

NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION



OUR PURPOSE

The National Young Farmers Coalition is a national grassroots advocacy organization working to shift power and change policy to equitably resource our new generation of working farmers. We envision a just future where farming is free of racial violence, accessible to communities, oriented towards environmental well-being, and concerned with health over profit.



WE BELIEVE WE HAVE ONE GENERATION TO TRANSFORM AGRICULTURE IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE LAND. WE ARE THAT GENERATION.

WHO ARE OUR NATION'S YOUNG FARMERS?

FEMALE, NON-BINARY, & LGBTQ+

63.5%

identify as female, nonbinary, or a gender other than cisgender male

FARM ON RURAL LAND /OR/ FIRST-GENERATION

78%

MOTIVATED BY CONSERVATION & SOCIAL JUSTICE

97% use sustainable practices

86% use regenerative practices

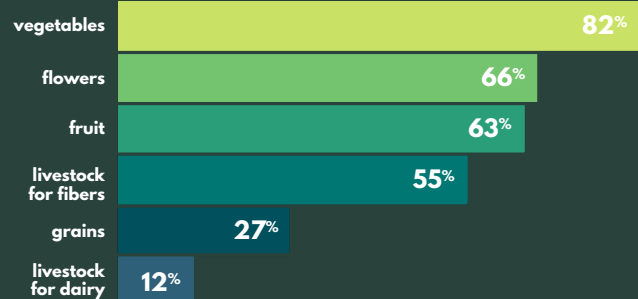
25% use conventional practices

86.4% sell through at least one direct-to-consumer channel

40.5% sell to at least one wholesale market

MORE LIKELY TO GROW VEGGIES, FRUIT, & FLOWERS

WHAT CROPS YOUNG FARMERS GROW



TOP CHALLENGES

ACCESS TO LAND

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

HEALTH CARE COSTS

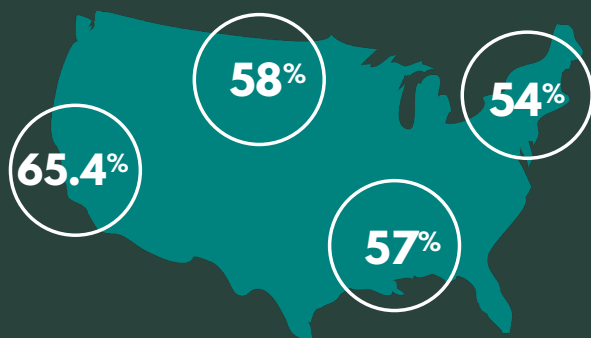
COSTS TO PRODUCE

STUDENT LOAN DEBT

HOUSING

FINDING AFFORDABLE LAND TO BUY IS THE TOP CHALLENGE

YOUNG FARMERS IDENTIFIED FINDING AFFORDABLE LAND TO BUY AS "VERY / EXTREMELY CHALLENGING" BY REGION



59% of young farmers named finding affordable land to buy as "very or extremely challenging"

45% of young farmers named finding available land to buy as "very or extremely challenging"

33% of young, BIPOC farmers shared that maintaining access to land was "very or extremely challenging," compared to 17.4% of White farmers

ONE MILLION ACRES FOR THE FUTURE

THE 2023 FARM BILL WILL DICTATE U.S. FARM POLICY FOR THE NEXT DECADE AND IMPACT THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FARMERS, RANCHERS, FARMWORKERS, AND GROWERS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.

According to the most recent Census of Agriculture, the average U.S. farmer is 57.5 years old. Over the next two decades, nearly half of all farmland is expected to change hands, and is at risk of being developed and leaving agriculture forever.

Access to affordable, quality farmland is the top challenge facing young farmers according to our survey, and this barrier is even greater for BIPOC farmers. Land is deeply intertwined with all aspects of farmers' success, and it does not just impact farmers—land access is critical to the health and well-being of our environment, economy, and marginalized communities. A lack of secure land access is preventing young farmers from investing in the growth and resiliency of their operations.

Young farmers need policies that will support their growth and success. Our policy recommendations provide a road map for how to mobilize our federal funding to equitably resource the next generation in agriculture. **Let's work together to make the 2023 Farm Bill an opportunity to transform agriculture to be in service to our communities and the land.**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHALLENGES YOUNG FARMERS FACE AND OUR FARM BILL POLICY SOLUTIONS, CHECK OUT OUR YOUNG FARMER SURVEY REPORT:

