development

Outlaw Organic Farm

From Harvest to Market: Improving Post-Harvest Efficiency at Outlaw Organic Farm

Oyster Bay Shellfish Company LLC

Oyster Bay Shellfish Co.: Building a High-Efficiency Clam Processing Platform for the Northeast

Raven & Boar LLC

Raven & Boar Expansion: Enhancing Whole-Animal Utilization, Value-Added Production, and Infrastructure Resilience

Root of the Matter LLC

Root of the Matter: Building Post Harvest Infrastructure and Cooperative Capacity

Roxbury Mountain Maple LLC

AWD Cargo Van Purchase

Sap Bush Hollow Farm LLC

Increasing kitchen/bakery capacity for Sap Bush Hollow Farm's Café

Sarah VanOrden Morrow dba Crosswinds Farm & Creamery

Increased Capacity for Crosswinds Farm & Creamery to Process, Store, and Distribute Local Food

Saratoga Chocolate Co.

Saratoga Chocolate Co.: From Cow to Caramel — Expanding Regional Dairy into Sweet Success

Seen Nutrition

Seen Nutrition to Increase Production and Fulfillment Capacity for Fortified Snacks for Menopause

SoupaPOTamus LLC

Market Access, Marketing, and Training for SoupaPOTamus Shelf-Stable Food Processor

South Dominion Vineyard LLC

Crafting Growth: Expanding Market Reach & Value-Added Wine Production

STUF'D LLC

Scaling food truck operations through funds awarded by the Business Builder Award via updated equipment and software implementation

The Freedom Food Alliance Inc.

Wholistic Business and Land Development Planning for Sweet Freedom Farm

Ticonderoga Natural Foods Coop

Expanding Access to Local & Healthy Meals: The Ticonderoga Food Coop Prepared Foods Initiative

Via's Cookies LLC

Increasing Market Access and Product Development for Via's Cookies

Vision Quest Dairy LLC

Increasing Milk Storage Capacity

Vital Eats LLC

From Maker to Market: Vital Eats is Automating Bottling and Expanding Private-Label Offerings for Food Entrepreneurs

Weathertop Farm LLC

Increasing Product Production and Market Access for Weathertop Farm

Whitten Family Farm

Increasing Efficiencies, Cold Storage and Distribution Capacity for Whitten Family Farm

YC Works LLC dba Nature's Storehouse

Café Expansion to Strengthen Regional Supply Chains

PENNSYLVANIA

Catalpa Lane Farm LLC

Increasing cold storage for beef producer

Centre Markets LLC

Centre Markets Next Phase Expansion for increased local food sales

Common Ground Farm LLC

Common Ground Farm Grows its Farm Fresh Soup and Salad Production Through Expansion of Processing and Storage Capacity

Country Corn Maze LLC

Increase ability to provide quality agricultural products to our community in variety, quantity, and affordability

Endless Roots Farm

Increasing Post-Harvest and Aggregation Capacity for Endless Roots Farm

Extract and Box LLC

Market access through strategic reduction in packaging costs for Extract and Box LLC

Greene Kitchen Farm

Increasing Cold Storage Capacity to Scale Pasture-Based Meat Production at Greene Kitchen Farm

Hidden Valley

Increasing Post-Harvest Capacity for Layer Hen Operation at Hidden Valley Farm

Hillacres Pride

Adding Equipment for Gelato Production & Expanded Freezer Storage at Hillacres Pride Farm

Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education

Agroforestry Product Processing & Development at Horn Farm Center

People's Provisions

Expanding Cold Storage Capacity to Increase Distribution, Accessibility & Variety of Exclusive Local Products at People's Provisions

Schaeffer Farm LLC

Launching Regional Sales and Increasing Brand Awareness of Media Luna Tamales

The Nurture Nature Center Inc.

Buy Fresh Buy Local Greater Lehigh Valley Food Hub Feasibility Study

RHODE ISLAND

401 Oyster Company

Local and regional market expansion for 401 Oyster Company

Aquidneck Island Oyster Company

Increasing Regional Market Access and Facilitating Novel Product Distribution

Chase Hanks Investments LLP

Creating a Certified Farm Kitchen to Expand Farmstand Offerings and Reduce Food Waste at the Historic Frank Chase Farm

Southside Community Land Trust

Farm to Freezer: Expanding Market Access for Rhode Island Farmers

VERMONT

Asian Homestyle Cooking LLC

Asian Homestyle Cooking Processing Expansion Project

Blackbird Organics LLC

Increasing Cold-Storage and Wash Capacity for Blackbird Organics

Blue House Mushroom

Delivery Vehicle to Expand Distribution for Blue House Mushroom

Boyden Valley Winery LLC

Bottling and Branding Equipment and Support for Market Access for Boyden Bourbon Farm

Bridport Creamery LLC

Adding ice cream production and ice cream trailer for Bridport Creamery

Deep Mountain Maple LLC

Building Beyond the Home Farm: Increasing Deep Mountain Maple's Presence in the Northeast through Increased Capacity, Market Expansion, and a New Partnership

FinAllie Ferments

FinAllie Ferments Barrel to Bottle Accelerator – A program to improve production, sales and distribution strategies

Ledgenear Farm LLC

Ledgenear Farm Commercial Kitchen and Pack and Ship

Naga Bakehouse

Push and Pull: Increasing Milling Efficiency, Product Output and Market Expansion Through Pneumatic Conveyance of Grains and Flour

Rise Sugarworks

Upgrade Equipment to Increase Production Efficiency and Production Volume for Rise Sugarworks

Tamarack Hollow Farm LLC

Increasing Capacity and Efficiencies in Forced Radicchio Production at Tamarack Hollow Farm

The Mackenzie Inc.

Premium Granulated Maple Sugar

The Topsy Hop Farm LLC

Expanding Market Access by Increasing Cold Storage Capacity and Efficiency at the Topsy Hop Farm

Tip Top Tree Crops LLC

Expanding Farm Profitability with New Wash/Pack/Cold Storage and Specialty Vinegar-Making Equipment & Marketing