Incubator Farm

A land-based, multi-grower project that provides training and technical assistance to aspiring and beginning farmers. New Entry Sustainable Farming Project works to coordinate the National Incubator Farm Training Initiative (NIFTI). We conduct a yearly survey of incubator farm projects (IFPs), for 2017 data, 46 IFPs completed the survey.

The average plot size ranges from 0.54 acres to 3.13 acres with 9 businesses being run on the land. On average, IFPs have 2 full time staff and 2 part-time staff members.

More info: www.nesfp.org/nifti

2017 Incubator Farm Projects (IFPs)

Participants countries of origin

Demographics

- US born
- New American or Immigrant
- Low-income
- 2nd generation farmer
- Veteran farmers

Top Places to Lease Land From

- 73% of IFPs lease land, 19.5% own, and 7% own and lease.
- 51% have 2 or fewer full and part-time staff members.

Top 10 Trainings IFPs offer

- Sustainable Production
- Crop Production
- Business Planning
- Financial Planning
- Equipment operation
- Farm management
- Marketing
- Access to land
- Equipment selection
- Organic production