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FAMILY FARM AGENDA



NFFFC touring the Berea College Farm during our Annual Gathering in Berea, KY.

Hope is the Last Thing to Lose

By Jim Goodman, NFFC President

As I write this, we are two weeks post election 2024—results that were not expected and that will certainly put a new spin on so many things—we still don't have a Farm Bill and the political polarization that is now normal has made people almost afraid to talk to their neighbors. Weather, politics, foreign policy...yikes, don't go there.

How things have changed. I remember being in Washington thirty-some years ago sitting in on a late night policy discussion somewhere on The Hill. Normal, at the time, there were House members from both parties discussing rural policy (and yes, the room was filled with smoke). They disagreed, but they compromised and they listened to the opinions of those of us who weren't politicians—I mean, really listened.

The farm crisis of the 80's was happening and we saw our prices falling, our markets disappearing, even as the “get big or get out” mentality was now accepted policy. The consolidation of agribusiness that was crushing us was making those conglomerates fabulous profit margins. So, I guess some things haven't changed.

Several years ago Bernie Sanders gave a speech in Iowa where he verbalized what we were feeling, “While corporate profits soar in agribusiness, while merger after merger gives even more power to a handful of huge conglomerates, thousands of family farmers are forced off their land every year because the prices they get for their products is lower than the cost of production.”

A Farm Bill could and should change this, not just by ensuring that farmers are paid fair prices, (heaven forbid, parity pricing) but by also making it possible for young farmers to get a start, putting more small and diversified farmers and animals back on the land and, of course, strengthening the Packers and Stockyard Act and antitrust enforcement.

Passing a Farm Bill, especially one that would reverse the trends that Senator Sanders mentions, seems to be little more than a pipe dream. Not only has recent Farm Bill policy failed to reverse the decline of small farms and rural communities, but rather it seems to exacerbate it. I know, that sounds hopelessly cynical, but this is where we are.

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As Antonio wrote in May, "The Farm Bill presents an opportunity to establish impactful policies that promote access to quality food, support the vitality of rural communities and local economies, build resilience against environmental challenges like climate change, and ensure fairness for all farmers...NFFC is eager to collaborate with both political parties to achieve the main priorities [outlined in our Farm Bill Platform](#)."



Stopping for a photo during our 2024 Fly-In to Washington, DC in February.

How NFFC goes about it is, I guess, the big question. It is doubtful that a Farm Bill will pass in 2024, so attending our next fly-in will be pivotal. FDR told a group pushing for legislation in the 1930's that he agreed with them, so "now make me do it". **That's our job, to make them do it and we have, as we agreed in 2019, the strengths to do it.** Back then we said NFFC's internal strengths were:

- "Edgy"
- Focused on structural reform
- Take no government money
- Talented and committed staff
- Collective wisdom
- Diverse
- Willing to ask tough questions
- Only national organization representing particular scale of farming and fishing
- Comprised of organizations not individuals
- Non-partisan
- Urban and rural members
- Most socially progressive
- Someone in DC that represents members throughout the countryside
- Around for 30+ years
- Still growing
- Strong international connections

So, as we move into what will be a busy 2025, I lean on two of my favorite quotes: Fannie Lou Hamer's "***We're sick and tired of being sick and tired,***" and "***La esperanza es lo último que se pierde***" (hope is the last thing to lose). Stay strong.

Jim Goodman

Jim Goodman, President

Farmland For Farmers



All They Need Is Land!

Imagine a future full of thriving agricultural communities where people lead lives of dignity, working together to care for seeds, animals, land, water, and each other while supporting a just, healthy food system for all.

When farmers steward the land, they safeguard the future food system we all need.

But when corporations view farmland as a way to hoard wealth, they drive land prices up to all-time highs and make it harder and harder for independent family farmers to stay on their land or even make a living. And it's nearly impossible for new farmers to get access to land.

We can stop the tide of corporate land grabs. Strong policies, like NFFC's Farmland for Farmers Act, are critical!

400 million acres of US farmland will change hands in the next decade. Corporations know this and they plan to gobble up farmland like never before, driving up prices, and extracting as much profit as possible at the expense of everyone and everything else. **This needs to end.**

We need YOU to help ensure that farmland is in the hands of farmers by supporting NFFC today! Your donation helps bring the voices of over 100,000 family farmers to Washington, DC to fight for the policies that put the future of food and farming above corporate profits. [Donate online here](#) or by scanning this QR code, or via mail using the included envelope!



NFFC members are showing up in big ways!



The NFFC crew at Farm Aid 2024 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

[Agrarian Trust](#)

Agrarian Trust hosted the Building Equitable Farmland Tenure webinar series providing a co-learning experience for farmers, farm service providers, and other land access advocates to explore and understand the concepts and processes involved in creating community-based, equitable land tenure strategies to support farmers. The seven webinars covered topics like legal pathways for community land initiatives, racial equity, Indigenous regenerative farming, and more. Watch all of these webinars online!

[American Raw Milk Producers Pricing Association](#)

ARMPPA continues its decades-long work to secure equitable milk prices for dairy farmers, predominantly through utilization of the Capper-Volstead Act of 1922 to benefit dairy farmers, not mega-dairy cooperatives. We are also advocating for dairy farmers by bringing attention to the new USDA FMMO “Recommendations” that will take more money from dairy farmers’ already inadequate milk checks through increased “make allowances”, and are fighting for a Farm Bill that contains dairy policy reforms to include cost of production in the federal minimum milk pricing formula.

[California Dairy Campaign](#)

CDC testified and submitted comments in response to the USDA’s Federal Milk Market Order (FMMO) recommendations, opposing USDA’s proposal to increase make allowances, and urging the USDA to add mozzarella to the Class III milk pricing formula and support other changes that would improve producer milk prices.

[Community Alliance for Global Justice](#)

In addition to CAGJ’s annual Food Justice Picnic and SLEE Gala, we launched a NEW book club this year focusing on themes including corporate control, destructive philanthropy, and people’s movements in resistance. CAGJ members facilitated the discussions. Looking forward to 2025, CAGJ will enter a transition period into a volunteer-led organization with longtime Executive Director Heather Day stepping out of her role to support a new collective of volunteers and leaders who will define the vision for CAGJ moving forward.

[Community Farm Alliance](#)

During the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly, Community Farm Alliance was instrumental in defeating House Bill 367, which aimed to increase SNAP regulations and reinstate asset testing, jeopardizing eligibility for many. This could have negatively impacted Kentucky Double Dollars and local grocery retailers, harming farmers and the food system. CFA member Chelsea Barbour of High Five Farms testified in the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor, helping legislators understand the critical role SNAP and programs like Kentucky Double Dollars play in supporting local agriculture.



CFA member and farmer, Chelsea Barbour (left), testifying in opposition of House Bill 367 at the Kentucky Capitol during CFA’s 2024 Lobby Day. Photo courtesy of CFA.

[Dakota Resource Council](#)

DRC has been actively involved in resisting mega dairies in North Dakota. Riverview Dairy LLP has proposed two operations of 12,500 and 25,000 head of animals beside the Red River. We created a petition signed by 278 of the 350 residents in the township, which extended the comment period for the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality permit.

[Dakota Rural Action](#)

DRA and our allies have been working to educate the public to build a strong cohort of interveners

protecting water and sacred land in the state hearing process for proposed uranium mining projects. The South Dakota Supreme Court ruled in landowners' favor against private pipeline companies' ability to use eminent domain. DRA also supported two communities fighting to stop huge dairy operations. New members and leaders are engaged in our food, farm, and energy work as well!

[Family Farm Defenders](#)

Family Farm Defenders had a busy 2024, influencing the Farm Bill debate, speaking up for peasant rights and food sovereignty within the United Nations, and promoting global solidarity – especially in relation to Palestine. FFD had a weekend retreat in early June that gave us time to connect, reflect, and strategize for our work ahead. We are also looking forward to our 2024 John Kinsman Prize Beginning Farmer Award ceremony in early Dec., as well as a Midwest tour by Spanish La Via Campesina farmer allies.

[Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance](#)

FARFA joined our allies to fight for Farm Bill provisions for small and regenerative producers; we focused on expanding meat processing options through both the PRIME Act and a new on-farm slaughter bill, and conserving IRA funds for on-farm conservation practices. Additionally, FARFA helped lead a coalition to block mandatory electronic animal ID, organized its annual Conference with 500+ attendees, and gathered input in listening sessions, surveys, and coalition meetings to prepare our farmer-informed platform for the upcoming Texas State Legislative Session.



FSC staff and members at their 41st Georgia Farmers Conference in Albany. Keynote speaker Monica Rainge (USDA) provided attendees with a Discrimination Financial Assistance Program update. Photo courtesy of FSC/LAF.

[Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund](#)

The Federation of Southern Cooperatives served as a USDA cooperator for the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP), providing outreach, education, and technical assistance to primarily Black farmers in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas. The Federation submitted close to 2,000 applications and supported thousands more throughout the application process. The application period opened on July 7, 2023, and farmers had to submit their applications by January 17, 2024. The financial assistance decisions and awards were handled by designated administrators.

[Food for Maine's Future](#)

We continued to work and organize around the right to food in Maine and with others across the country. In June, we attended the National Right to Food Community of Practice (NRTF CoP) second annual national summit in Syracuse, NY. The summit was an opportunity for food justice advocates and practitioners from across the country to come together and share strategies and solutions for progressively realizing the right to food in the US.

[Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement](#)

Iowa CCI members and independent cattle farmers have been pushing Iowa's congressional delegation for fair prices and fair markets, and to reign in corporate meatpackers. We traveled to DC twice, and sent hundreds of comments/emails to our congressional delegation. CCI members have also been leading local fights that have won objections, resolutions, and draft ordinances at the county level that would help stop and slow proposed CO2 pipelines.



Iowa CCI held a doorknocking campaign to speak with and inform local residents about a proposed CO2 pipeline in Worth County, Iowa. Photo courtesy of Iowa CCI.



KBFA farmer members at the Black Urban Growers Conference in Houston, Texas. Photo courtesy of KBFA.

[Kentucky Black Farmers Association](#)

2024 was a year of gathering for KBFA! We traveled to DC to discuss our Farm Bill priorities, hosted our third Annual Kentucky Black Farmers Conference and our first Annual Gathering where we tripled our membership! We also joined with Community Farm Alliance to co-host NFFC’s Annual Gathering in Berea, KY, and attended Farm Aid with fellow members, where our Board President Tatum Lewis spoke on the Equity Panel. Finally, we just sent fifteen urban farmers/growers to the Black Urban Growers Conference in Houston, Texas.

[Land Loss Prevention Project](#)

In 2024, the staff attorneys at Land Loss Prevention Project (LLPP) provided direct legal assistance to limited resource landowners across North Carolina to protect land resources in the hands of individuals threatened with loss and diminution of value. LLPP’s Executive Director, Savi Horne, also completed her 2-year term on the USDA’s Equity Commission in 2024, where she provided input to the USDA on vital civil rights improvements. Finally, LLPP assisted farmers in submitting applications through the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program—these applicants received nearly \$30 million in awards.

[Missouri Rural Crisis Center](#)

MRCC farmer members traveled to Washington DC three times to meet with Congress, USDA and the Department of Justice to advance necessary antitrust policies stemming from President Biden’s Executive Order. Without our movements’ historic work and knowledge, bold and meaningful policy frameworks like these that address corporate concentration would not be a reality, or even possible. A few major successes are the updated merger guidelines, Packers’ and Stockyard Act updates and a new political fervor around antitrust and addressing extreme corporate control of our markets and democratic process.

[Northeast Organic Farming Association](#)

The seven NOFA chapters are in their 53rd year of championing local, organic food systems through farmer-to-farmer training, coordinated advocacy for a transformative Farm Bill, and much more. Replicating 30 years of NOFA Vermont’s Farm Share program that provides subsidized CSA shares to low-income Vermonters, all chapters rolled out similar Farm Shares. The Transition to Organic Partnership Program continues to build momentum with 200 Northeast farms receiving mentorship from experienced organic farmers in 2024. Finally, climate disasters made farmer relief a high priority in Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut.



Lindsey Brand (NOFA-VT) and Nikiya Ellis (Agrarian Trust) chat at NOFA’s 2024 Farm Aid HomeGrown Village exhibit.

[Northern Plains Resource Council](#)

For over a year now, Northern Plains members have been opposing Exxon’s proposal to use public lands and taxpayer dollars to pump millions of tons of polluting carbon dioxide underground. Our grassroots organizing in Montana has led to public participation in the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) decision-making process. In late September, the BLM delayed any decisions regarding this project until new guidance is finalized. This is a win directly tied to Northern Plains members’ community organizing efforts. When everyday people work together a whole lot can happen!

[North American Marine Alliance](#)

2024 was a big year at NAMA! We supported the introduction of the Domestic Seafood Production Act, convened a Black and Indigenous Fishers Leadership Gathering in Savannah, GA, started a three year process towards producing an Atlas on Sustainable Aquaculture, showed up in a big way at Slow Fish: Charleston, and represented North America at

the World Forum of Fisher Peoples' 8th general assembly in Brazil. We did all this, and more, while building power and connections throughout fishing communities.



NAMA and allies made waves at the Slow Fish gathering in Charleston, South Carolina! Photo credit: Ruta Smith

[Powder River Basin Resource Council](#)

One of Powder River Basin Resource Council's important accomplishments during the 2024 Wyoming legislative session was to again prevent a proposed amendment that unintentionally would have weakened Wyoming's Food Freedom Act (WFFA). The strength of Wyoming's Food Freedom Act, which has become model legislation nationwide, is its simplicity. Powder River is often a "go to source" for legislators whose local food producer constituents have concerns about their business that they believe merit amendments to the WFFA. Thanks to the Act, local producers are opening up storefront local food markets and many are able to become economically sustainable family businesses.

[Progressive Agriculture Organization](#)

Pro Ag celebrated the House passage of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, and continues to advocate for the Senate companion bill. Current USDA National

School Lunch Program regulations require milk served in schools to be low-fat or fat-free - the Act revises regulations to allow whole and reduced-fat milk to also be offered to students.

[Rural Advancement Foundation International](#)

RAFI's most prominent win of 2024 was the landmark progress made on the Packers and Stockyards Act rules that RAFI had worked towards for decades. These rules enforce greater transparency for poultry growers and protections against discrimination, deception, and retaliation for all livestock and poultry producers. RAFI's advocacy efforts also resulted in USDA's adoption of the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule that reduces risk for borrowers, sets them up for success earlier, and provides better options during hard times.

[Rural Vermont](#)

2024 brought the introduction of the Livestock Owned by Communities to Advance Local (LOCAL) Foods Act (S.5106). Rural Vermont celebrates the opportunity to update outdated Federal Meat Inspection Act language with current USDA guidance, protecting the right of consumers to buy live animals from producers and designate agents to handle the slaughter and processing of their meat. Rural Vermont is joined in this campaign by NFFC, Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance, and the Farm to Consumer Legal Defense Fund.

[Women, Food and Agriculture Network](#)

WFAN harvested member's experiences of climate unpredictability through the Stories of the Seasons project. Part place-based cohort, part experiment, this storytelling effort asked land stewards across the country, 'how are we collectively tending to a changing world?' Through this project, WFAN provided Iowa land stewards with funding for climate action projects, shared their stories through profiles, and published Stories of the Seasons: a WFAN Zine that features poems, art, prose, and advice from over 40 contributors.

Don't miss a single thing!

[Visit our Membership page](#) to see all of our current members, and make sure to sign up for their newsletters, and follow them on social media!

[Signing up for the NFFC monthly e-newsletter](#) is also a great way to stay in touch with what the coalition is doing! Our newsletter includes important updates and policy alerts, featured articles from our network, events, and more.

Finally, follow us on Facebook and Instagram (our usernames are on the back page of this newsletter!)



Posing for a group photo at the historic Boone Tavern during our 2024 Summer Gathering!

The Year That Was 2024

By Niaz Dorry, NFFC Executive Director

Dear fellow farm revolutionaries,

As I ponder this past year, I find it hard to see past the fog of the US elections, global wars, climate change, and economic challenges and the cumulative impact all this has on all the creatures on this planet. What clears the fog is the energy from our gathering in Berea, Kentucky that still reverberates within me and the collective power we have to change the course of history.

But our coalition's power needs fortification. As we move into 2025, we will be fortifying our power to resist what we need to, embrace what we appreciate, and show up for our members and our allies in ways that demonstrates our united voice for a future free of corporate domination of our food, economic, and political systems.

We know that our work must continue, and we know we're stronger together. We'll continue to fight for our communities and to support each other in keeping farmers on the land feeding their communities...and the rest of us. Reach out to us, reach out to each other. **We're not going anywhere.**

In solidarity,

Niaz Dorry

Niaz Dorry, Executive Director



NFFC members visiting Salamander Springs Farm in Berea, KY, during our annual meeting in August.



In May, NFFC staff were graciously hosted by Federation of Southern Cooperatives member Melvin Jimmerson and family at his cattle farm in Georgia.

Highlights from NFFC Staff

Antonio Tovar, Senior Policy Associate:

Day after day, I send emails, make calls, or visit policymakers' offices. It's like sending a message in a bottle in the middle of the ocean, you never know if there's someone giving you any attention. But when there are hundreds of bottles arriving the noise can't be ignored. Senator Welch (D-VT) Sanders (I-VT) and Booker (D-NJ) introduced S.5106 the LOCAL Foods Act, and our Fair Credit for Farmers Act (H.R.5296) also is getting more co-sponsors. Thankful for the noise!

Danielle Tolley, Lead Development Writer:

We've come a long way in terms of shoring up NFFC's financial sustainability since I came on board as the first development support staff in 2019. I'm proud that NFFC now has more talent and skills on our development team to get the resources needed to carry out the work of our members. And I'm grateful to finally have a development buddy with Lisa Fernandes now serving as our full-time Development Director!

Jordan Treakle, National Programs and Policy Coordinator:

This year marked an important moment for NFFC by affording our ED Niaz Dorry a much deserved three month sabbatical, as we strive to foster a healthy work environment. At a personal level, stepping into her shoes with our other staff was a challenge, but also an opportunity for growth, and I was glad to take-on this role and collectively move forward many of our

top policy priorities and movement work in a busy Farm Bill year. From our bills introduced in Congress, to our work advocating with the Biden-Harris administration on agricultural credit and Packers and Stockyards Act rules, we've made important progress on the Hill while our organization continues to grow.

Lisa Fernandes, Development Director:

I'm excited to be wrapping up my first full year with Danielle on the Development Team. Not only are we meeting our fundraising goals for the year, but we have been building a really solid foundation of systems, structures, and workflows to help mobilize resources for the years ahead. Our goal is for the coalition to be operating from a sense of abundance rather than scarcity as we build the food system we all need. It's incredibly rewarding to do development work for a coalition of such amazing organizations and with such incredible, caring, and talented coworkers.

Maria Superti, Operations Coordinator:

This year, I attended my first NFFC fly-in and got the chance to witness the collective political strength of our members first-hand! It was a powerful and inspiring experience, and a lot of fun to see everyone in action. On the admin front, we continue to shore up our finances and policies. We developed a transparent salary structure this year and are at the end of a months-long process to revamp our personnel policies with the help of a pro-bono law firm.

Meg Stratton, Member Organizer:

I felt lucky to be among our members at our annual gathering in Berea, KY. I'm constantly impressed by the insight, thoughtfulness, and strength they bring to our events. Joining our members at Farm Aid in my own home state of New York was another highlight. NFFC members were everywhere: leading workshops, serving delicious pork and monkfish, speaking on stage with artists, and most importantly meeting, sharing meals with, and wandering backstage with members from other states they might otherwise never encounter.

Sam Cave, Strategic Content Designer:

I was excited to support NFFC's hosting of European farmers during our webinar this June that focused on why they have taken to the streets to protest policies that do not provide them the fair wages and tools they need to succeed. This highlighted the applicability of NFFC's work across the globe, showing that farmers worldwide are facing many similar challenges and working towards similar goals. It was truly inspiring to hear about their mobilizations.

Our coalition is making an impact!

[The Farmland for Farmers Act \(S. 2583\)](#)

The Farmland for Farmers Act is the first-ever national policy addressing speculative corporate buy-up of US farmland. The Farmland for Farmers Act protects farmers and rural landowners from losing their land to corporations by restricting future farmland ownership and leasing by corporate investors.

[The Fair Credit for Farmers Act \(S. 2668/H.R.5296\)](#)

The Fair Credit for Farmers Act makes important improvements to services offered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), a public agency of the USDA. The Act provides stronger protections and more flexible credit terms for independent producers. In August, the FSA announced improvements to their programs, but we continue to advocate expanding these changes at the legislative level with additional protections. In 2024, the Fair Credit for Farmers Act gained six new House sponsors!

[The Livestock Owned by Communities to Advance Local \(LOCAL\) Foods Act \(S. 5106\)](#)

Introduced in September, the LOCAL Foods Act updates the personal-use exemption in the Federal Meat Inspection Act to align with current USDA standards, clarifying that on-farm slaughter of livestock that a person owns is legal. On-farm slaughter is a practical, humane, and cost-efficient practice that livestock farmers and the communities they feed have relied on for generations. The LOCAL Foods Act protects the rights of livestock owners, producers, and itinerant slaughterers and expands access to locally produced meat. NFFC advocates for this bill with Rural Vermont, Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance, and the Farm to Consumer Legal Defense Fund.



In 2024, we also...

- Embarked on a new Strategic Planning process that will guide and inform our mission, vision, and areas of work for the next five years
- Followed the Farm Bill process and responded to the Senate and House Farm Bill outlines, evaluating whether and to what extent each bill aligned with NFFC's strategic priorities and goals
- Welcomed our newest member, the Kentucky Black Farmers Association
- [Attended Farm Aid](#) and pre-concert events, including farm tours and a Farmer Forum, with 14 of our member groups
- Organized a [2024 Winter Fly-In](#) with members, meeting with 50 Congressional offices to advocate for policies that further our shared goals and benefit family-scale farmers and ranchers. We discussed fair credit, dairy price reform, stopping farmland grabs, MCOOL, and on-farm slaughter
- Hosted our 2024 Annual Gathering in Berea, KY, bringing together over 30 members, in collaboration with the Kentucky Black Farmers Association and Community Farm Alliance
- Continued to participate in the [Stop Land Grabs Campaign](#), pressuring TIAA to divest from fossil fuels and agricultural land holdings worldwide
- Participated in key partnerships with the [US Food Sovereignty Alliance](#), [Citizens Trade Campaign](#), [Dairy Together](#), [Coming Clean](#), and many more
- Advocated with the [Campaign for Contract Agriculture Reform](#) for crucial regulatory reforms that would strengthen enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act
- Submitted [public comment](#) to USDA on important regulatory proposals and changes to the Packers and Stockyards Act, the Federal Milk Marketing Orders, Farm Service Agency lending programs, the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) and more

- Continued active participation in international spaces, including the 52nd Plenary of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the G20 Social Summit, and planning meetings for the [2025 Global Nyeleni Forum](#) hosted by the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty
- Partnered with the [National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition](#) to hold a Fair Credit Week of Action, with people from across the country sending nearly 500 total emails and phone calls to their legislators in support of the bill
- Held two publicly accessible webinars - one about the root causes of the [European farmer protests](#) this summer, and the second [featuring author Austin Frerick and NFFC farmer members](#) discussing actions taken against corporate control of our food system
- Won [a federal ruling](#) against the Environmental Protection Agency's re-approval of dicamba, joined as a plaintiff by the Center for Food Safety (who litigated the case), Center for Biological Diversity, and Pesticide Action Network North America

Team Changes

In August, we gave a fond farewell to longtime staff member, **Lisa Griffith**, who retired from her role as Outreach and Communications Coordinator.

We recently hired two new team members! Here's what they're looking forward to:

Lateefah Morse, Development Coordinator:
 "NFFC's mission aligns with my passion for social justice and environmental advocacy. I'm particularly inspired by the organization's commitment to challenging corporate control and supporting community-driven solutions. I'm looking forward to supporting the growth of our community of partners and supporters."

Rosa Bordallo, Communications Associate:
 "I'm excited to use this role to fight for independent food producers. Our collective voice - for economic, social, and environmental justice in the food system - must prevail!"



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