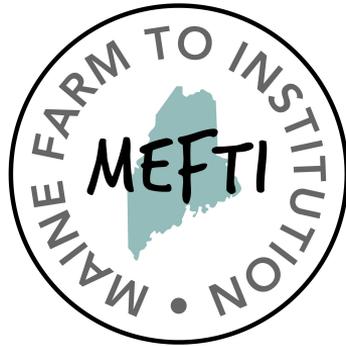


# MAINE FARM TO INSTITUTION



**Maine Sustainability and Water Conference  
Maine's Changing Foodscape  
Augusta Civic Center  
March 30, 2017**

# MAINE FARM TO INSTITUTION MEFTI

- Born from Maine Farm to School Network
- Cross-sector (K-12, Colleges, Hospitals)
- Work smarter together; develop collaborations for resource and best practice sharing to facilitate local purchasing by institutions
- MFSN awarded support for 3 years from Elmina B. Sewall Foundation to convene the sectors and establish priorities



# MEFTI 7-MEMBER LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Ron Adams:** Maine Farm and Sea Cooperative
- **Katie Freedman:** Healthy Acadia
- **Emily Kain:** MaineHealth
- **Ken Morse:** Maine Network of Community Food Councils
- **Riley Neugebauer:** Farm to Institution New England
- **Lauren Kaskey:** Health Care Without Harm
- **Renee Page:** Healthy Communities of the Capital Area



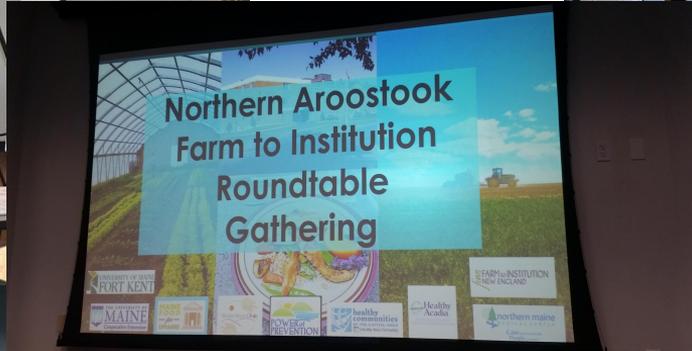
# MEFTI YEAR 1 SUCCESSES



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## Convened Three Regional Gatherings:

- **Northern Aroostook (Fort Kent)**
  - Sharing success stories and innovative ideas
  - Brainstorming needs, challenges, opportunities to increase purchasing
- **Western (St. Joseph's College)**
  - Local Foods Marketing/Harvest of the Month
  - Aggregation & Distribution
  - Jumping Hurdles: Food Safety, Pricing
- **Downeast (Ellsworth)**
  - Meet the Buyers - food service & farmers sharing interests/capacities
  - Topics: Food waste reduction, success stories, HOM



# MEFTI YEAR 1 SUCCESSES

- **Conducted prioritization process and strategic planning to determine short and long-term focus areas**
- **Created MEFTI website - housed on Farm to Institution New England site**  
<http://www.farmtoinstitution.org/maine-farm-institution-network>
- **Integrated Farm to Institution topics into the 4th (2015) and 5th (2016) annual Maine Farm to School Conferences**



# MEFTI YEAR 2 PRIORITIES



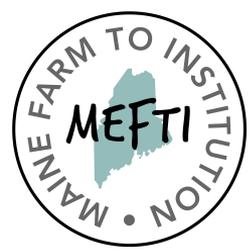
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- Harvest of the Month identified as viable cross-sector project that can harness collective buying power & promote local foods consumption - seeking funding in partnership with UMaine Cooperative Extension, FINE, and others
- Organize additional networking opportunities across the state and engage more cross-sector representatives
- Continue to build communication structures
- Support Mainers' attendance at the Farm to Institution New England Summit in April 2017 in Leominster, MA

# MOVING FORWARD

- Build on energy from FINE Summit
- Develop Harvest of the Month plan and seek funding
- Engage emerging institutional sectors
  - Correctional Facilities
  - Early Care and Education sites
- Metrics, Indicators, Measures, Policy
- Engage with Maine's Network of Networks
  - Maine Network of Community Food Councils
  - Maine Gleaning Network
  - Maine Food Strategy
  - Maine Farm to School Network
  - ...and more





# THANK YOU QUESTIONS

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