

Spurred by Chester farmers seeking the next generation of black-dirt farmers, a group of citizens concerned about the future of agriculture in the area contacted Northeast Farm Access to help found the Chester Agricultural Center, LLC.



With the support of the Ralph E. Ogden Foundation and the encouragement of the Orange County Land Trust, Chester Chamber of Commerce and Blooming Hill Farm, the Chester Agricultural Center is now using the unique offerings of Chester —its town and adjacent farm land—to

put new farmers on the land and ensure that the black-dirt continues in active agricultural use.

The Chester Agricultural Center is able to acquire land and farm infrastructure by working in collaboration with foundations, land trusts, and social investors. The Center then leases these resources to next generation farmers who are committed to sustainable farming and equitable labor practices. The Center is well on its way to providing abundant clean food to markets throughout the Hudson Valley.





The Chester Agricultural Center is made possible by funding from the Ralph E. Ogden Foundation and four individual investors and is growing thanks to investments from current and future investors.

It will keep growing thanks to investments from current and future investors, and the innovation and hard work of our exceptional farm operators.



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OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

October 2014

The Ralph E. Ogden Foundation provided initial funding to support Northeast Farm Access, LLC's development of the project.

May 2015

Chester Agricultural Center, LLC owns 94 acres of prime black-dirt farm land and infrastructure and is already leasing them long-term to four farm operations. Crops are in the ground.

OUR FUTURE

Fall 2015

The Chester Agricultural Center, LLC is working to acquire 176 more acres of prime farmland and farm buildings for current and new farmer operations, building equity for the farmers, investors and community. The Chester Agricultural Center is made possible by funding from the Ralph E. Ogden Foundation and is growing thanks to investments from current and future investors.

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