Incubator Farm Projects (IFPs)

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1. A land-based, multi-grower project that provides training and technical assistance to aspiring and beginning farmers.

More info: www.nesfp.org/nifti

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The 220+ incubator farms on the map represent approximately 19,694 acres of land in agriculture.

130 Operational IFPs
1,565 Farming Participants

Top 3 Challenges
1. Funding
- 22% FEDERAL GRANTS
- 20% FOUNDATION GRANTS
- 10% INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING
- 8% STATE/LANDGOVERNMENT FUNDS
- 7% REVENUE FROM FARM PRODUCTS

2. Land
- Lease
- Own
- Both

3. Staff
- 75% of IFPs have 2 or less full & part-time staff members

Demographics
- US born
- Low-income
- Refugee
- Immigrant
- College Student

Businesses run on IFPs
average number of businesses being run on an Incubator Farm Project

Multilingual Programming & Support

Project Programs Offer
- Program Training Opportunities
- Affordable Access Offerings

Former participants are:
- 60% Still farming
- 55% of whom are primary farm operators

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