



NEWTON COMMUNITY FARM

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(as of Nov 2021)

- Grew **50,000 lbs. of food** on less than two acres of farmable land.
- Distributed **over 1,600 CSA shares** from June through December 2021 to **150 summer and 30 fall families**. Both Summer and Late Fall CSA programs sold out.
- Increased our produce donations to **\$12,000 (over 3,300 lbs. produce)** to Newton Food Pantry, Food to Your Table, and the Boston Area Gleaners in response to increasing food insecurity in our community in 2021. Have donated food to the community since the first growing season (2006)
- Developed relationships with more grantors and **increased our grant income** to support programs and initiatives including our Produce Donation Program, farm equipment to improve our resilience to climate change, and a solar array on the roof of the barn.
- Taught **109 kids at our summer classes** about farming and environmental stewardship and continued to teach children and adults both on- and off-site.
- Provided **farm education programming** to 300+ participants hosted by NCF or through six community partners.
- Hosted **Kids' Fall Fun Party** for 25 children in October.
- Ran our on-site **farmstand** three days per week, June through November.
- Sold our produce at the **Newton Farmers' Market** on Saturdays since 2006
- Added **SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to the list of benefits we accept as payment, in addition to WIC and Elder checks.
- Held our **first online event** "Crisis Farming: The Essential Work of Feeding a Community" which has been **viewed 180 times**, live or on our Youtube channel.
- **Sold 800 bags** of fresh, healthy, local produce through our Healthy Harvest Bag program in 2020.
- Ran our educational, hands-on Summer Student Internship Program with **seven college and high school student interns** led by our intern supervisor over the summer of 2021.
- In 2020-21, produced **50 shows** on gardening, cooking, and story time on our YouTube channel which has more than **130 subscribers**. Shows are also available on our website and on NewTV.
- Created **25 educational newsletters** on gardening and nutrition and healthy cooking in 2020.
- In spring of 2021, distributed over **24,000 seedlings** of **98 plant varieties** to more than **600 customers** through our annual seedling sale.
- Celebrated our **15th anniversary** in Sept 2021 with an outdoor event at the Farm for 130 people.
- Grew over **50 varieties** of crops in 2021 including Hakurei turnips, beets, parsley, basil, cutting broccoli, broccoli raab, cucumbers (three types), eggplant (three types), peppers (seven types), tomatoes (11 types), zucchini, zephyr squash, scallions, white onions, red onions, fennel, herbs (rosemary, thyme, lavender, lemon balm, mint, oregano, sage), garlic, carrots, spinach, arugula, snap



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peas, beans, chard, lettuce (three types), radishes, mustard greens, leeks, kale (two types), celery, Asian pears, and nasturtiums as well as offering fruit shares and produce from other local farms.