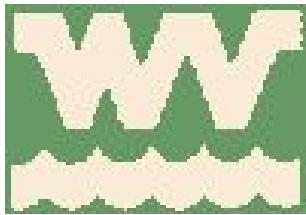


# Immigrant Farmers in Vermont and USA

## New Farms for New Americans Program



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# Burlington, Vermont



African community members have been gardening in Vermont for a while.

# Burlington, Vermont

Now we have help to grow more food and sell that food to the community.

We have a chance to join many other immigrants across the USA and become

**Immigrant Farmers.**

**Immigrant farmers** are born in another country. They are gardeners, and also part-time or full time farmers who earn money through farming and selling produce.

Some grow food for their family to eat,  
or fibers to make things with.  
They also sell fresh food to the community.

All have a goal of eventually making \$1,000 or more a year from farming,  
though in the first year they might want to grow and earn less.

There are many immigrant farmers across the U.S.

# Denver, **Colorado**



Somali Bantu community members prepare land that will produce vegetables and grasses for basket making

# Portland,



Hispanic farmers attend a workshop on farming and test soil at their new farm site.

# Minneapolis,



Asian immigrant farmers learn to use new tools, to prepare land for their greens



Chicago,



This farmer raises livestock.

Lincoln,

**Nebraska**

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Children and their parents work together on the farm site.

Kansas City,

**Missouri**



This woman is happy with her sweet potato greens harvest

# Boston,



Farmer washes produce to prepare it for sale.

# Brookline,

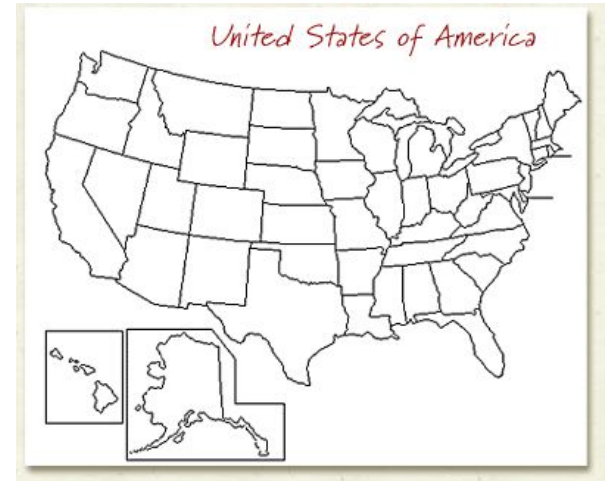
# Massachusetts



After the harvest: Selling food at a farmer's Market

# The big picture:

- The 2002 Census of Agriculture Suggests that Immigrants are the fastest growing group of farmers today in the U.S.



- There is a need for these farmers:  
The number of new farmers replacing retiring farmers declined by 30% in the past 15 years. (Center for Rural Affairs)<sub>1</sub>

- More and more people want to buy fresh food from Farmers: the number of farmer's markets in the U.S. grew from 342 in 1970 to 2,842 in 2000. (Geographical Review)<sub>2</sub>

## Why join an immigrant farmer program like **New Farms for New Americans?**

- More fresh food for your family and neighbors
- New friends – community
- English and cultural skills (from having to be at market, etc)
- Connections to existing networks of farmers and farm and business resources
- Connections to nationwide immigrant farmers –the fastest growing segment of new farmers in the US

- Pride and satisfaction from making a positive contribution to the community food system
- Farmer training and access – to land, tools and other equipment, and training (growing, pests, harvesting, etc.)
- Marketing training – help at farmers' market and access to some wholesale markets, maybe supermarkets, restaurants, etc
- Learn from other farmers
- Preserve cultural heritage and pass agricultural knowledge onto your children
- Earn income for your family
- Be outside and do what you enjoy.



Why do you want to farm?

What are your goals this season?