

According to 2012 Ag Census Data, two areas where New Hampshire continued to shine were direct market sales to consumers and agritourism. Income from “farm-related, ag tourism and recreational services” saw a 65% increase in the five years since the previous census, totaling \$3.8 million in 2012. NH ranks third in the 2014 Locavore Index which calculates numbers of farmers markets, CSAs and farm-to-school programs per capita for each state.

The Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship

is involved in a community-wide network for supporting local farmers and food producers. By connecting local businesses with the resources they need, Hannah Grimes provides a platform for ag businesses to develop their skills, support their businesses and contribute to the community.



Square. You can build your business on an as-needed basis with lowered risk and minimized start-up costs. NM has taken the expense, logistical and financial burden of opening and operating a commercial kitchen and reduced it to a fixed cost on which to base your new or growing specialty food business.

Farm & Food E-Newsletter

Every month, Hannah Grimes reaches out to its followers and supporters with a Farm & Food targeted e-newsletter. The e-newsletter contains networking events, workshops and trainings and curated content focused on this sector.

Consulting & Workshops

What makes Hannah Grimes exceptional is a strong spirit of collaboration among everyone involved: high-quality (mostly volunteer) teachers, coaches and trainers. A variety of business development professionals are available for one-on-one advising sessions & workshops. Our instructors are a group of skilled consultants and practitioners who are able to train effectively. They know their stuff because they do it every day.

Neighbor Made Kitchen

One of the biggest obstacles to starting a food business is the high cost of opening a commercial kitchen. Neighbor Made is a fully equipped, commercially licensed, shared-use kitchen in Keene’s Railroad

Monadnock Localvore Project

Localvores buy and grow food raised within 150 miles of their home. We’re fortunate that our Monadnock region has a plethora of options to choose from in supporting the Localvore ethic. Throughout the growing season, the Monadnock Localvore Project offers a number of homesteading workshops for those interested in our local agricultural traditions. The Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship Program sends children to an area camp to discover the inherent rewards that come from cultivating with one’s hands and heart.

Cheshire County Conservation District

The CCCD represents the conservation interests and priorities of the county, for the county. As such, the conservation district is fully vested in the preservation and enhancement of agriculture and its place and role within the community at large. The CCCD values their role in providing public outreach and education to the community that focuses on environmental concerns in a manner that encourages appreciation and stewardship of natural assets for the benefit of future generations.

Farm and Food Focus is one of the 5 sectors Hannah Grimes targets for programming and business resources. The other sectors include Artisan, Green Construction, Independent Retail and Nonprofit. Along with the Hannah Grimes Times, these monthly e-newsletters are tools to help your business grow!