

The Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition is a regional coalition whose mission is to support a sustainable local food system by cultivating community action and building collaboration to implement effective programs, projects and policies.

Our vision is a vibrant, safe and efficient local food system that enhances the health of our community, is profitable for farmers and producers, is accessible to all community members, conserves natural resources, and is sustained by strong leadership and commitment in the Monadnock Region.

Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition (MFCC) 3-Year Strategic Plan 2013 - 2016	
Goal 1	Ensure the sustainability of MFCC as a coalition with the resources and direction to fulfill its mission and vision
	Recruit an adequate diversity of stakeholders including volunteers
	Encourage and sustain open dialogue with farmers
	Implement efficient systems that share information and resources equitably among all stakeholders of the food system to more effectively coordinate solutions.
	Raise funds through grants, partnership and available funding streams to support the MFCC
	Promote accountability and share best practices
Goal 2	Increase the amount of food produced in the region that could be consumed here
	Expand variety and availability of foods produced as close to home as possible.
	Increase production on existing farms through best management practices.
	Provide better access to farm inputs, such as seeds, equipment, compost, land and technology to increase productivity
	Improve food producer access to loans, grants and other funding sources.
	Assist farmers in meeting labor needs, including emergency situations
	Promote increase of food production at home and community gardens
Goal 3	Expand on and create new post-production infrastructure and markets to enhance or grow the local food economy
	Establish possible distribution centers and increase available storage units and processing facilities
	Increase the volume of locally produced food sales by improving farmers' links to markets
	Expand local food access to include low income community members
Goal 4	Advocate for policy in support of our mission and vision.
	Promote development of Agriculture Commissions within Cheshire County towns
	Identify local policies to advocate for
	Strengthen and better coordinate advocacy work nationally, state-wide and locally
Goal 5	Enhance synergy around education, awareness and access of healthy eating and the importance of locally produced food
	Share current farm and local food purchase location inventory with the public
	Encourage support of local food system
	Educate consumer on the benefits of locally produced food, especially youth and low income populations
	Promote home or community food production and preparation
Goal 6	Increase and sustain active, diverse, local farms to ensure quality stewardship of natural and agricultural resources
	Conserve farmland and forests
	Encourage new agricultural entrepreneurs
	Promote adoption of best management practices that improve and sustain local farms' ability to remain financially viable, and thrive
	Increase awareness and adoption of best management practices that steward natural resources