

# CISA

community  
involved in sustaining  
agriculture

20 years of strengthening  
farms and communities

2013  
ANNUAL  
REPORT







## Growing the Local Food Economy

### *Letter from CISA's Board Chair and Executive Director*

In 2013, we celebrated CISA's first generation of work and we began to plan for the next 20 years! It was a year of honoring those who came before us and who made our present work possible. We held a reunion and potluck for 200 at our annual meeting. We thanked the 75 former board and staff members, and the hundreds of volunteers who served CISA over its first 20 years, and we were honored to have Congressman James McGovern as our keynote speaker. During 2013, we also launched a strategic planning process to position CISA for the future. We believe that our work will create a stronger community and contribute to a more sustainable world for our children and our children's children.

We are always amazed at how much happens in just one year. Our 2013 highlights included:

- ✦ Release of *Eat Up and Take Action for Local Food*, a new publication which provides inspiration and resources to encourage residents to bring their passion of local food to their workplaces, town meetings, and friends and family.
- ✦ A new report on the challenges in commercial meat processing in the Pioneer Valley. The study provides recommendations for improving the system for meat processing, especially cutting and curing.
- ✦ A reopening of the CISA Emergency Farm Fund in response to the February 2013 blizzard. Three farms received no-interest loans to rebuild or repair lost greenhouses to minimize future harvest losses.
- ✦ Ensuring the Food and Drug Administration heard the concerns of farmers and the community regarding the impact of their proposed safety regulations.
- ✦ Successfully raising \$50,000 in new dollars, leveraging an additional \$100,000 in matching funds from the Anniversary Fund set up by major supporters. These new monies will go to assisting beginning farmers, expanding our presence in Hampden County and growing the local food economy.

Overall, CISA is now reaching more people, including farmers, entrepreneurs, reporters, elected officials and residents. CISA believes that we all have a role to play in growing a robust local and regional food economy. To ensure success we will need everyone involved. Our job is to help Pioneer Valley residents stay engaged, informed, and enthusiastic about this work.

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*CISA was voted the Valley Advocate's 2013  
Best Local Activist Organization in the Valley.*



Margaret Christie, Philip Korman, Risa Silverman and Ben Clark, Valley Advocate photo

**So what does this mix of energy, creativity and a healthy dose of reality look like on the ground?**

More farmers—CISA is helping beginning farmers gain the business expertise they need to grow their farm businesses and succeed.

More committed consumers—CISA is expanding its presence in Hampden County where two out of three people in the Pioneer Valley live.

More food-related businesses and institutions who buy from our farmers. Every day we are providing assistance to businesses that want high quality, locally sourced ingredients.

A strong local food economy will take time to build, but we have now travelled the road long enough to know that our small steps can make a big difference!

So please join with us. Every time you shop or cook or talk about all your reasons for buying from our local farmers, you have an opportunity to share a taste of the world you want to create. We are here with you and for you, every bite, of every meal, of every day!

Sincerely,

Risa Silverman  
Chair, Board of Directors

Philip Korman  
Executive Director

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## Many successes in our 20th year

### *Eat Up and Take Action for Local Food!*

The year was filled with opportunities for eating, learning and working together. We kicked off 2013 with a panel of farmers, each reflecting on the last 20 years and considering what's to come on their farms in the next 20. Throughout the year, the CISA community came together: at farm tours, farm dinners, and a festive reunion of people involved in CISA's early days.

In the fall, we published *Eat Up and Take Action for Local Food*, an inspirational guide to action for a robust local food economy. Pioneer Valley farmers and residents joined thousands of people across the country in urging the Food and Drug Administration to create food safety regulations that are effective and workable for small and diverse farms.

### **Strong and creative farm businesses**

CISA's 2013 winter workshop series focused on financial record-keeping and farm business decision-making, and benefitted from thoughtful presentations from several Local Hero member farmers. Fourteen women participated in our "Whole Farm Planning" workshop series, and we held 13 additional workshops and networking events.

### **Reaching all residents of our region**

In 2013, we committed to increasing our impact in Hampden County by dedicating more staff time to work in our most populous county. We are beginning this work by improving our outreach to Hampden County farms and food businesses, offering workshops and technical assistance activities, and strengthening our partnerships with community groups. In 2013, CISA's Senior FarmShare program served 365 people in all three counties, and we held Winter Fare events in cooperation with farmers' markets in Springfield, Amherst, Greenfield, and Northampton.

### **Strengthening the local food economy**

Research in 2013 focused on meat processing and ways to improve producer/processor relationships. We held three workshops for meat producers, two in cooperation with Adams Farm Slaughterhouse, and one with local chefs and meat buyers. CISA continued to provide staffing for Pioneer Valley Grows, a collaborative network dedicated to enhancing the ecological and economic sustainability and vitality of the Pioneer Valley food system.

### **Twice as much local food!**

We estimate that 10–15 percent of the food Pioneer Valley residents eat is locally grown, and we've set an ambitious goal to reach 25% in the next 20 years. Use the Local Foods Calculator on our website to estimate the percent of local food your family eats. You can also get a sense of the impact on job creation and our local economy if we all commit to eating more locally grown food. 🌿



Chopped beets at Enterprise Farm event, CISA photo



Full Bloom Market Garden, greenhouse efficiency workshop, Jess Cook photo



Squash, eggplant and fennel, Zoe Elkin photo



Amherst Farmers' Market, Jason Threlfall photo

# Financial Notes

As we end our 20th Anniversary year, CISA is in a good financial position thanks to our supporters and investors. CISA has closed each of the last four fiscal years with a surplus, due to our continued success in obtaining grants and the significant growth in unrestricted donations.

CISA's 20th Anniversary Fund provided an incentive, in the form of a match, for donors to increase their contributions to CISA and that resulted in our highest level of support ever at \$455,620. These unrestricted funds have enabled CISA to pay off the second mortgage on our building, reach our goal of growing CISA's cash reserves to cover six months of operating expenses and consider future investments in the organization, such as buying a new donor database and increasing staffing levels.

The CISA Emergency Farm Fund began in 2011 in response to the damage caused by Hurricane Irene. A total of 11 loans were made to farm operations that sustained losses (two loans have already been paid back, ahead of

schedule). Due to the strong financial position of the Fund, it was reopened in early 2013 in response to a severe snowstorm that damaged greenhouses and other structures, with three farms receiving loans at that time. At year end 2013, there were a total of 12 loans outstanding with a total principal balance of \$70,892. In addition, there was \$90,199 in cash available in the Fund to be loaned when the next weather-related disaster occurs.

Moving forward, increasing CISA's unrestricted donations remains vital as grant money from state and federal agencies becomes more uncertain even with the passage of the long-delayed Farm Bill in early 2014. CISA will continue to focus on investing in the organization to improve long-term financial stability.

Signed,

*Michael A. Wissemann*

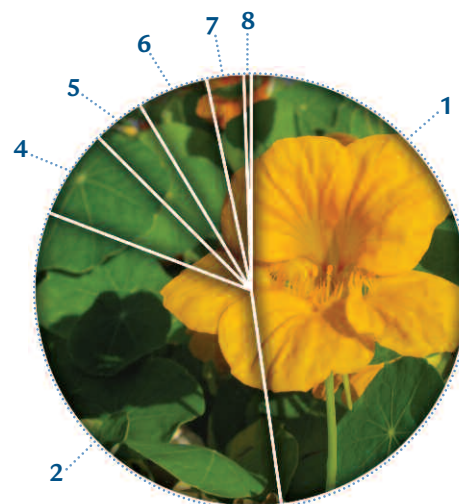
Michael Wissemann  
Treasurer

*Philip Korman*

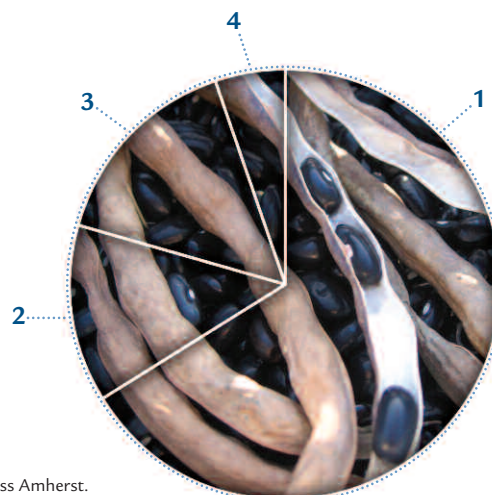
Philip Korman  
Executive Director

## 2013 Financial Summary

Revenue and Support	2013*	2012
1. Grants and Government Contracts	\$658,212.58	\$559,166.91
2. Donations	\$455,620.65	\$359,081.00
3. Emergency Farm Fund Donations	\$0.00	\$66,350.70
4. In-Kind Donations**	\$91,997.20	\$21,329.78
5. Local Hero Membership Dues	\$56,902.50	\$54,927.00
6. Rental, Consulting and Fees	\$69,210.69	\$88,983.64
7. Advertising	\$41,878.00	\$44,738.00
8. Miscellaneous: Interest and Merchandise Sales	\$3,824.54	\$1,877.25
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>\$1,377,646.16</b>	<b>\$1,196,454.28</b>



Expenses		
1. Program	\$659,111.82	\$645,866.88
2. Community Education	\$130,582.13	\$65,682.12
3. Fundraising	\$152,076.06	\$83,190.00
4. Administration	\$51,120.20	\$95,365.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$992,890.21</b>	<b>\$890,104.00</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$384,755.95</b>	<b>\$306,350.28</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$578,266.28</b>	<b>\$271,916.00</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year***</b>	<b>\$963,022.23</b>	<b>\$578,266.28</b>



\* Unaudited figures. Audited figures are available upon request.

\*\* Includes restricted Emergency Farm Funds in 2013 of \$170,812.

\*\*\* Includes over \$58K of in-kind support from a graduate team of the Isenberg School of Management/UMass Amherst.

Chart photos: CISA photo (nasturtium); Jess Cook (beans and pods)



# Blossoming Acres

## Local Hero farm profile

Lenita and Jeff Bober grow vegetables, bedding plants and cut flowers, and operate an on-farm bakery on 80 acres in Southwick, Massachusetts. Southwick sits in the jog in the Massachusetts border with Connecticut, just south of Westfield, where Blossoming Acres and several neighboring farms offer an oasis of farmland amid golf courses, shopping centers, and residential neighborhoods. The farm also operates expansive stands at the Lanesboro and Longmeadow farmers' markets, and they are well known for their fall pumpkin patch and baked goods.

Lenita and Jeff farm in partnership with Jeff's aunt and uncle, Lois and Bob Davis. The couple met at the University of Massachusetts' Stockbridge School of Agriculture, and began farming on land owned by the Davis family. In 2006, the foursome bought the Putnam farm, which offered an historic barn and farm stand with bakery.

Lenita Bober is the primary farmer and she's involved with everything from seed ordering to greenhouse work, brand design, marketing, and harvesting. Though her favorite place to be is in the field, she often manages by phone from the farmers' market. "Business owners don't always get to do what they want, and you can't have people doing the things you wouldn't do yourself," she explains. Jeff works part-time off the farm, delivering



Lenita Bober, Blossoming Acres photo

oil. Lenita notes that staff retention is one key to the farm's success. "We have some great people, and we treat them like family, so they come back year after year."

Blossoming Acres strives to use as few chemicals as possible, and relies on advice from the University of Massachusetts Integrated Pest Management program. Lenita is forthright with her customers: "I tell them, I'm not going to spray the crop to death. There might be a cabbage worm in the broccoli, but it's fine—all it's been

## Local Hero Members

### GROWERS

Amethyst Farm  
Amherst Farm Winery  
Amherst Nurseries  
Apex Orchards  
The Atherton Farm  
Atkins Farms  
Atlas Farm  
Austin Brothers Valley Farm  
Australis Aquaculture  
Balky Farm  
The Bars Farm  
Barstow's Longview Farm  
Bascom Hollow Farm  
Bashista Orchards  
Bear Creek Farm  
Bear Path Farm  
Bear Root Herb Farm  
Bear Swamp Orchard  
The Benson Place  
Bergeron Sugar House  
Birdhaven Blueberry Farm  
The Bitty Red Barn  
Black Birch Vineyard  
Blossoming Acres

Blue Heaven Blueberry and Raspberry Farm  
Bostrom Farm  
Boyden Bros Maple  
Bree-Z-Knoll Farm  
Bridgmont Farm  
Brook Farm Orchard  
Brook's Bend Farm  
Brookfield Farm  
Buckboard Veggies  
Bug Hill Berry and Flower Farm  
Burnt Hill Farm, LLC  
Calabrese Farm  
Carl Popielarz Pig Farm  
Carr's Ciderhouse  
Chase Hill Farm  
Chestnut Mountain Tree Farm  
Chicoine Family Farm  
Ciesluk Farm Stand  
Clarkdale Fruit Farms, Inc.  
Common Wealth CSA  
Cook's Farm Orchard  
Cooper Shop Farm  
Copperhead Farm

Couch Brook Farm  
Coyote Hill Farm  
Crabapple Farm  
Craigieburn Farm Alpacas  
Cranberry Moon Farm  
Crimson and Clover Farm at the Northampton Community Farm  
Dancing Bear Farm  
Dave's Natural Garden  
Deepening Roots Farm  
Dewgreen Farm  
Devine Farms  
Dickinson Farm  
Diemand Farm  
Dufresne's Sugar House  
E. Cecchi Farm  
East View Farm  
Echo Hill Orchards & Winery  
Echodale Farm  
Eden Pond Farm  
EIEIO Farm  
Emerson Family Christmas Tree Farm  
Enterprise Farm  
Falls Brook Farm

Farmacy Gardens  
Flavors of Cook Farm  
Flourish Farm  
Flying Colors Farm  
Four Star Farms, Inc.  
Foxbard Farm  
Freeman Farm  
Frizzell Hill Farm  
Frohloff Heritage Farm  
Gardening the Community  
The Gill Greenery  
Goat Nook Farm  
Godard's Red Hen Farm & Mineral Hills Winery  
Goldthread Apothecary  
Golanka Farm  
Good Bunch Farm  
Gooseberry Farms  
Gran Val Farm/Scoop  
Granny's Place  
Graves-Glen Farms  
Gray Dog's Farm  
Greenfield Community Farm  
Greens Treat  
Hager's Farm  
Hamilton Orchards

Hardwick Vineyard & Winery  
Hartman's Herb Farm  
Harvest Farm of Whately  
Hettie Belle Farm  
High Lawn Farm  
Hosta Hill Farm  
Intervale Farm  
J & J Farms  
J.M. Pasiecznik Farms, LLC  
Joe Czajkowski Farm  
Joe's Farm  
Johnson Hill Farm  
Johnson's Farm  
Juniper Hill Farm  
Justamere Tree Farm  
Kenburn Orchards  
King Creek Queen's Greens  
Kinne Brook Farm  
The Kitchen Garden  
Kleeberg's Sugar House  
Kosinski Farm  
Lakeside Strawberries  
LaSalle Florists  
Left Field Farm  
Leyden Glen Lamb  
Little Brook Farm

eating is the broccoli!” She has also made a commitment not to use genetically modified seed. “I just don’t think it’s been time-tested,” she says.

Lenita attends every farmers’ market herself. At the bustling Lanesboro markets, open two days a week from late April through November, the farm runs as many as four check-out lines. “I’ve been at the markets so long now, I sell to people I remember as kids, who now have their own children!” Lenita’s customers know it’s worth waiting in line for her crops, which are selected for flavor and freshness. Sometimes, to get sweet corn on the truck for the farmers’ market, crews will be out with headlamps as early as 2:00 a.m.

classes. When we first started, we knew how to grow things, but not how to sell them.” The Bobbers are glad to be part of CISA’s Local Hero program. “CISA does a great job with marketing and building the interest in buying local,” Lenita says. High labor and fuel expenses are a big challenge for Blossoming Acres and many other farms, and improving the effectiveness of their marketing efforts can help to offset these costs. The Bobbers have also made use of CISA’s Emergency Farm Loan Fund. When they lost three greenhouses in the bad snowstorm of February 2013, the farm applied for and received one of CISA’s Emergency Farm Loans. “It was a huge help. Fortunately, only the hoops were damaged, the heaters




Sign at Blossoming Acres, Blossoming Acres photo

Baked goods are an important part of the farm’s business, and one the Bobbers had to learn when they took over the Putnam Farm. “When we were in negotiations, the previous owners wanted to know how soon we could take over. Since all of my farmers’ markets end by the first of November, I thought that would be fine—but I forgot the holiday season!” During Thanksgiving week, the farm sells 2,500 pies, many using fruit from local farms and all made from scratch.

Marketing has also been a learn-as-you-go experience. “I wish when I was at Stockbridge they had more marketing

and benches were still good.” With the help of the loan, the Bobbers replaced one greenhouse and rebuilt two others.

Lenita has farmed her whole life. “I love the seasons, I love the way time passes.” In a steamy greenhouse in February, she shows off trays of geranium cuttings, taking root. The Bober’s winning combination of high quality production, customer service, and direct markets make it likely that their neighbors and customers will be able to enjoy their pies, flowers and vegetables for a long time to come. 

Long Plain Farm  
Lyonsville Farm  
Malinowski Farms  
Manda Farm  
Many Hands Farm Corps  
Maple Corner Farm  
Mapleline Farm  
Martin’s Farm  
Mayval Farm  
McCray’s Farm and  
Country Creamery  
McKinstry’s Market  
Garden, Inc  
Meadowbrook Farm  
Mockingbird Farm  
Moss Hill Farm  
Mountain Orchard, LLC  
Mountain Pasture Farm  
Mountain View Farm  
Mount Warner Vineyards  
The Mulcahy Farm  
Natural Roots  
New Lands Farm  
New Salem Preserves, Inc.  
Next Barn Over Farm  
North Hadley Sugar Shack

Northfield Mount  
Hermon Farm  
Nourse Farms  
Nuestras Raíces  
Old Depot Gardens  
Old Friends Farm  
Open View Farm  
Educational Center  
Outlook Farm  
Park Hill Orchard  
Paul’s Sugar House  
The Pieropan Christmas  
Tree Farm  
Pine Hill Orchards  
Pioneer Valley Farm  
& Vineyard, LLC  
Pioneer Valley Growers Coop  
Pioneer Valley Heritage Grain  
Pioneer Valley Popcorn  
Plainville Farm  
Plante Farm  
Pop’s Farm  
Potash Hill Farm  
Raspberry Patch Farm  
Ravenwold Greenhouses  
Red Barn Honey Company  
Red Fire Farm

Red Gate Farm  
Education Center  
River Maple Farm  
River Rock Farm  
Riverland Farm  
Riverside Gardens  
Roaming Farm  
Robert’s Family Farm  
Rock Ridge Farm  
Rootmass Greens  
Sangha Farm  
Sapowsky Farms  
Sawyer Farm  
Seeds of Solidarity Farm  
Sentinel Farm  
Shattuck’s Sugarhouse  
Shinglebrook Farm  
Shoestring Farm  
Sidehill Farm  
Simple Gifts Farm  
Small Ones Farm  
Smiarowski Farm Stand  
and Creamery  
Sojourner Design  
at Sojourner Sheep  
Songline Emu Farm

South Face Farm  
Spring Water Farm  
Steady Lane Farm  
Stockbridge Farm  
Stone Soup Farm  
Stony Brook Valley Farm  
Sullie’s Vegetable Farm  
Summit Farm  
Sunrise Farms  
Sunset Farm  
Sweet Morning Farm  
Sweetwater Farm  
Szawlowski Potato Farms  
Tanstaafl Farm  
Taproot Commons Farm  
Teddy C. Smiarowski Farm  
Town Farm  
Twenty Acre Farm  
and Greenhouses  
Twin Maples Farm  
Twin Oaks Farm  
Upinngil  
Vollinger Farm  
W & W Farms  
Walnut Hill Farm  
Wandering Brook Farm

Warm Colors Apiary  
Warner Farm  
West Granville Blueberries  
Wheel-View Farm  
Whitney Acres  
Wilder Brook Farm  
Wilder Hill Gardens  
Williams Farm Inc.  
Winter Moon Farm  
Winterberry Farm  
Yard Birds  
Yellow Stonehouse Farm

## RETAILERS

Armata’s Market  
Atkins Farms Country Market  
Barstow’s Dairy Store  
& Bakery at Longview  
Farm, Inc  
Big E’s Super Market  
Big Y World Class Markets,  
Amherst, Greenfield,  
Northampton &  
Southampton  
Cooper’s Corner  
Cornucopia Foods  
Foster’s Supermarket Inc.

Greenfield Farmers  
Cooperative Exchange  
Hager's Farm Market  
Harvest Delivery, Inc  
Keystone Market  
Leverett Village Coop  
Maple Farm Foods  
Millstone Farm Market  
Old Creamery Cooperative  
Randall's Farm & Greenhouse  
River Valley Market  
Serio's Market  
Squash, Inc.  
State Street Fruit Store  
Valley Green Feast Collective  
Whole Foods Market  
Williamsburg Market

## RESTAURANTS

30 Boltwood/  
The Lord Jeffery Inn  
Alina's Ristorante  
Apollo Grill  
The Bakers Oven Bistro  
Bistro Les Gras  
Black Sheep Deli  
Blue Heron Restaurant  
& Catering  
Bottega Cucina  
Bridgeside Grille  
Bub's BBQ  
Chandler's Restaurant  
Chez Albert  
Coco  
Cup and Top Cafe  
Deerfield Inn  
The Dirty Truth  
Eastside Grill  
El Jardin Bakery  
Esselon Café  
Et Al ... Hilltown Catering  
The Farm Table  
at Kringle Candle  
Fitzwilly's  
Gill Tavern  
GoBerry, Amherst  
& Northampton  
Great Wall Restaurant  
Hillside Pizza  
Hope and Olive  
Hungry Ghost Bread  
Jake's  
Johnny's Tavern  
La Cucina/3 Cafe  
Latitude Restaurant  
Local  
Lone Wolf  
Magpie  
Monarchs Restaurant  
The Night Kitchen  
Northampton Brewery  
Paul & Elizabeth's  
The People's Pint  
Roadhouse Cafe  
Roberto's  
Sam's Pizzeria and Café  
Seven Sisters Market Bistro

Spoletto Group  
Sylvester's Restaurant  
Taylor's Tavern & Restaurant  
Wagon Wheel Restaurant  
West End Pub  
The Whately Inn  
Wheatberry Bakery & Café  
Woodstar Cafe  
Zanto Restaurant

## SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

Appalachian Naturals  
Artisan Beverage Cooperative  
Forest Products Associates  
Hedgie's Hot Stuff  
Maple Valley Creamery  
Mother's Inc  
Pioneer Valley Vinegar Works  
Ponders Hollow Custom  
Moulding & Flooring  
Real Pickles Cooperative  
Relish the Harvest  
Richardson's Candy Kitchen  
Roberts Bros. Lumber Co.  
The Turkish Kitchen  
Tornado Firestarters, LLC  
Valley Malt

## GARDEN & LANDSCAPE

Andrew's Greenhouse  
Annie's Garden  
and Gift Store  
Broadfork Permaculture  
Hadley Garden Center  
Megan's Valley Garden  
& Landscape Supply  
New England Wild Flower  
Society

## INSTITUTIONS

Amherst College  
The Arbors at Greenfield  
Baystate Dining Services  
Baystate Franklin  
Medical Center  
Baystate Mary Lane  
The Bement School  
Cooley Dickinson Hospital  
Deerfield Academy  
Eaglebrook School  
Farm to Preschool  
and Families  
Greenfield Community  
College  
Hampshire College  
Northampton Survival  
Center  
Northfield Mount Hermon  
Rockridge Retirement  
Community  
ServiceNet Prospect  
Meadow Farm  
Smith College  
University of Massachusetts,  
Amherst



# Community Membership

**We invite you to join CISA as a community member. Help us strengthen local farms and build the local food economy.**

Together, farmers and their customers have created a renaissance in our local food economy, one that promises long-term benefits to our health, our environment, and our communities. To fully achieve this promise, we need to maximize the power we wield as consumers, and take action for local food in areas beyond the marketplace as citizens, workers, volunteers, parents, and community members.\*

*Strengthen farms and engage the community to build the local food economy!*

Your membership support will help us raise awareness, create new programs, and provide learning and networking opportunities to member farms and food businesses. You will also receive individual benefits including discounts at Local Hero restaurants and businesses and first dibs on tours at Local Hero farms throughout the year.

CISA connects residents of the Pioneer Valley with each other and with local farms and food businesses. Our local food system is growing and many consider local farms—and the food, festivals, rural vistas, and economic activity they generate—to be essential to the culture and quality of life of the region. Your CISA Community Membership is one important way you can do your part to contribute to local agriculture.

**Help ensure the future of local agriculture in the Pioneer Valley. Go to [buylocalfood.org](http://buylocalfood.org) and become a CISA community member today!**

**Thank you.**

\*Learn more about what you can do to help the local food economy at home and in your community, by reading CISA's latest publication, *Eat Up and Take Action for Local Food*, available online at [buylocalfood.org](http://buylocalfood.org).



Sidehill Farm tour, Molly Babize photo



# Community Members

Anonymous	Virginia Brown	Steven Daiber	Scotti Goss	Meg Kelsey Wright & Jonathan Wright
Ron Ackerman & Cleo Gorman	Mark Brumberg	Scott & Joanie Daniels	Valerie Gracechild	Diane Kelton
David Ahlfeld	Trina & Jessica Bryant	Barbara D'Arthenay	Barbara Graf	Robert Kieras
Joseph Alfano	Matthew Burak	Cary Dash & Vivian Miller	Caroline Graham	Susan Kimball & David Hamilton
Tracy Allen & Karl Mutchler	Nicole Burelle	Christopher Dean	Lisa Granlund	Dave King & Joan Milan
Don & Edith Adams Allison	Mark Burton	Debra & John Deane	Jason Graves	Jan & Jeremy Klausner-Wise
Lucy Alman	Rebecca Busansky & Jonah Zuckerman	Brian & Joanne Despard	Lyle H & Heather A Gray	Evan Kleber
Jean Alward & Beverly Montague	Erin Buzuvis & Ann Gillard	Crystal Diamond	Sheila & Bob Greenlaw	Alice G Klingener
William & Nancy Ames	Polly Byers & Mac McCoy	Bruce & Ruth Dickinson Berquist	Ellen Grobman & Vandy Bollanger	Carolyn Kohn
Betty Andersen	James Cabral	Jan & Robin Dizard	Jean Grossholtz & Eileen Elliot	Jennifer & Brian Konieczny
Sakare Anderson	Remember Cadieux	Karen & Chip Doherty	Frances Hack & Robert Chabot	Frederick Kool
Teri Anderson	Alan Calhoun & Barbara Aiken	Linda Donnelly	Judy Hall	C Walker Korby
Max Antes	John Califano	Deborah Duchin	Lisa Hall	Christopher Korczak
Montserrat & Mike Archbald	Brandon Call	Lauren Duffy & Elizabeth Mullin	Mary Hale	Philip Korman & Nora Israeloff
Marie Armentano	Denise Caputo	Ray Dunn	Jayne Hannay	Amy Koscielniak
Ann Armon & Len Huker	Stacy & Shawn Carkonen	Christine Dutton & Donna Meller	Bruce & Ruth Hawkins	Beit Ahavah
Kanthie & Dhanika Athukorala	David Carlson	Kofi Dwumfour	David Hayes	Judith Kundl
Nancy August	Cate Carulli & Linda Sinapi	Alfred Eipper	Nancy Hazard	Julie Labeledz
Jerry Auth	Christine Casagrande	Vahram Elagöz	Ellen Heffernan & Paul Gibson	Bonnie Lambourn
Mollie Babize & Mary Quigley	Devon Castillo	Stacey Elliott	Matt Heron Duranti	Susan Lantz
Erin Bach & Kyle Hume	Janet Caswell	Matthew Emmershy	Marjorie Hess & Rudolph Talaber	Kacie LaRochelle
Roy Bachinsky	Scott Cavanaugh	Jamie Escamilla	Mary Clare Higgins	Nancy Laverdiere
Claire Bailey	Netty Centeno	Beth Eustis	Elizabeth Higgins	Carrie Leach
Gary Bailey	Lorraine Cetto	Julie & Jerry Feinland	JoAnn & Richard Hinckley	Helen & Donald Lennon
Nancy Bair	Anneliese Chang	Joseph Fernandes	Ellen Hirschberg & Mark Gryska	Walter Leutz
Katharine Baker & Peter Titelman	Stacey Chapley	Rebecca Fil	Vanrong Ho	Jim Levey & Christine Olson
Carol Ball & Randie Handleman	Madeleine Charney & Rudy Perkins	Christopher Fillion & Suzanne Whitman	Marcia & David Holden	Mark Lewis
Joanna Ballantine	Annie Cheatham & Ann Gibson	Bernard Fine	Sandra Hoover	Conrad Liebenow & Elaine Holder
Brooks Ballenger	Fiona & Jeffrey Chevalier	Daniel Finn	Mark Horwitz & Julia Moss	Paul & Marcelle Lipke
Sharon Band	Michael Childress	Kathleen Fischbach & Jeff Kellogg	Samantha Howe	John Lippmann
David Barnes	Eric Chilson	Ed & Janie Fisher	Jennie Howland & Justin Kurtz	Dick & Suzanne Little
Carol & David Beauvais	Robert Chipman	Raya Foldi	Abigail Hoyt von Trapp	Eva Lohrer
Pam & Chuck Bell	Kenley Clark	Jocelyn Forbush	William Hunt	Andrew & Angela Long
Peter & Ellen Berek	Samuel Clark	Chelsi Fortier	Alicia Hunter	Bobbie Longo
Phyllis Bermingham & Peter Greenwald	Jeremiah Clarkson	Greg & Lisa Franceschi	Gayle & James Huntress	Beth Lorenz
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CISA staff members, past and present, Jason Threlfall photo





## Mike Wissemann

### *Board member profile*

Mike Wissemann stewards a farm with a long history. On Warner Farm's website, there's a list of Warners who have farmed in Sunderland, that goes back to 1720. Mike's son David is the tenth generation in the family to farm this land, now 150 acres in Sunderland, Northfield, and Greenfield. Many factors are probably responsible for this long success, including hard work, luck, creativity, and some stubbornness. Mike's approach to the farm today reflects a little bit of all of these.

### *“People are really yearning to know where their food comes from.”*

Warner Farm embraces an unusually wide variety of marketing approaches. Long a well-known supplier of sweet corn and asparagus to wholesale accounts, the farm now offers CSA shares, attends three farmers' markets, and welcomes more than 8,000 people each fall to an eight-acre corn maze. Mike's Maze is known for its creative subjects and complex designs, ranging from Andy Warhol's Campbell's soup can to Salvador Dali. Games, challenges and activities related to the year's theme—and a new Corn Café and mini-maze for small children—ensure that the maze offers something for everyone.

Warner Farm now benefits from the perspectives of both Mike and his son, David, who returned to farming full-time four years ago. In February, planning for the upcoming season and for the long-term future of the farm, Mike considers many factors, including the enterprises that are most appealing to the two farmers. “You've got to keep it interesting,” he comments.

Mike's Maze, Warner Farm, CISA photo



Mike Wissemann, Warner Farm, CISA photo

At conferences as far afield as Pennsylvania and Michigan, he gleans ideas that feel like a good fit for the farm. Although several other large-scale sweet corn growers in the Pioneer Valley have gone out of the business, Mike doesn't intend to eliminate his wholesale accounts. He would however, like to increase his average return per acre, allowing him to reduce his use of far-flung fields or eliminate inefficient activities. Another advantage, Mike notes, is the opportunity to offer better paying jobs to employees, including adding some year-round positions.

When Mike first made a corn maze in 2001, it was the first in the region. Now, the maze faces increased competition from other “agri-tainment” activities. “People are really yearning to know where their food comes from,” Mike notes. In planning changes or additions to the maze, he wants to respond to that desire by maintaining a clear connection to agriculture, food, and the land. “CISA is partly responsible for that interest on the part of the public,” Mike says. “And it's all good for farms, even though it's different than working alone in the field.”

Mike was a member of Sunderland's Select Board for six years. He still sits on the town's Community Preservation Committee and its Agricultural Commission. He brings this community experience to CISA's board, along with his knowledge of farming in the Valley, his sense of humor, and an ability to recognize both the big picture and the important details (or, as Executive Director Phil Korman quips, “to see the corn field and the kernels”). “CISA's role was instrumental in recognizing the importance of agriculture in the Pioneer Valley,” Mike notes. “People cared about farms, but the Local Hero campaign helped bring that concern to the forefront, and gave people a way to act on it.”



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