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AFT is the only national conservation organization dedicated to protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land. As the vital link between farmers, conservationists, and policy-makers, AFT is focused on ensuring the availability of land that provides fresh food, a healthy environment, and the foundation for successful farm businesses. Since its founding in 1980 by a group of farmers and citizens concerned about the rapid loss of farmland to development, AFT has helped to save more than five million acres of farmland and led the way for the adoption of conservation practices on millions more.

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Founded in 1966, CLF protects New England's environment for the benefit of all people. CLF uses law, science, and the market to create solutions that preserve our natural resources, build healthy communities, and sustain a vibrant economy. CLF has long experience in designing and implementing regulatory reform to promote environmental protection. With advocacy centers in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Rhode Island, CLF works in four program areas: Healthy Communities and Environmental Justice; Ocean Conservation; Clean Energy and Climate Change; and Clean Water and Healthy Forests. CLF tackles some of New England's most pressing environmental and health issues through its Farm and Food Initiative, working to help shape and foster the development of a robust regional food system.

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NESAWG)

NESAWG is a 12-state food system social impact network. Founded in 1992, NESAWG engages over 500 organizations in food systems change work. NESAWG has been a national leader in regional approaches and solutions to food systems issues. NESAWG works on public policy at all levels, bringing voices from across the food system spectrum to the table. NESAWG's work groups focus on issues such as labor in the food chain, infrastructure, research, food safety, distribution, and food systems planning. It holds an annual conference, publishes reports, leads projects and builds network capacity.

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ACRONYM GUIDE

Acronym	Full Name	State
AFT	American Farmland Trust	
AMA	Agricultural Management Assistance	
APR	Agricultural Preservation Restriction	Massachusetts
BFRDP	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program	
CCPI	Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative	
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	
CGMP	Current Good Manufacturing Practice	
CIG	Conservation Innovation Grants	
CIS	Cooperative Interstate Shipment	
CISA	Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture	Massachusetts
CLF	Conservation Law Foundation	
CONEG	Coalition of Northeastern Governors	
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program	
CSA	Community Supported Agriculture	
DoD	Department of Defense	
EBT	Electronic Benefit Transfer	
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	
FDCA	Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act	
FINE	Farm to Institution New England	
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act	
FMIA	Federal Meat Inspection Act	
FMNP	Farmers' Market Nutrition Program	
FPPA	Farmland Protection Policy Act	
FRPP	Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program	
FSA	Farm Service Agency	
FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service	
FSMA	Food Safety Modernization Act	
FSNE	Food Solutions New England	
GAP	Good Agricultural Practices	
GHP	Good Handling Practices	

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Acronym	Full Name	State
GIS	Geographic Information System	
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points	
HNE	Harvest New England	
IDA	Individual Development Account	
MILC	Milk Income Loss Contract	
MOU	Memoranda of Understanding	
NASDA	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture	
NCIC	National Center for Interstate Compacts	
NEASDA	Northeastern Association of State Departments of Agriculture	
NEFFSI	New England Farm and Food Security Initiative	
NESAASA	New England States Animal Agriculture Security Alliance	
NESAWG	Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service	
OPAV	Option to Purchase at Agricultural Value	Massachusetts and Vermont
PACE	Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements	
PMO	Pasteurized Milk Ordinance	
PPIA	Poultry Products Inspection Act	
QR	Quick Response	
REAP	Rural Energy for America Program	
RGGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative	
RPS	Renewable Portfolio Standard	
SFMNP	Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program	
SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	
TCI	Transportation and Climate Initiative	
TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership	
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture	
WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	
WIC	Women, Infants and Children	



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