



2016 Incubator Farm Projects (IFPs)

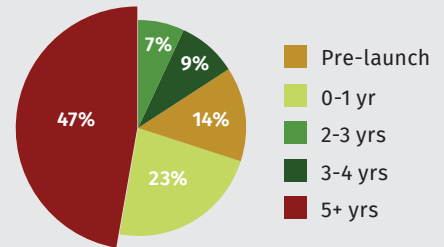
Incubator Farm

A land-based, multi-grower project that provides training and technical assistance to aspiring and beginning farmers. New Entry Sustainable Farming Project works to coordinate the National Incubator Farm Training Initiative (NIFTI). We conduct a yearly survey of incubator farm projects (IFPs), for 2016 data, 43 IFPs completed the survey.

The average plot size ranges from 0.88 to 4.73 acres of land with 8 businesses being run on the land; 51% have 2 or fewer full and part-time staff members.

More info: www.nesfp.org/nifti

Years in Operation



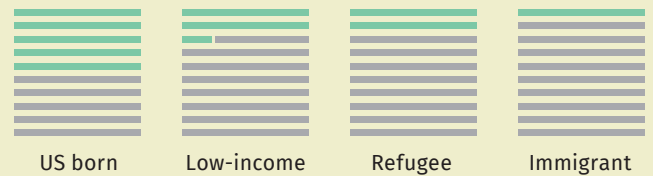
Approximately **6631** people participated in programs such as continuing education, CSA, land-based training and/or other programs.

Participants

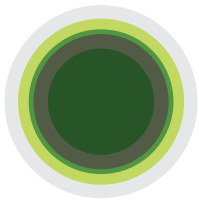
Participants range in age from **18-73** with the average between **25-57**. Most IFPs limit the amount of time the participant can stay on the land-with the average being 5 years.

61% of past farming participants are still farming.

Demographics

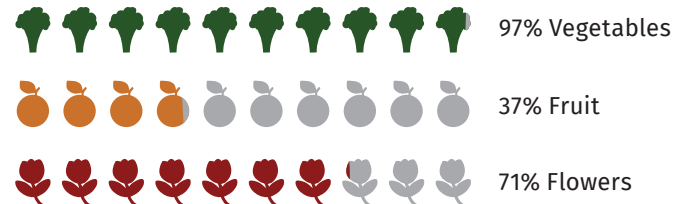


Top Supported Services



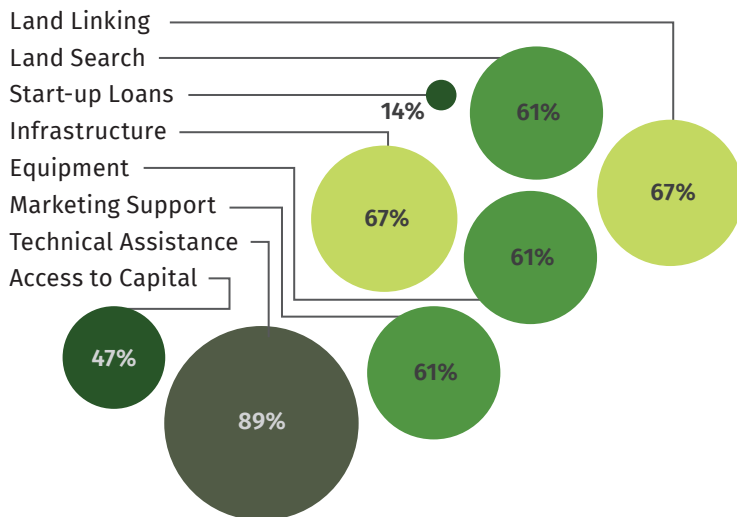
- 86%** Irrigation Infrastructure
- 75%** Access to Greenhouse or Hoop House
- 70%** Post Harvest Handling Sites
- 70%** Discounted Rent for Incubator Plots
- 55%** Free Access to Farm Tools

Top Production Items



70% of farming participants use food to feed their families.

Services IFPs Offer to Address Barriers for New Farmers



Funding

Each bar represents the percentage of IFPs who receive funding from each source.

