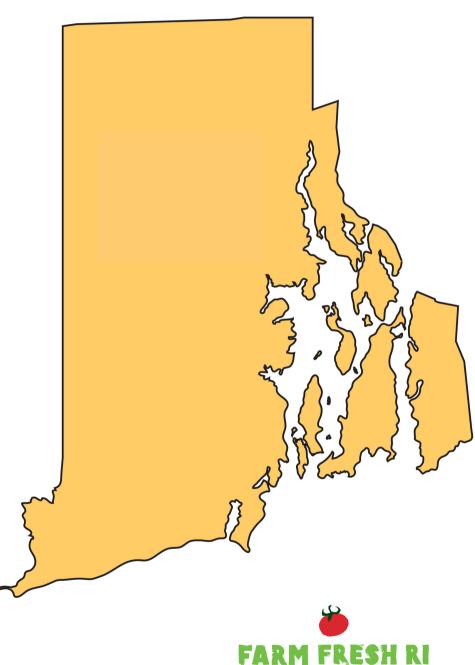
# **Community Roots**

Farmer Passport





## **About Community Roots**

A farmer-focused educational campaign that provides resources and educational opportunities to connect students to fruit and vegetable farmers and farms around Rhode Island.

The goal of Community Roots is to increase awareness of, and access to, the local food system and Rhode Island grown crops.

## The Three C's of Community Roots



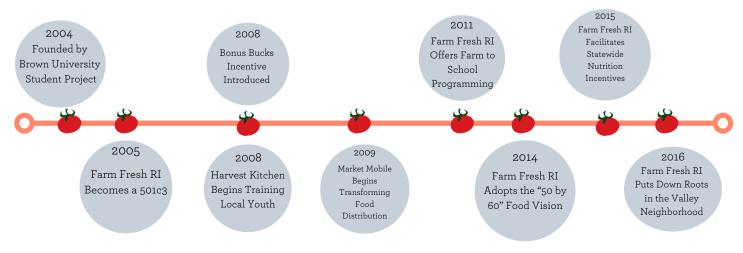




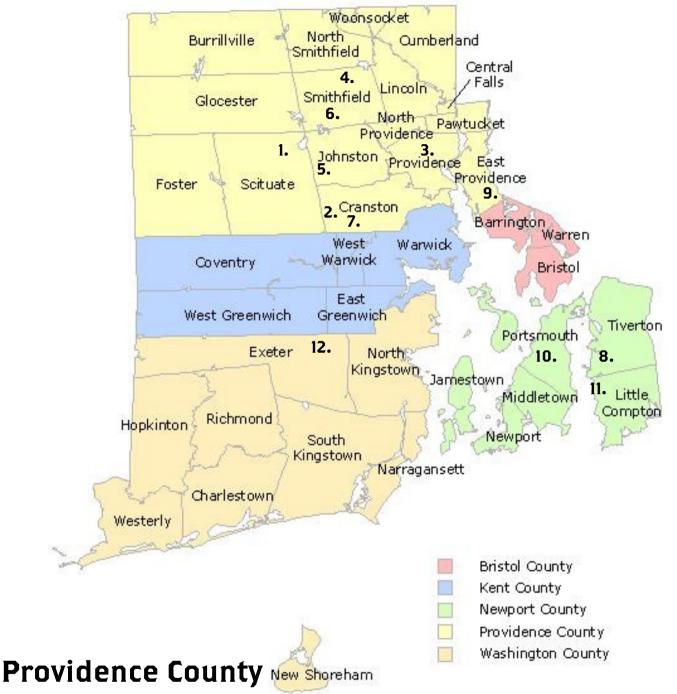
Allowing kids to experience local food in multiple settings is the best way to solidify learning. Community Roots provides various ways to engage students in all three C's, with classroom materials, cafeteria materials, and connecting with farmers in the community. This Passport is intended to be used with the farmer info cards that students can get from the cafeteria when serving local food. It can also be used individually in the classroom, just ask us for some farmer cards! We encourage knowing who is participating in your school and supporting each other in this endeavor!

#### Farm Fresh Rhode Island

Our mission at Farm Fresh RI is to grow a local food system that values the environment, health, and quality of life of the farmers and eaters in our region.



## Locally Grown. Locally Eaten.



- 1. Barden Family Orchard
- 2. Confreda Farms and Greenhouses
- 3. Gotham Greens
- 4. Jaswell's Farm
- 5. Pezza Farm
- 6. Steere Orchard
- 7. Urban Edge Farm

## **Newport County**

- 8. Ferolbink Farm
- 9. Fourtown Farm
- 10. Quonset View
- 11. Young Family Farm

## **Washington County**

12. Schartner Farms





### BARDEN FAMILY ORCHARD

56 ELMDALE RD, NORTH SCITUATE, RI 02857





# SCAVENGER HUN

Gil and Sandie Barden did what before they became farmers?

Name 2 farmer's market you can find Barden Family Orchard at.

What year was Barden Orchard founded?



#### **BARDEN CLASS RECIPE**

As a class create a recipe (or two!) that highlights locally grown produce from the farm. Maybe your farmer has a favorite recipe! Share this recipe with your school cafeteria and see if they can make it with Barden apples, peaches or berries

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#### **SPROUTING CONVERSATION**

You wont find the same types of crops in Rhode Island that you find in Arizona. Why do you think that is? How are Rhode Island's growing conditions different from Arizona's?









## **CONFREDA FARMS**

2150 SCITUATE AVE, CRANSTON, RI 02831







## SCAVENGER HUN (T)

How many peppers does Confreda Farms grow each year?

How many acres is Confreda Farms?

How many acres of corn does Confreda grow?



How does your favorite fruit or vegetable grow, on a tree, in a bush, in the ground? What different ways do fruits and veggies grow?

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## **GOTHAM GREENS**

555 HARRIS AVE, PROVIDENCE, RI 02909





What leafy greens does Gotham Greens grow?

How many leafy greens will Gotham Greens produce in a year?



#### **GOTHAM CLASS RECIPE**

As a class create a recipe (or two!) that highlights locally grown produce from the farm. Maybe your farmer has a favorite recipe! Share this recipe with your school cafeteria and see if they can make it with Gotham's leafy greens, basil or arugula.







What does it mean to have sustainable farming?
What issues might a traditional farmer have that
a greenhouse farmer would not have? Are
traditional farms sustainable?

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## JASWELL'S FARM

50 SWAN RD, SMITHFIELD, RI 02917



## S CAVENGER HUNT

What is the name of Jaswell's farm founder and where were they from?

What addition was made to Jaswell's Farm in 1970?

What year was Jaswell's Farm founded?

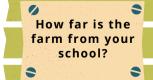
## SPROUTING CONVERSATION

Agricultural technology has changed from cattle drawn plows to gas powered tractors in as little as 100 years! How has technology helped farmers? How might technology hurt farmers?



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR





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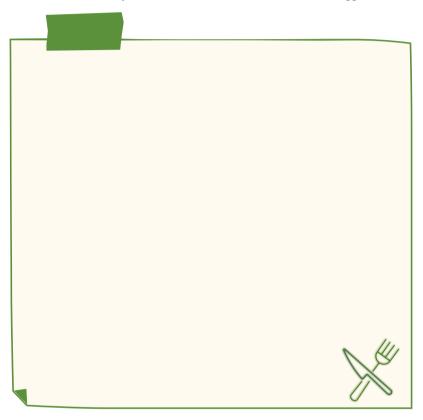
## PEZZA FARM

2279 PLAINFIELD PIKE, JOHNSTON, RI 02919



#### PEZZA CLASS RECIPE

As a class create a recipe (or two!) that highlights locally grown produce from the farm. Maybe your farmer has a favorite recipe! Share this recipe with your school cafeteria and see if they can make it with Pezza's fruits and veggies.



#### **SCAVENGER HUNT**

How many acres is Pezza Farm?

What animals live in the Pezza Farm barn?

How many greenhouses does Pezza Farm have?

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Why are greenhouses important to have on a farm? Why might a farmer invest in a greenhouse?







## STEERE ORCHARD

150 AUSTIN AVE, GREENVILLE, RI 02828





When was Steere Orchard founded?

Name 2 organizations that purchase from Steere Orchard.

Name 3 varieties of apple grown at Steere Orchard.



Apples and many other fruits can be reproduced by grafting. One tree could produce dozens of different types of apples.

So what is grafting?

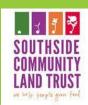




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## **URBAN EDGE**

35 PIPPIN ORCHARD RD, CRANSTON, RI 02921





QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR FARMER

SPROUTING CONVERSATION

We can find a how-to video for almost everything on youtube, but what about farmers 40 years ago? How do farmer's learn how to farm?

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How many farms make up Urban Edge?

How many acres is Urban Edge?

How far is the farm from your school?

What is the name of the owner of Scratch Farm?



## FEROLBINK FARM

993 PUNCATSET NECK RD, TIVERTON, RI 02878



## FEROLBINK CLASS RECIPE

AS A CLASS CREATE A RECIPE (OR TWO!) THAT HIGHLIGHTS LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE FROM THE FARM. MAYBE YOUR FARMER HAS A FAVORITE RECIPE! SHARE THIS RECIPE WITH YOUR SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND SEE IF THEY CAN MAKE IT WITH FEROLBINK POTATOES.



When was Ferolbink Farm founded?

How many acres is Ferolbink Farm?

Name 3 types of potatoes Ferolbink Farm grows.



### **SPROUTING CONVERSATION**



Why are water and soil important to farmers?
What are some problems that farmers face with water and soil?







How far is the farm from your school?



### **FOUR TOWN FARM**

wn Farm george st, seekonk, ma 02771







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What year did Four Town Farm open their farm stand?

How many greenhouses does Four Town Farm have?

What 4 towns make up Four Town Farm?



## SPROUTING CONVERSATION

What role does agriculture play in your home, school, neighborhood and community? Could you live a day without farmers, what would happen?

## **QUONSET VIEW**

895 MIDDLE RD, PORTSMOUTH, RI 02871



## **QUONSET CLASS RECIPE**

As a class create a recipe (or two!) that highlights locally grown produce from the farm. Maybe your farmer has a favorite recipe! Share this recipe with your school cafeteria and see if they can make it with Quonset's potatoes and butternut squash.





What kind of farm was Quonset View before 1944?

What makes Quonset View the perfect place to grow potatoes?

What year was Quonset view founded?





## SPROUTING CONVERSATION

Billions of people around the globe depend on animals for food, clothing and shelter. What have you eaten or used today that came from plants and animals?





## YOUNG FAMILY FARM

260 W MAIN RD, LITTLE COMPTON, RI 02837





## SCAVENGER HUNT

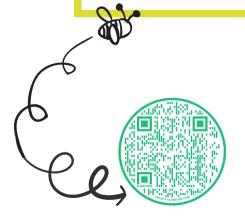
How many potato varieties does Young Family Farm grow?

How many acres is the farm?

How many acres of farmland is used to grow potatoes?



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## SPROUTING CONVERSATION

What are some things that farmers can do to manage natural resources like sun, soil, water and air?



### SCHARTNER FARM

1 ARNOLD PL, EXETER, RI 02822



# SCHARTNER CLASS RECIPE

AS A CLASS CREATE A RECIPE (OR TWO!) THAT HIGHLIGHTS LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE FROM THE FARM. MAYBE YOUR FARMER HAS A FAVORITE RECIPE! TARM. MATRE TOUR FARMER HAS A FAVORITE RECIPE!
SHARE THIS RECIPE WITH YOUR SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND SEE IF THEY CAN MAKE IT WITH QUONSET'S POTATOES



What year was Schartner Farm founded?

Find two schools that order food from Schartner.

Where is the Schartner family from?



How long ago did humans begin to farm? 100, 1,000 or 10,000 years or more! Who were the first people to farm in Rhode Island?



your trading card!



**FARMER** 



Farm Fresh Rhode Island's Farm to School program enriches the connection people of all ages have to local food, agriculture, nutrition, and the environment through hands-on education and assisting with local purchasing. Farm Fresh Rhode Island focuses on providing the information needed to make healthful choices about food that reflect peoples' values, health, and culture. We provide these services in K-12 schools across the state.



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