GROWING FARMERS
From the farm to your fork, our work makes a difference.

It is essential for everybody who works in agriculture to lead food-system change into the future.

Stone Barns Center works to demonstrate and improve agroecological farming methods—farming that takes care of the soil, animals, ecosystems and people.

Stone Barns Center’s Growing Farmers Initiative helps beginning farmers get the training, tools and guidance to create economically and ecologically resilient farm enterprises.

In 2016, Stone Barns Center launched the “Starting Out” podcast to share the stories of our Growing Farmers Initiative. The first season covered the 2015 cast of Growing Farmers and examined how these emerging farmers are building their farms and communities.

Demonstrating Farm-Driven Cuisine

The Farm to Table event was a full-scale collaboration between chefs and producers to discuss the study and literally taste the future of beef.


All quotations in this annual report are excerpted from deeply about our food, our land and our communities.

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You are part of an incredible gift of spent grain


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