Events like this prove there is a powerful, sustainable food movement growing and changing lives.
The virtual 2021 Northeast Farm to Institution Summit (F2iSummit) brought together more than 600 stakeholders to generate ideas and connections that advance the ability of the Northeast to support viable farm, food, and seafood businesses and healthy, just communities.

The 2021 Summit took place amidst great upheaval in our country and our food system. The theme, Reflection, Resilience, Renewal, allowed us to simultaneously acknowledge our past; honor innovation and adaptability; and plan for a more equitable, resilient future.

For three days in April 2021, we shared stories, made connections, generated energy, and co-created strategies for addressing the most pressing challenges for our regional food system.

This report provides a snapshot of the event, an overview of who attended, the organizations represented, and more. But there is so much more to tell! You can read more about F2iSummit sessions, presenters, key takeaways, and find opportunities to continue the conversation on the FINE blog.

Reflection: Our food system needs re-evaluation. We have an opportunity to acknowledge what isn't working and whose voices have been overlooked.

Resilience: Concurrent crises have exposed the vulnerabilities of our regional food system, and the necessity of networks to sustain our communities and economies. Stories of adaptability, ingenuity, and strength can propel us forward into a new era.

Renewal: How do we build an equitable and just food system that includes institutions and supply chain partners? How do we more closely connect to the people whom institutions are designed to serve?
## 2021 F2i Summit

### By the Numbers

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### Breakdown


The 2021 F2iSummit's three plenary sessions featured food system leaders including (left to right) Liz O'Gilvie, Director of the Springfield Food Policy Council; Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Founding Pastor of the New Roots AME Church; and Navina Khanna, Executive Director, HEAL Food Alliance.

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Participants accessed the conference using the virtual platform Whova. This allowed live content streaming, recorded videos, message and job boards, and loads of virtual networking.
Attendee Overview

# of Past Summits attended

- First Summit: 70.5%
- Second Summit: 16.9%
- Third Summit: 6.2%
- Fourth Summit: 6.4%

Ticket Type

- Attendees (173)
- Sponsors & staff (104)

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Sliding Scale Registration: In an effort to make the Summit accessible to all, we offered a sliding scale registration fee. We understood that some would not be able to pay full registration, and others would be able to pay more. We offered 6 options, including a free ticket that did not require any kind of scholarship application. The same amount of ticket revenue was generated using this sliding scale as would have been generated by charging a single standard rate: and many more were able to attend!

Where Attendees Learned about the Summit

Self Described Sources

- From a colleague/friend: 47.8%
- FINE newsletter: 27.5%
- FINE website: 5.5%
- Social media: 3.2%
- Other (please specify): 16%

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Sponsors & staff:
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- FINE website: 5.5%

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States/Territories Represented

36 states represented + DC, Canada, Mexico, Bangladesh

Non-New England states with the most attendees: NY, CA, DC, PA, IL, WI, VA

I joined the Summit to learn from the nation's leaders in the farm-to-institution space, and that's precisely what I got out of it- direct learnings from national experts in the field!
Attendee Overview, cont’d

Organization type represented

Note: Respondents could select more than one. Over 100 attendees reported working for at least two types of organizations.

n=563

Self Described Organization types

Agrivoltaic Solar Developer
Business start-up
Certification Program Owner
Childcare
Community Member
Company which produces transducer technology.
Future farmer/landscape designer for planned agrihood
Construction Management
Consulting
Cooperative Extension
Cooperative food stores
Currently unemployed
Documentary Film Production Company
Early Childhood Education Center
Food business incubator and small batch co-packer
Food policy council
Food Policy Work Group & Food Council Network
FoodCorps AmeriCorps
Fungi Education and Mushroom Health Extracts
GLOBAL VILLAGE
Green energy
Health & Wellness
Independent consultant
Indian Tribe and President of our Non-Profit
Largest licensed childcare center in state. After school program
Medicaid 1115 Waiver team
Native American Tribe
Organic Farming Education and Advocacy Organization
Publishing
Real Estate
Researcher of Prison Nutrition
School Garden Support Organization
Self employed
Small Business (personal)
Cornell Extension Agency
statewide collaborative
Steward/consultant for networks, communities, teams student; freelance grant writer;
Nonprofit therapeutic horticulture in foster care group homes
thinktank
Tribal Organization
Value chain development
Youth Organizing
Attendee Overview, cont'd

Professional Roles

The FINE Summit once again helps me to do my job better.

Self Identified Roles

- Analyst
- Attorney/policy analyst
- Care Coordinator
- Catering coordinator
- Chief
- Communications specialist
- Database Manager, Mother, Prospective Farmer
- Director, FNS OCFS
- Educator, Marketing, Event Manager
- Employment Counselor for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Farm to School Coordinator
- Federal Agency
- Food system non-profit leadership
- Hospital discharge planner/social worker
- Local food system advocate
- National Programs and Policy
- Non-profit director
- Nonprofessional
- Oversee grants
- President
- Public Health
- Public health advocate
- Recreation services / garden manager
- Regional Population Health Director
- Sales & Marketing
- Seamstress
- Service Member Coach / Program Coordinator
- Filmmaker
- Food System Non-profit Collaborative Director
- Social Worker
- Software Engineer
- State Agency
- Technical Information Specialist
- Transaction coordinator
- Tribal Organization
- Visual media
- Volunteer
- Writer

2021 Summit Attendee

n=563
Attendee Overview, cont'd

Years in food systems work

- 0-2 years: 20.6%
- 3-5 years: 20.8%
- 6-10 years: 25.9%
- 11-20 years: 19%
- More than 20 years: 13.7%

Sectors of interest

- School (Pre-K/K-12): 22.9%
- Other: 6.2%
- Healthcare: 6.7%
- Corrections: 4.8%
- Campus: 12.6%
- All of the above: 46.7%

Self Identified Sectors of Interest

- Building lasting viability in regional food shed
- Community Organizing
- Food security and indigenous culture
- I couldn't choose more than one - school (Pre-K/K-12) and healthcare
- BIPOC communities, farmers, organizations
- Community-based/grassroots community food systems
- Homeless shelters, public assistance programs
- Agriculture & Food System
- Retail
- Farmland & Farmers
- Childcare Centers and Senior Centers
- Agriculture
- Farmers Markets and Local Food Promotion
- Community - Youth and adult direct community
- Organizational education and development
- Universities and Senior Food Services
- Anyone that needs healthy food
- Civil society
- Foodservice in the music business
- Tribal Food Sovereignty
- Campus. School. Healthcare general foodservice
- Information
- Communities/Regions/Vulnerable populations
- Indigenous community's
- Fresh Produce Supply Chain
- Community
- Dairy farm industry
- Local food systems
- Food Cooperatives, and K-12 School

As someone new to this field, I left with so many ideas and resources to help me learn.
Attendee Demographics

Self-identified gender

- Woman: 73%
- Man: 20%
- Transgender, non-binary, genderqueer: 2%
- I prefer not to disclose: 4%
- I prefer to describe myself: <1%

Age

- 25-34: 32.4%
- 35-44: 23.9%
- 45-54: 13.7%
- 55-64: 11.9%
- 65+: 0.2%
- 18-24: 9.7%
- 12-17: 9.7%
- 18-24: 9.7%

Highest Level of Education

- Bachelor's degree: 41%
- Master's degree: 36%
- Professional degree: 4%
- Doctorate degree: 6%
- I prefer not to disclose: 5%
- Less than a high school degree: 1%
- High school graduate or equiv.: 1%
- Some college credit, no degree: 1%
- Associate's degree: 5%
- Trade, technical, or vocational training: 3%

84% of attendees had earned a college degree

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Attendee Demographics, cont'd

Self-identified race/ethnicity

- Biracial
- Black, African, Arab-, and Middle Eastern
- Caribbean Earthling

Indian origin, by way of
- Burma and Africa
- Indian Asian
- Mixed
- Multiracial

Person
- Scottish-German
- West Indian
Whova Stats

540 App downloads
2,198 Messages sent
6 Meetups created
3,432 Webpage views
67 Photos uploaded
77,983 Sponsor impressions

Organizations with highest attendance

Food Corps / AmeriCorps (24)
USDA (19)
Sodexo (17)
University of New Hampshire / Sustainability Institute (14)
Cornell Cooperative Extension (10)
Organizations Represented

350 New Hampshire
ACTION CIRCLES
Addison Central Teens
Addison County Parent Child Center
Adirondack Harvest
Advocate
AECOM
Agrarian Trust
Alford Youth & Community Center
ALO Resources
American Farmland Trust
AmeriCorps
AmeriCorps VISTA at Gather
Amherst Farm to School
Amherst Public Schools
Anti-Recidivism Coalition
Aquidneck Island Community
Arkansas Department of Agriculture
Art for the Soul Gallery, Inc.
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
ATTRA Sustainable Ag Program
Aurora Mills & Farm
Backyard Growers
Basil's Harvest
Bates College
Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation
Bennington County Regional Commission
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Ma
BlueWave Solar
BNMC, Inc.
Book and Plow Farm/Amherst College
Boston College
Boston Medical Center
Boston university
BotheredEarth.com
Bright Side Growers
Bssse
Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus
CADE
Capital Roots
Catskill Fungi
CCE Ulster County
Center for an Agricultural Economy
Center for EcoTechnology
Center for Good Food Purchasing
Center for Science in the Public Interest
CentroNia
Chartwells
Cheshire Medical Center
Chicago Food Policy Action Council
Chicopee Public Schools
City Compost
City of New Haven
City of Philadelphia
CitySeed, Inc.
Coastal Foodshed Inc.
Colby-Sawyer College
Comfort Food Community
Common Ground
CommonWealth Kitchen
Community at large
Community Farm Alliance
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)
Compass at Northwestern
Concord Hospital
Concord Public Schools
Connecticut Department of Agriculture
Connections For Health
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Allegany County
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Essex County
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Madison County
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Washington County
Cornell University
Curnucopia Project
Crop One Holdings
Ct Collards LLC
CT Farm to School
Cumberland County Food Security Council
Cureate
DC Food Policy Council
DC Greens
Department of Agriculture, PA
Department of Social Work
Dept Of Corrections
East End Food Institute
East Side Farm
El Colegio de la Frontera Sur
Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker
Equinox Food Brokers
Equitable Food Initiative
Fairfax County Public Schools
Farm Aid
Farm Credit East
Farm Fare - Company
Farm Fresh RI
Farm to Institution New England
Farm to Institution New York State
Fertile Ground LLC
Finger Lakes Educational Food & Agriculture Clinic, Vermont Law School
Food | Climate | Strategies
Food Bank News
Food Connects
Food Solutions New England
Food System Policy Division, City of New Haven

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Somali Bantu Community Association of Maine
Springfield Department of health and human services
Springfield Food Policy Council
Springfield Public Schools
Starbabies family services
State of Maine
Stonehill College
Stonewall Farm
Student Nutrition Ontario Central East Region
Sub Edge Farm
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Swan Kitchen LLC
TEFI TEK INDUSTRIES LLC
The Common Market
The Community Kitchen, Inc
The Evergreen State College
The Farm to Prison Project
The Food Trust
The Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy
The Good Acre
The Marion Institute
The Thriving Resilient Communities Collaboratory
Tory Hill
Town of Sutton Massachusetts
Transfarmations, Inc
Trumansburg Schools
Tuck Away Farm
Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy
UC SAREP - Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program
UMass Memorial HealthAlliance Hospital/Sodexo
Umi Organic
UNH
UNH Sustainability Institute
University of Maine Cooperative Extension
University of Massachusetts Amherst
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