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**Company/Organization:** Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH (NOFA-NH)

**Type of organization:** Nonprofit

**Number of Employees:** 5

**Category:** community

#### **Challenge or Opportunity:**

10% of the NH population is food insecure, yet 40% of all food produced in the U.S. is wasted annually, and 20.2 billion pounds of produce never leaves the farm (NH Food Bank, HuffPost, 2017).

NOFA-NH saw an opportunity to connect undistributed and unsold food from NH farms and markets with community organizations combatting food insecurity.

#### **Approach or Solution:**

Since 2013, NOFA-NH has participated in NH Gleans, a network of organizations working to increase the availability of local, fresh produce distributed to NH food pantries, soup kitchens and schools. A network of gleaners harvests food from farms and markets that would otherwise go undistributed, and donates that food to community partners.

#### **Impact:**

Last year, NOFA-NH gleaners collected 17,620 pounds of food on the Seacoast that was distributed through the NH Gleans network of 85+ community partners, providing local farm fresh food for thousands of low-income residents. This year, NOFA-NH has already collected over 27,000 pounds of food and expects to double the impact of last year's glean.