



Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut Farm Equipment Bank Feasibility Study **FACT SHEET**

Is it feasible?

YES, but only with certain equipment, careful planning, marketing and education. Different items will require different rental or sharing structures ranging from cooperatives to third party rental agencies.

What Equipment Do Farmers Need?

17%



Tractors

11%



Mobile Poultry Processing Unit

9%



Backhoes

16%



Hay Equipment

8-10%



Plows, Harrows, Tillers, Manure Spreaders, Plastic Layers

8%



Commercial Kitchens

Who participated?

216 total respondents:

Rhode Island

52%



Massachusetts

18%



Connecticut

26%



What are they growing?

Vegetables	21.7%
Eggs	16.1%
Hay	12.6%
Small Fruit	9.1%
Tree Fruit	8.5%
Other	7.9%
Poultry	7.6%
Beef	7.4%
Dairy	4.3%
Nursery	3.1%
Grain	1.7%

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Equipment **FEASIBILITY**

Tillage, Cultivation **HIGH**

Commercial Kitchens **HIGH**

“Light” Processing **HIGH**

Mobile Poultry Processing **POTENTIAL**

Excavation and Construction **UNLIKELY**

Hay Equipment **UNLIKELY**