An Overview of INOCULATOR FARM PROJECTS

An Incubator Farm Project (IFP) is a land-based, multi-grower project that provides training and technical assistance to aspiring and beginning farmers. More info: www.nesfp.org/nifti.

Nationwide, over 3,100 farmers are currently served by IFPs.
In 2015, 49 IFPs supported the operation of over 400 farm businesses.
In 2014, approximately 10,550 people participated in the continuing education, CSA, land-based training, and/or other programs of 49 IFPs.

Project Type*

- **119** Operational Incubators
- **66** Potential Incubators
- **27** University Programs
- **22** Projects Without Land

Years in Operation

- 16% Pre-launch
- 8% 0-1 years
- 33% 2-4 years
- 43% 5+ years

90% of IFPs have 3 or fewer full time staff.

IFPs range in size from 1 plot to 45 plots

Average Plot Size

- Smallest .36 acres
- Largest 2.9 acres

IFP’s Land

- 82% Lease Land
- 11% Own Land
- 7% Lease & Own

Participants Farmer Demographics

- 42% US Born
- 13% Refugee
- 13% Immigrant
- 27% College Student
- 5% Other

52% male, 48% female

Amongst the 60% of IFPs that limit the time farmers can stay on the land, the average program length is 4 years.

*The information contained in this overview was collected by NIFTI as part of its technical assistance activities. Additional data was collected through an in-depth, nationwide survey of Incubator Farm Projects, to which 49 responses were collected.