

2022 Annual Report

NEIGHBORHOOD FARMERS MARKETS



Fields of Opportunity

2022 marked renewed growth and opportunity at the Neighborhood Farmers Markets.

Farmers markets serve as vital food access points. In 2022, we organized a record number of market days – 237 – across Seattle neighborhoods. We reopened the Phinney Farmers Market after a 2-year hiatus and extended the Columbia City Farmers Market to a year-round operation. In addition to serving Seattle residents, the markets enhanced critical connections for farmers, new food businesses, and BIPOC-entrepreneurs. More than \$13,370,706 in local food purchases moved through the markets this year.

At the same time, a record number of people in our city experienced food insecurity. Thanks to our partnerships with the emergency food and nutrition assistance programs, market producers provided more food than ever to people affected by income inequality and systemic barriers to need:

- We facilitated CSA-style wholesale agreements between local growers and 23 Seattle-area food banks, resulting in 65,000 pounds of quality produce delivered through Growing for Good
- Supported access by translating essential information from how to become a vendor, how to spend SNAP in our markets
- Redeemed more than \$1 million in food assistance benefits for fresh, locally produced food for Seattle residents

2023 marks the Neighborhood Farmers Markets' 30th anniversary. Just as we did in 1993, we see a field of opportunity for local food to enrich our lives, relationships, and the planet. This year, we are focused on providing support and resources for beginning and BIPOC producers in our markets. We will open a new weekday market at our Capitol Hill site, create an equipment library for new vendors, and integrate action rooted in a more equitable food future for everyone.

We are proud to share in this report how we carried out our efforts in 2022 and look forward to working with the many partners, supporters and community organizations who help to fuel our mission.

JENNIFER ANTOS

Executive Director

JOSÉ RIVAS

2022 Board President

Program Highlights

FARMERS MARKETS

Our producer-only farmers markets resumed full postpandemic operations and reached more than 450,000 residents in seven Seattle neighborhoods. The economic

\$13,370,706

LOCAL FOOD SALES

opportunity provided by the farmers markets enhanced the strength and viability of of

166 PRODUCERS



FOOD ACCESS

Our partnerships with hunger and nutrition partners helped to provide access to fresh food during a time of rising costs and declining P-EBT benefits.

31 COMMUNITY PARTNERS



The fund provided emergency financial relief for

13 PRODUCERS this year. From unprecedented flooding in Whatcom County, to the unexpected loss of milk processing equipment, each were able to recover from these events and get back to farming.





30,000 POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED

FOOD 11%
ASSISTANCE SPENDING INCREASE

23 WHOLESALE CONTRACTS RESULTED IN

60,000 LBS. OF DONATIONS

Our Community

TAMPOPO FARM

"The goal is to feed people," Teresa Shiraishi says, eloquently and simply explaining the motivation behind Tampopo Farm, the 2-acre Sequim-based farm that she runs with her husband, Matt Rohanna.

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TIAN TIAN FARM

Steven Hsieh and Elizabeth Whitman of Tian Tian Farm are excited to be able to share vegetables that may be new to some, and give a taste of home to others.

"One of the things I like about our farm is that some of the things we're bringing to market are new. You might know 90% but there's still that 10% that you don't. You might find a new favorite," Farmer Steven explained.

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ETERNITY FARM

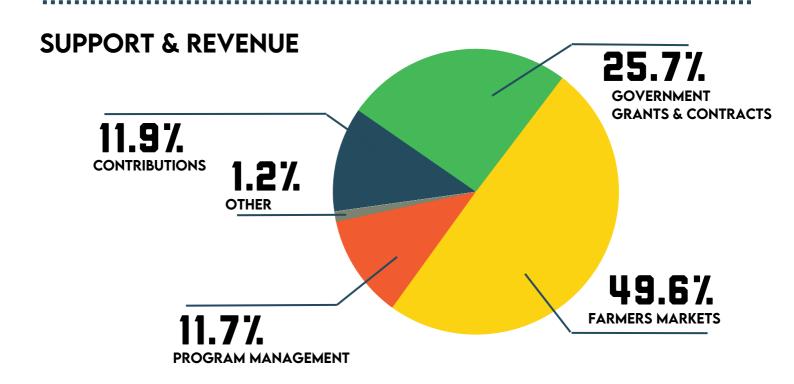
Kimmy and Emma of Eternity Farm built their ¼ acre Camano Island farm on the value of reciprocity, asking themselves "how can we give back to others, and the ecosystems we're inhabiting?" Food justice and regenerative practices have been important to both of them since before they got into farming. Read More

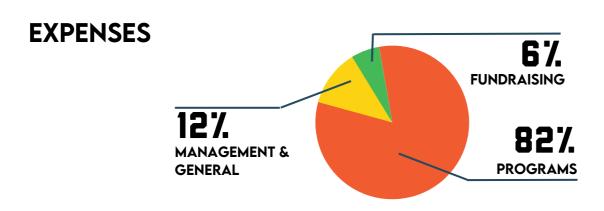


NFM Financials

Fiscal Year January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

In 2022, the Neighborhood Farmers Markets budget grew by 52% over the previous year to more than \$2 million annually. This is the result of continued development and recovery across farmers markets and food access programs, as well as the maintenance of diverse income efforts including grants, donations, and program management. A group of talented staff remains one of NFM's greatest assets and personnel expenses account for more than half of the organization's annual operating budget. Notably, income from government grants and contracts increased and provided an important bridge in efforts to recover from income losses in 2020 and 2021. Looking to the future, NFM remains committed to maintaining a balanced operating budget, a healthy operating reserve, and to leveraging any operating surplus to strengthen and sustain Washington's small-scale farmers.







Summary of Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	
SUPPORT & REVENUE	
Contributions (Foundations, Sponsorships, Donations)	\$276,195
Government Grants & Contracts	\$598,634
Earned Income from Farmers Markets	\$1,155,914
Program Management Income	\$272,055
Other	\$27,073
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$2,329,871
EXPENSES	
Farmers Markets	\$1,086,626
Good Farmer Fund	\$42,650
Food Access	\$251,729
Management & General	\$552,827
Fundraising	\$102,454
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,036,286
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NET ASSETS	
Operations (without donor restrictions)	\$696,309
Board Designated Operating Reserves	
Other Board Designated Funds	\$106,606
Donor Restricted Funds	\$233,747
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1,536,663

The finacial information presented above was internally prepared. As of the publication date, an annual financial review is in progress with Clifton Larson Allen LLP. Upon completion of the financial review, consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, will be posted at www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org and reports will be filed with the WA Secretary of State.

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Our work is fueled by a community of supporters committed to strengthening our local food system. Thank you!

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About Neighborhood Farmers Markets

The Neighborhood Farmers Markets (NFM) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that works to strengthen the local food system through economic opportunity, food access, and collaboration. Since 1993, the heart of NFM's mission has been strengthening and supporting Washington's small-scale farmers by organizing producer-only farmers markets. NFM is additionally committed to empowering low-income residents to prioritize local food through programs like SNAP Market Match, client vouchers, and gleaning.

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