

Growing Organic Futures

CCOF Foundation 2015 Report



Grant Recipient Spotlight



Kimberly Vargas | Littlerock, California

Kimberly Vargas is a high school student who wanted to raise organic pigs for her FFA (Future Farmers of America) project. Organic piglets are difficult to source, but with the help of the Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund and the CCOF Foundation, she was connected with an organic farmer who provided her with organic piglets and mentorship. Her goal is to compare the cost of organic versus conventional livestock rearing, and publish the results.



Maple Wind Farm | Huntington, Vermont

In early 2014, Maple Wind Farm lost their barn to an electrical fire. This historic building was the heart of their organic vegetable and pasture-based livestock and poultry farm. The barn burned to the ground in less than three hours, but with help from the CCOF Foundation's Brimont Hardship Assistance Fund and their community, a new barn stands in its place today.

Our Work



The CCOF Foundation envisions a world where organic *is* the norm.

We are training new organic farmers, supporting those who already farm organically, and reminding shoppers why they should always buy certified organic.



The Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund provides grants to students and teachers of organic agriculture.

PROGRAM IMPACT

2015 4,500 teachers, students & their families
2016 8,000 teachers, students & their families



The Organic Training Institute partners with agricultural professionals to provide technical assistance to *organic* and *prospective organic* producers.

PROGRAM IMPACT

2015 500 trainees
2016 500 trainees



The Bricmont Hardship Assistance Fund offers direct financial assistance to organic operations that suffer losses due to extreme hardship.

PROGRAM IMPACT

2015 20 organic operations
2016 30 organic operations



***Why Buy Certified Organic?* postcards help consumers make informed food choices by explaining the benefits of organic.**

PROGRAM IMPACT

2015 130,000 consumers
2016 200,000 consumers

Our Partners

Program Collaborators

We partner with more than 40 organizations throughout the country, including:

The Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA)
ATTRA/The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)
The California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN)
California FarmLink

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom partnered with us to provide K-8th grade teachers with resources to integrate organic curriculum into classrooms nationally.

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA)
Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS)
Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
Ecological Farming Association (EcoFarm)
The Farmers Guild

National FFA Organization (Future Farmers of America)

The National FFA Organization helped us make grants to support high school students across the country who are pursuing organic-focused projects as a part of their agricultural education.

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Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF)
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Investing in organic means investing in the health of our communities, economy, and the environment.

Supporting organic means supporting:

Food produced without
GMOs

Crops grown without
synthetic pesticides and
herbicides

Livestock raised without
antibiotics, reducing risk of
antibiotic resistance

Biodiversity, protecting
water quality, and increasing
the water retention of soil

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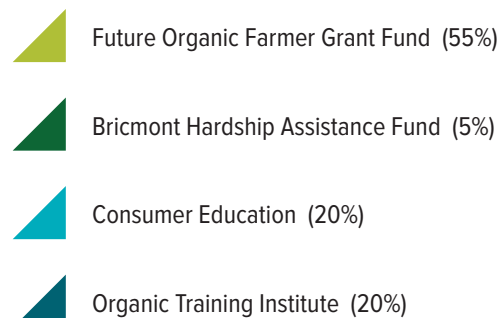
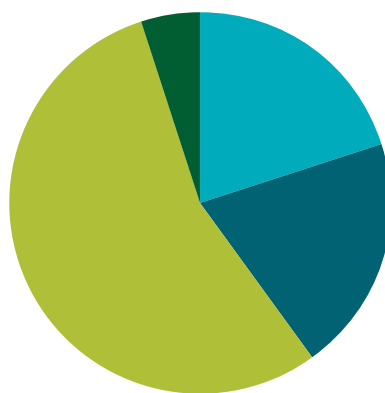
Economic growth and job
creation

Our Financials

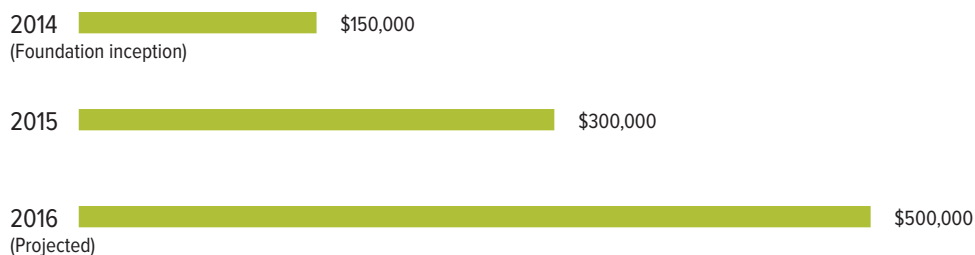


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CCOF Foundation Budget





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