Growing Together: Building The Capacity And Skills Of Low-Resource Beginning Farmers And Agricultural Service Providers In Maine

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- New American farmers in Maine
- Currently all growing diversified vegetables
- Four cohorts of beginning farmer "stages" (From exploring to 1<sup>st</sup> year to years 7-9)



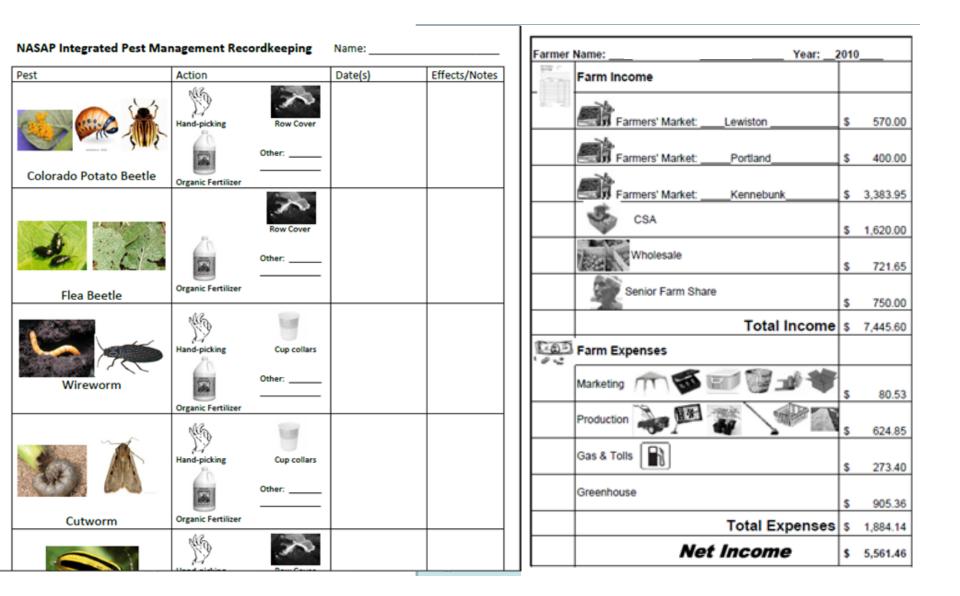
 VISIONS, Inc – National experts providing a three-day professional development training to service providers in the state regarding building skills to better serve diversifying demographics



- Work statewide to highlight the need for service providers to better serve diversifying demographics organize a 3-day professional development training
- Include farmers' voices by supporting farmers in speaking at statewide events



- Support 90 farmers at all points on the spectrum
- 90% of farmers demonstrate a change in actions
- 75% of farmers demonstrate an increase in revenue
- 80% of service providers attending training express planned change in actions



We have lots of specific curricula to share and thoughts on developing effective curricula for non-Native English spekaers!



- Hoping to learn from other service providers: What kind of support do you need to better serve diverse audiences?
- Hoping to learn from other projects: How are you navigating/working with/working around the external constraints around land availability and markets that BFs face?



## Keep in touch!

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