



2018 Incubator Farm Projects (IFPs)

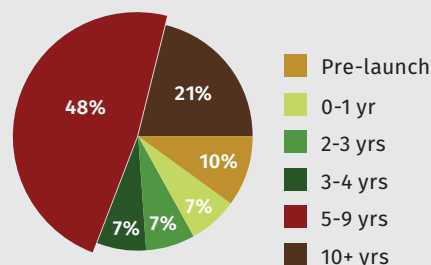
Incubator Farm

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 2018 data, 29 IFPs completed the survey.

The average plot size ranges from 0.3 to 3 acres of land with 9 businesses being run on the land; with an average of 2.5 full time and 2.5 part time staff members.

More info: www.nesfp.org/nifti

Years in Operation



Approximately **4,520** people participated in IFPs continuing education, CSA, land-based training, and/or other programs.

Top Production Items



Approximately **31,300** pounds of produce was donated in the year by 14 IFPs.

84% of farming participants use food to feed their families.

Top Challenges for IFPs

70% Funding

45% of funding comes from federal grants

44% Access to land

more than 50% of programs have no time limit on incubator participation

22% Infrastructure & Equipment

60% lease land so investing in infrastructure on land not owned may be imprudent

22% Recruitment

about 50% of participants are refugees or immigrants

Former Participants

23 IFPs supported **258** farm businesses and **472** participants

61% of former participants are still farming

38% of former participants are primary farm operators

24% of former participants are now farm employees

Top Services Provided to Participants

- 91%** Irrigation infrastructure
- 78%** Access to post harvest handling facilities
- 65%** Access to green house or hoop house
- 65%** Plowing before the growing season
- 56%** Compost
- 52%** Discounted Rent for plots

Training Topics

Each bar represents the percentage of IFPs who offer training in these topics.

