
LAND'S SAKE
FARM
ANNUAL
2025
REPORT
90 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA
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A non-profit community farm, connecting people to the land to build community and inspire lifelong stewardship.

FROM THE LAND'S SAKE FARM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Because of your support, more than one-third of the food we grew this year was donated to local hunger relief partners, providing fresh, nutritious produce to neighbors facing food insecurity. At the same time, thousands of children, families, older adults, and volunteers found opportunities to learn, connect, and build community on the farm."

DEAR FRIENDS,

2025 was a year of resilience, growth, and community connection at Land's Sake Farm, and we couldn't have done it without you.

This year brought its share of challenges, from an unpredictable maple season to record-breaking summer heat. Yet it also brought moments of celebration, including our busiest pick-your-own flower season ever and record participation in many of our educational and community programs. Through it all, Land's Sake continued to fulfill its mission of connecting people to the land through farming, food, and education.

As a nonprofit organization, Land's Sake continues to evolve and grow. This year also marked the culmination of our Capital Campaign. The final structure, our equipment barn, was built allowing us to complete maintenance and repairs to farm equipment and vehicles as well as providing a heated workshop. The back of the farm also saw developments as our Aerated Static Compost System was installed, allowing us to collect food scraps from the public, partner with local landscaping companies and stables to fuel the system and ultimately feed our fields with our own compost- limiting our carbon footprint.

We are deeply grateful for the many ways this community supports the farm—through donations, memberships, volunteering, participation in programs, and simply showing up to enjoy this special place. Together, we are cultivating more than food. We are nurturing connections, creating opportunities for learning, and stewarding a community resource that enriches lives every day.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for being part of the Land's Sake community. We look forward to seeing you on the farm.

With gratitude,
The Land's Sake Board of Directors

LAND'S SAKE 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

622 member households

378 csa share households



200,943 LBS

produce harvested from approximately 20 acres of cultivated fields



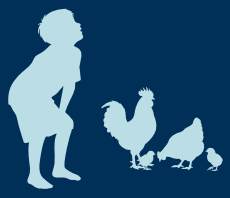
67,857 LBS

produce donated to hunger relief, providing 240,000 servings to those in need



4,000+

people enjoyed time on the farm at free & ticketed events



10,000+

children & adults engaged in education programs on the farm, in schools, and in the community

19 staff full-time equivalent)

12 board members

2025
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chris Sanzone, President
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Frisee Head
$3.00
Summer Squash
$3.50











FARM

In 2025, Land's Sake benefited from new infrastructure that expanded farming, storage, and sales capacity. The farm grew 67 varieties of crops and harvested 200,000 pounds of produce for sale and donation, using a variety of regenerative farming practices.



New reflective plastic mulch was used in the alliums, yielding one of the most productive allium seasons yet.



Investment in a second irrigation gun expanded our irrigation capacity at remote sites, allowing us to grow a wider variety of crops.

The most significant farm-related project in 2025 was the installation of our Aerated Static Pile Compost System. The goal of the project is to create a system with a finished compost production capacity of 200-300 cubic yards (CY) per year using a four-zone aeration system. The inbound volume is expected to be approximately 400-600 CY of annual inputs, including farm residuals, local bedded manure, leaves, and landscaping debris.

The facility consists of a mixing pad, leaf storage, a wood chip pile, and curing windrows. Finished compost is stored on-site and protected from rainfall, weed seeds, and animals using compost covers. Mechanical equipment and supplies will be stored in a 20-foot shipping container, protected from weather and rodents.

LSF anticipates that operating the facility will require two to three hours of labor per week. Establishing this facility enables LSF to recycle farm waste and will help the community turn food waste into nutrients for the soil, rather than allowing it to produce methane in the landfill.

A second phase of this initiative will be to install a heat recovery system, establishing a compost aeration heat recovery system (CAHR) that provides renewable energy to heat a nearby greenhouse, reducing propane consumption.

The compost generated will be used exclusively by LSF as a soil conditioner and fertilizer. To date, compost has been applied selectively to LSF fields due to the labor and time required to apply it by hand. LSF purchased a row mulcher with the support of a FY25 CSAP grant, enabling farmers to apply compost to more crops efficiently. When applied, compost has proven to increase the yield and quality of produce.

The Farmstand saw a 40% increase in flower sales, driven by increased pick-your-own foot traffic, bulk bucket purchases, pre-made bouquets and custom-ordered arrangements.



New flower varieties grown in 2025 included White Lite white sunflowers and Blue Glitter eryngium. We expanded our dahlia tuber production and grew new varieties of silver plate eucalyptus, hollyhocks, japanese indigo, and tulip including Queen of the Night, Dordogne, Double Early Mondial, Aveyron, and Charming Beauty.

Signage was added to the pick-your-own herb garden, including herbal recipes. We continued our efforts to make flower pathways accessible by widening pathways and trellising blooms.

To strengthen our long-standing relationship with hunger relief partner, Rosie's Place, we provided flowers to brighten their dining room.














The CSA sustained its growth and completely sold out of small and full regular season shares. In 2025, we continued offering three weekly pickup days. Shares included pick-your-own vegetables, herbs, and flowers– a huge hit with family and friends looking for an activity to enjoy together.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers played an important role in supporting our organization's operations throughout 2025 contributing more than 6,000 hours across events, our education garden maintenance, animal care, and weekly produce harvest.

Our workshare program engaged 21 committed community members who supported weekly produce harvests, flower field cultivation, general field weeding, as well serving as tent monitors during weekly CSA pick-ups. In recognition of their contributions, workshare participants received a full share for the regular season.

In 2025, volunteers contributed more than 6,000 hours.

HUNGER RELIEF

A record 40% of Massachusetts households—approximately 1.1 million—experienced food insecurity in 2025, according to the sixth annual Massachusetts Food Access Report (2026) from The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) and Mass General Brigham. The rate has more than doubled since 2019, increasing from 37% in 2024.

In 2025, Land's Sake donated 67,857 pounds of produce, representing 34% of the year's total harvest. By collaborating with distribution partners, Land's Sake provided fresh, local produce to people facing food insecurity in the Boston area. Partners include Boston Area Gleaners, Food for Free, Newton Food Pantry, Rosie's Place, Spoonfuls, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry of Weston and Lincoln, Weston Council on Aging, and Sudbury Food Pantry.

New infrastructure, including a dedicated donation cooler, improved produce quality and reduced spoilage.

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Land's Sake collaborates with 8 hunger relief partners to distribute fresh produce donations throughout the Boston area















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EDUCATION

Education opportunities and partnerships expanded in 2025, reaching learners of all ages.

Our education team partnered with the Waltham Boys and Girls Club for a successful 10-part series focused on cooking. The program introduced youth to seasonal cooking at the Boys and Girls Club and on the farm through hands-on harvesting experiences in the education garden. Youth made a variety of recipes including hand pies, eggplant meatballs and sauce and more. Each session ended with youth taking home a recipe and fresh produce.

Open Farmyard extended into the fall and winter, running for a total of 11 months of the year. Across 53 sessions, the program engaged 1,850 community members further expanding the reach of our free educational programs.

Adult learners also enjoyed offerings including yoga and pilates on the farm in the summer months instructed by locally trained instructors.

Farm walks were offered each season, providing a behind-the-scenes look at seasonal farming practices and an introduction to our farming philosophy.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Land's Sake brings people together to build community and connect with the land. From March through December, free public events welcomed people of all ages to enjoy the farm.














FORESTRY & MAPLE PRODUCTION

During the winter, Land's Sake farmers worked on Weston's conservation land, sustainably harvesting 32 cords of firewood. This unique partnership with the Conservation Commission helps care for town forests, and provides local firewood for sale to residents each fall.

Thanks to staff and volunteers, 500 taps were installed in trees throughout the Town of Weston.



This year we collected sap at four sites in Weston: Sears Conservation Land, the First Parish Church, Wellington Farm along Wellesley and Glen, and one of our agricultural fields on Meriam Street across from the community gardens.

FUNDRAISING

The summer Solstice Dinners, held in June, bring together Land's Sake supporters for a chef's farm-to-table dinner in support of Land's Sake's Education Fund. Our Harvest Dinner, held in September, is an annual dinner and live auction featuring a paddle raise that supports the farm's Hunger Relief Fund.

In 2025, development activities secured more than $232,000 in grant funding from the following state programs and foundations; Community Fund for Wellesley, Eastern Bank Foundation, Foundation for Metrowest, George & Betty Dutton Foundation, Hamilton Company Charitable Foundation, Mass General Brigham Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) FY25 Earmark to support Hunger Relief Infrastructure, MDAR Climate Smart Agriculture Program, MDAR Food Security Infrastructure Grant, USDA Farm Service Agency USDA Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops, The Village Bank, Wellesley Cultural Council, Weston Cultural Council, Whole Kids Foundation: The Bee Cause Project.





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