

ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2014

*Northeast Organic Farming Association of RI
Serving Farmers, Gardeners & Consumers with Education & Outreach*

TO OUR MEMBERS

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

Provided technical assistance and farmer training with a team of six Organic Farm Advisors

Collaborated with other agricultural and gardening educational institutions:

- Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum
- Farm Fresh Rhode Island
- Farm Service Agency
- Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation
- Organic Consumers Union
- RI Natural History Survey (RINHS)
- RI Nursery & Landscape Association (RINLA)
- Toxics Information Project
- URI Extension
- URI Master Gardener Association
- Young Farmer Network/Young Farmer Nights

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Educated 225 people from 4 states

- 7 CRAFT On-Farm Workshops
- 2 Advanced Grower Seminars
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
- Business Planning with Richard Wiswall
Farming Smarter, Not Harder

Exhibits, Outreach

- RI Nursery & Landscape Assoc. Winter Meeting
- RI Women in Agriculture Conference
- Rhody Agriculture Day, RI State House
- URI East Farm Spring Festival
- NOFA Summer Conference, UMASS/Amherst
- Washington County Fair
- RINLA Green Marketplace Festival
- Holiday Wellness Festival, Charlestown
- Monthly enews & quarterly *"The Natural Farmer"*
- Regular Facebook posts

POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

Campaign to encourage FSMA Comments

Rally for Right to Know in Washington, DC

Advocate for GMO Labeling Legislation

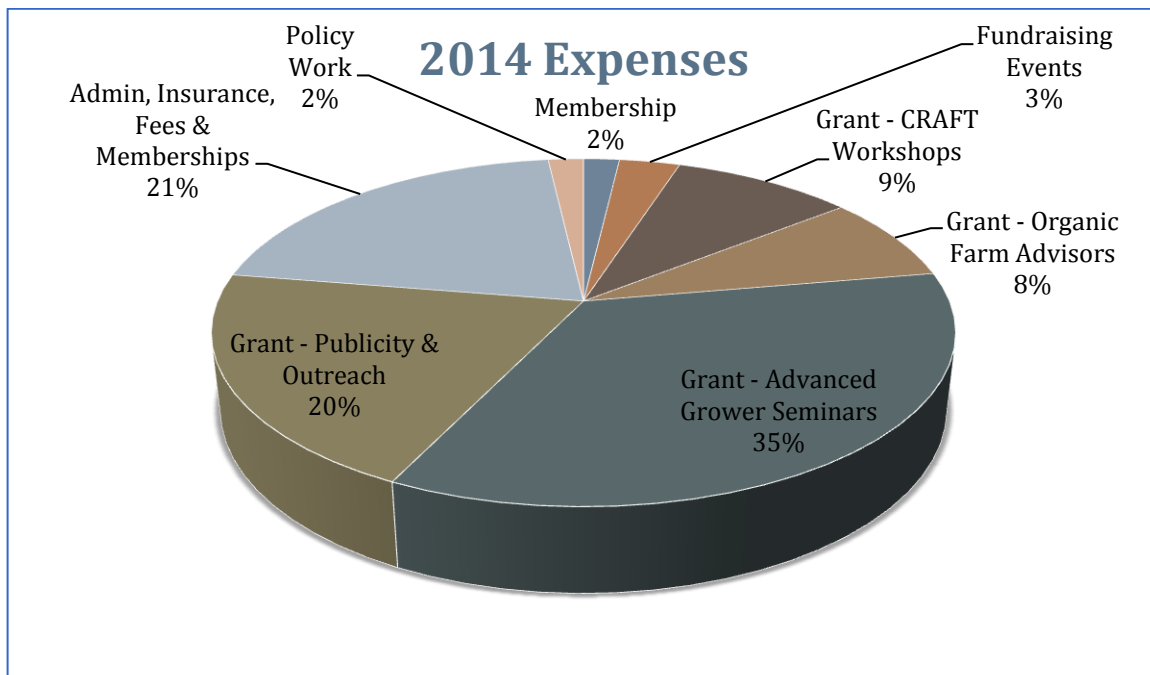
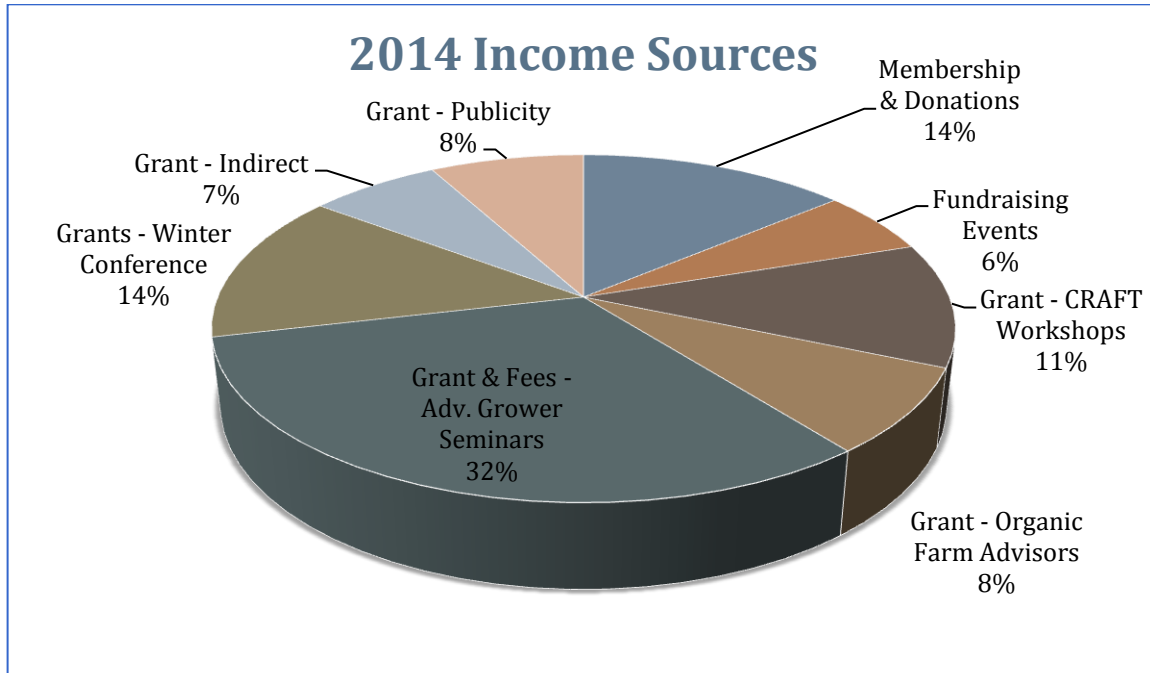
Advocated regionally and nationally through the NOFA Interstate Council:

- Opposed the DARK Act, federal legislation to preempt states' control of GMO labeling
- Supported two Congressional bills to require mandatory GMO food labeling
- Support Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)
- Supported petition on Endangered Species Act for protection of monarch butterflies
- Advocated for transparency in the Sunset provision by the National Organic Standards Board
- Opposed open-ocean fish farms or migratory fish production being eligible for Organic Certification
- Weighed in with National Resource Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency on Wetlands protection and conservation compliance
- Opposed potential EPA approval of herbicide containing 2,4-D
- Opposed GMO being labeled as "Natural"



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Financial Summary



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CRAFT On-Farm Workshops, Advanced Grower Seminars and Organic Farm Advisor Program



WORKSHOP HOSTS

Barden Family Orchard, North Scituate,
Brown University, Providence
Farmacy Herbs, West Greenwich
Matunuck Oyster Bar's Vegetable Farm,
South Kingston
New Urban Farmers, Pawtucket

Roots Farm, Tiverton
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