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## Upcoming Events

**April 3rd, 2017** - 11:59 pm, Community Food Systems Conference [RFP](#) Deadline

**April 4th, 2017** - 9:30 - 1 pm, Agriculture Day at the Statehouse, Boston, MA

**April 4th, 2017** - 4 pm - 8 pm, [Meet-the-Farmer Happy Hour at Night Shift Brewing](#),

**April 6th, 2017** - 1 pm- 2 pm, [Record-Keeping Strategies for Organic Certification](#), New Entry Online Webinar with Laura Davis.

**April 5-7, 2017** - [New England Farm to Institution Summit](#), Leominster, MA.

**April 20th, 2017** - 7 pm - 9 pm, New Entry Farm Business Planning Course **Graduation** and USDA Beginning Farmer Resource Panel, Lowell, MA

**April 22nd, 2017** - 1 pm - 4 pm, [Cabbige Workshop](#), Lowell, MA

**April 22nd, 2017** - 12 pm - 3 pm, Seed and Compost Drive, Whole Foods Bedford store, Bedford, MA.

**April 28-29th, 2017** - [New England Meat Conference](#), Concord, NH

**May 8th, 2017** - [The 8th Annual New Entry Fundraiser: Reimaging the Path to the Family Farm](#), Lexington, MA

**June 28th, 2017** - [Cattle Run at Gibbet Hill Grill](#), Join a team and run for New Entry! Groton, MA

**December 5th - 7th, 2017** - [Community Food Systems Conference 2017](#), Boston's Park Plaza Hotel, MA



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## Join Our Community Supported Agriculture Program - help new farmers grow!



### World PEAS Food Hub

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)  
Local food. Strong communities.



Support local agriculture by signing up for your 2017 CSA share, a weekly produce delivery.

[nesfp.org/worldpeas](http://nesfp.org/worldpeas)

**Join the World PEAS Food Hub CSA** for 20-weeks of farm-fresh fruit and

Share, Summer Share, and Fall Share) as well as convenient pickup locations all over the greater Boston area. World PEAS is proud to accept SNAP/EBT as payment. When you purchase a World PEAS CSA share you get high-quality, freshly harvested, all-local produce while supporting the next generation of culturally diverse farmers!

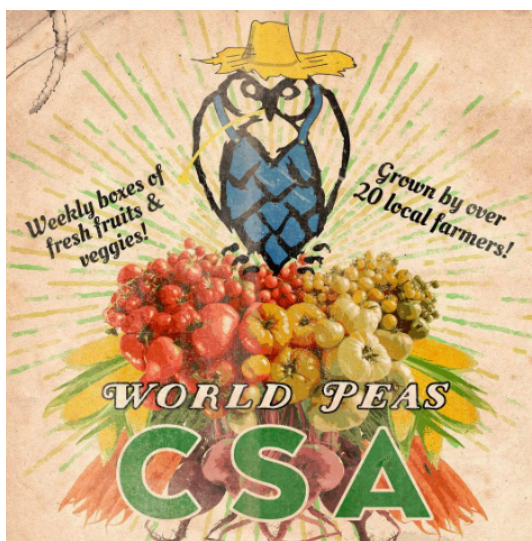
**Sign up now at:** <http://www.worldpeascsa.org>

Your early commitment to our CSA helps New Entry provide no-interest microloans to our World PEAS CSA farmers to support their early-season start up costs. Sign up early and your veggie dollars help jump-start on the growing season!



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## Meet-the-Farmer Happy Hour at Night Shift Brewing on April 4th



**Join World PEAS for a meet-the-farmer happy hour!** Learn about our work with beginning, immigrant and refugee farmers. Play veggie themed games, chat with farmers about their upcoming season, and **enter to win a discounted CSA share!**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4th

**Time:** 4 pm - 8 pm

**Location:** Night Shift

**Brewing** 87 Santilli Hwy, Everett, MA



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## The 8th Annual New Entry Fundraiser



## Please join us for the 8th Annual New Entry Fundraiser: Reimagining the Path to the Family Farm

*In the past, family farms were passed down to the next generation in the family. Today, many of our nation's aging farmers are retiring with no one to take over the land...*

Proceeds from this event will benefit New Entry, continuing our work to address this challenge by training and supporting beginning and immigrant farmers and partnering with local and national organizations to build a strong network of skilled farmers and ranchers.

This year, we are pleased to host the annual fundraiser at the award-winning [Inn at Hastings Park/Artistry on the Green](#) in Lexington, Massachusetts.

**New this year!** We have added a special Cocktail Reception to provide new and returning supporters with an opportunity to learn more about New Entry and meet some of our farmer graduates and staff. Following the reception, we will host our traditional multi-course Dinner prepared by the Artistry on the Green's Chef Lucas Sousa with wine accompaniments. Dinner guests will be welcomed with a champagne toast and light appetizers.

Whether you choose to attend the Cocktail Reception or Dinner, or both, we hope that you enjoy a wonderful evening with delicious food and wine in support of a local program whose impact is felt within our greater Boston area community and across the country.

**Date: Monday, May 8, 2017**

**Place: The Inn at Hastings Park/Artistry on the Green**

2027 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts

**Time: 5:30–6:30 pm**

**Cocktail reception \$75**

**Time: 6:30–9:30 pm**

**Dinner and wine \$500**

**Dinner and premium wines \$1,000**

**RSVP**

Join us for cocktails, dinner, or both! **Please register by April 24.**

*For questions, please contact Holly Cariddi 617-636-6692.*

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## **Record Keeping Workshops - track your way to farm success!**



**Join New Entry for  
two more dynamic  
Record Keeping  
Workshops!**

### **Cabbige: Recordkeeping Made Simple with Technology**

In this workshop, Jessica Angell, founder of Cabbige, will discuss how to keep record-keeping simple, focus on your farm, and make the most of the data you collect. Topics covered will include: technologies that make record-keeping simple and useful, what data to focus on and how to use it, and how data analysis can improve your profitability. Attendees will receive 3 months of Cabbige for FREE.

**Date: Saturday April 22nd**

**Time: 1:00pm- 4:00pm**

**Location: 45 Merrimack St. Lowell, MA Suite 500**

**Cost: FREE**

*Registration required, reserve your seat now! [Register Here](#)*

To learn more about Cabbige visit <http://www.cabbige.com/>

## Webinar

This online webinar will cover all you need to know about farm record-keeping for organic certification. Specific topics include simplifying records on your farm for efficiency and organic certification requirements as well as compost production records needed to gain approval for use on certified organic farms.

**Date: Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

**Location: Online**

**Cost: FREE**

*Registration required, reserve your seat now! [Register Here](#)*

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## Explore Farming Workshop

Free two-hour workshop and discussion is designed to help you start thinking about your future farm business

REGISTER AT  
[WWW.TFAFORMS.COM/382268](http://WWW.TFAFORMS.COM/382268)

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2017

TIME: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

LOCATION: New Entry Office,  
Lowell, MA



**Risk Management for the Farm - how to  
navigate and protect your farm business**



**For the next few months**, we will be running a small column on how to manage risk on your farm. Haven't thought about a risk management plan for your farm yet? **Start out by completing these helpful checklists:**

[Risk Management Checklist](#) and [SWOT Analysis](#)

Maybe you have already identified areas of risk you would like assistance with?

**Check out these assistance programs/grants that are currently taking applications until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

[Farm Viability Enhancement Program](#) and [Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture Program](#)

If you would like to hear a panel presentation by government officials on more risk management programs available to you, **please join us on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at the World PEAS Food Hub in Lowell.** We will be celebrating the graduates of our 2016 and 2017 Farm Business Planning Course and will have time to meet panel presenters and farmers familiar with these programs.

Next month we will help you navigate programs to help deal with risks associated with the extreme drought farmers in Massachusetts have been facing the past two years.

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## Farmer Profile: Andrew Kennedy



**Andrew Kennedy** always knew he belonged on the land.

He wasn't originally from a farming family – his father was a military doctor – but he got involved with farming as a teen and never looked back. He says that he always loved animals and dreamed of someday owning his own flock of sheep.

Fast forward to 2010: Andrew graduated from the New Entry Farm Business Planning Course, which helped him refocus his commitment to farming during a point of transition in his career. Soon after completing the course, he joined Temple-Wilton Community Farm in Wilton, New Hampshire to take charge of managing the animals and farm operations. Their slogan, “Growing Food in Community”, is something that resonates deeply with Andrew and is part of what drew him to join the team at Temple-Wilton.

When asked what makes for successful farming, Andrew returns to the idea of community. In this sense, being in a classroom with fellow farmers was valuable. Farmers tend to be quite isolated, but the New Entry class gave him a chance to interact with farmers, gardeners, and landscapers. He's grateful to be part of the New Entry community; building relationships with folks who have an array of skill sets “all adds up to being in a stronger position for whatever comes your way,” he says.

To read more about Andrew Kennedy and the Temple-Wilton Community Farm, [click here](#).

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**Request For Proposal: Community Food  
System Conference**



**We are seeking proposals** for workshop sessions at our Community Food Systems Conference from leaders in food security, social justice, and sustainable agriculture. We will be accepting proposals until April 3, 2017 at 11:59pm.

**What: Community Food Systems Conference**

**When: 12/5/17 - 12/7/17**

**Where: Boston Park Plaza Hotel**

**About:** This conference will explore the intersection of food security, social justice, and sustainable agriculture. It will address a variety of community food system topics. There are certain cross-cutting issues we believe are fundamental in community food systems and in building a strong, equitable food future.

- Skill Building across cultures and sectors
- Diversity of presenters
- Racial, social and economic equity

Please note, we are looking to incorporate stories from Community Food Projects grantees into workshop sessions.

[Submit A Proposal Here](#)

Submission deadline April 3, 2017 at 11:59pm. We expect 500-600 attendees. Be a part of this historical event. Visit [our website](#) for more information. Please contact Kristen ([kristen.aldrich@tufts.edu](mailto:kristen.aldrich@tufts.edu)) with questions. View a [PDF of the RFP here](#).



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This event is supported by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.



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*"Whether we and our politicians know it or not,  
Nature is party to all our deals and decisions, and she has more votes, a longer memory,  
and a sterner sense of justice than we do." - Wendell Berry*

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## 2017 New England Meat Conference



### **Join fellow meat producers, processors, and eaters!**

The New England Meat Conference is back - do not miss this event! Attend one of over 30 different sessions, go deep in one of several 3-hour workshops, and let loose at the fun "Meat Ball".

**April 28-29, 2017**

**Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH**

Purchase tickets:

[www.2017newenglandmeatconference.eventbrite.com](http://www.2017newenglandmeatconference.eventbrite.com)

Conference program:

<http://www.newenglandmeatconference.com/conference>

See you there!

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## Volunteer Opportunities



## Schedule a Group Volunteer Day!

Is your class, workplace, or other community organization looking for a one-time volunteer opportunity you can feel good about? Look no further! **We are currently accepting volunteer groups for the spring and summer of 2017** to take place at our incubator farm sites in Dracut, MA. Contact [maria.smith@tufts.edu](mailto:maria.smith@tufts.edu) for more information.

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**Join us for Earth Day -  
Seed and Compost Drive!**



### Join us on Earth Day at Bedford Whole Foods Market!

Join us on **Saturday, April 22nd** at the [Bedford, MA Whole Foods Market](#) for an Earth Day seed and compost drive! Come and stock up on your own seeds and compost and share the love with other new and beginning farmers - for each packet of seed and compost donated, we will be sure to help New Entry farmers get off to the right start! Meet staff and growers to get some planting tips and learn more about New Entry's farmer training

See you there!

## We Are Hiring!



**New Entry is Hiring - spread the word!**



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### Farm Business Training and Incubator Farm Site Manager

#### Job Summary

The Farm Business Training and Incubator Site Manager is responsible for providing year-round technical assistance (TA) and farm production and business training to small-scale beginning farmers, both on and off the field, on multiple aspects of farm enterprise development. Manage New Entry's multiple incubator farm sites and equipment, determine the best approach for site improvements and facilitate crop production (emphasizing organic techniques) to achieve lease compliance and support producers to achieve commercial farm goals. This position is a vital part of the farmer training team, and as such will share in the responsibility of fulfilling farmer training grant deliverables and reporting requirements. For more details and to apply [visit this site](#).

We are also willing to consider this position as a temporary, seasonal farm position as our Incubator Farm Site Coordinator position (March through November) - check out that position [here](#).

## What We're Eating and Reading + 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge

**Curried Lentils with Coconut**



*for, double the lentils and water but keep the coconut milk amount the same, double the spices, and sometimes add shredded cabbage or kale." -Breanne W., WPFH Coordinator*



***Hour of Land*** By Terry Tempest Williams

***The Shepard's Life*** By James Rebanks

[D.C.'s Urban Farms Wrestle with Gentrification and Displacement](#)

Join us and Food Solutions New England this April 9 - April 29 in taking the **21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge**. Discover and dismantle racism in the food system. Learn more [here](#).

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## Cattle Run & BBQ to Benefit New Entry!



will challenge runners of all abilities while raising money for New Entry (and other charities) - let's get a strong team contingent supporting Next Generation Farmers! **Registration info coming soon!**

The folks from Gibbet Hill have mapped out a rugged and hilly 1.4 mile course which weaves through Gibbet Hill Farm. Your run will take you past the produce farm, through the black angus cattle herd and up to General Bancroft's "castle" on top of Gibbet Hill. The race will consist of 6 loops for a total of 8.4 miles. Each runner will run the course twice in the following order: 1-2-3-1-2-3. In some areas of the course, you'll be running on the actual cow path worn in the hill by Gibbet Hill's famous Black Angus herd! You might want to leave your fancy new running shoes at home. Check out images and videos from last year's inaugural event [here](#).

### **BARBECUE**

Think you'll work up an appetite? Directly after the race, chefs from each Webber Restaurant Group property will collaborate to create a barbecue that will be sure to satisfy your hunger. Local beer will also be available to quench your thirst.

### **BENEFICIARIES**

Entry fee is \$600 per team (\$200 per runner), which includes the race, barbecue and a frosty Narragansett. THE ENTIRE ENTRY FEE will go directly to New Entry (or the other participating charities, but we hope you will support next generation farmers!).

In addition to the entry fee, we encourage each runner to help raise additional funds to help New Entry grow new farmers! We will share the registration link as soon as it is live!

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## **Highway to the High Road**



*Drive in style while supporting local agriculture that helps sequesters carbon for a healthier environment!*

*Support local food! The [Choose Fresh and Local license plate](#) is now available at the RMV - Get yours [here](#)!*



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**We are proudly sporting our new Choose Fresh and Local license plates - ARE YOU?** The funds raised from these plates will support New Entry's work with new and beginning farmers on our incubator farms and beyond, including training and resources as well as continuing to develop a strong statewide Beginning Farmer Network. They will also help Mass Farmers Markets continue to support farmers markets in the state. Additionally, having these plates on the road will continue to raise awareness of local agriculture in Massachusetts and help build strong markets for farmers statewide. Visit our website to find out [how it works](#), you can sign up online and the RMV will mail the plates TO YOUR HOME...no waiting in long lines at the RMV - **it's easy as 1 -2 - 3.** THANK YOU for supporting local food!

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## Our Mission



comprehensive training and technical assistance in all aspects of farm production and management. Our mission: work with new farmers to build strong businesses, expertise in the field, and a resilient food system.

To learn more, visit [www.nesfp.org](http://www.nesfp.org).

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## Get Involved

Join us in helping cultivate and sustain the next generation of farmers who will care for our farmland, supply our markets, provide food to our schools, and contribute to a vibrant local economy in our communities.

### Volunteer

Volunteer with New Entry World PEAS Food Hub at least two days per week for the entire season and receive a weekly CSA Share.

### Upcoming Classes



Support local agriculture and get your specialty Choose Fresh and Local License Plate today!

### Donate

Your tax-deductible donation is accepted on-line through: Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. **Designate the Friedman School, and New Entry Sustainable Farming Project** to be sure your gift supports new farmers.




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