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THE FOOD SYSTEM

Food Waste Management

Production

Processing

Distribution

Consumers

Energy

Labor

Soil, Water

Equipment

Value-Added Products

Packaging

Retail

Wholesale

Food Rescue

Schools

Grocers

Hospitals

Restaurants

Food Pantries

Homes

Compost

Land

Energy

Packaging

Diagram produced by Julia Pon of Wholesome Wave for the CT Farms, Food and Jobs Working Group, November 2011
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By 2060, at least 50% of the food consumed in New England is produced here.

Regional Strategy
The New England food system as a whole is connected and well-coordinated. Leaders across the region are collaborating.

Groundwork Strategy
Catalyze inspiring examples in 3 specific geographies that will demonstrate what works and share their learnings as a model for others.
Learning – so far

• A systems approach is needed
• Grant-making - AND mission investing
• Vermont leads ... but it takes a region!
• Private business and entrepreneurship are key
• Institutions drive demand - levers for change
• Pay attention to accessibility and affordability
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