

**A New England Food Vision sets bold “50 by 60” goal
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*Durham, New Hampshire – June 16, 2014 – Food Solutions New England (FSNE) announces the release of *A New England Food Vision*, a collaborative report and bold vision outlining how New England can produce at least of 50 percent of *healthy, accessible food for all New Englanders by 2060 while increasing sustainable farming and fishing that contribute to thriving communities.**

Incorporating more than three years of collaborative research and input from hundreds of voices throughout New England, *A New England Food Vision* imagines a future that is possible if our region were to commit to supporting sustainable food system for all New Englanders.

“Today it takes an estimated 16 million acres to feed New England’s 14.5 million residents, but the region has just two million acres of active farmland,” states Brian Donahue, Associate Professor of American Environmental Studies at Brandeis University and one of *A New England Food Vision* authors. “Business as Usual will no longer suffice. As a region, we must rethink how we can support more of our own population – and grow local economies – through local sustainable food production.”

“We believe that *A New England Food Vision* will create new conversations and new collaborations that reflect shared values and goals” states Tom Kelly, Chief Sustainability Officer at the University of New Hampshire and another *A New England Food Vision* author. “To achieve this bold goal of ‘50 by 60’, we will need diverse voices to imagine a future in which food nourishes a social, economic and environmental landscape that supports a high quality of life for everyone in our region, for generations to come..”

A New England Food Vision was published by Food Solutions New England (FSNE), a collaborative network dedicated to transforming New England’s food system in a way that works for all New Englanders, today and into the future.