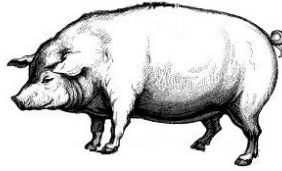


Education and Research

Apprentice Program

Each summer, Drumlin Farm offers four apprentice opportunities. Apprentices work closely with the live-stock and vegetable managers to learn many aspects of the farm operation from sustainable growing practices and live-stock care to tractor operation and farm product marketing. Apprentices also participate in the Collaborative Regional Alliance of Farmer Training (CRAFT) of Eastern Massachusetts. CRAFT is a series of bi-weekly farm visits to assist in the on-farm training of new and beginning farmers.



Drumlin Farm Research

In 2004, Drumlin Farm completed a study on the effectiveness and profitability of various mechanical weed control techniques. The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program funded the work, which compared weed control methods to those of other local farms. The results of the research demonstrated that our methods increased profitability, and cut down on the number of pieces of equipment farmers need.

In 2005, Drumlin Farm received a Crossroads Community Foundation grant to explore the profitability of making pesto—a value-added product—on the farm. In 2006, we produced and froze 1,400 containers of pesto sold at farmers' markets and the farm stand.

What is Sustainable Agriculture?

No broad-based chemical pesticides. Drumlin uses species-specific biological pesticides or alternative control methods only when necessary. Predator wasps are used to control bean beetle larvae and flies; crops are strategically planted to avoid the periods of heaviest pest activity; and fabric row covers or chalk dust are applied to prevent additional pest damage.

Locally produced, locally sold. Rather than shipping its produce long distances, Drumlin sells its meat and vegetable products at the farm and at local farmers' markets. This helps reduce the energy use and carbon emissions from long-distance hauling, promotes the diversity of produce raised on a smaller scale, and ultimately benefits Massachusetts citizens.

No irrigation. Through composting and cover-cropping, Drumlin builds soil health and structure and decreases the farm's overall water consumption. Boyce Field receives adequate natural runoff from the surrounding hills and the coarse soils of the drumlin.

Self-reliant livestock program. Drumlin grows 22 acres of hay to feed its animals in the winter months, rotationally grazes its sheep and goats for pasture management, and targets sheep grazing to help control invasive plant species.

Reused and recycled. The farm finds uses for much of its waste, from grain and shavings bags to animal waste and bedding, which is composted and turned into fertilizer for the vegetable crops.

Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary

Through education stewardship of regionally significant habitat and sustainable agricultural practices, Drumlin farm seeks to increase awareness of the interdependence of people, land and wildlife, thus inspiring individuals and their communities to make choices that protect the nature of Massachusetts.

In 1955, Drumlin Farm became a sanctuary of the Massachusetts Audubon Society through the generous gift of Louise Ayer Hatheway. Mrs. Hatheway managed a small livestock and vegetable operation while she owned the property, and the history of vegetable, fruit and livestock production can be traced back to colonial times, when these farms produced food for the city. Drumlin Farm works with other local farms, including Codman Farm, the Food Project and Lindentree Farm to help insure the health and viability of farming in Lincoln.

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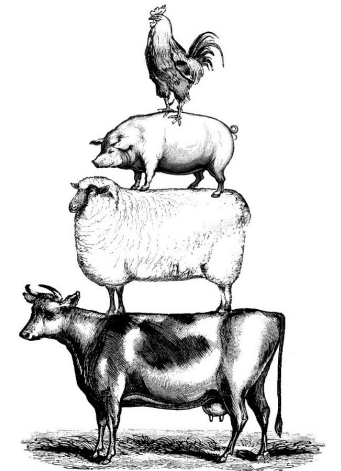
Massachusetts Audubon Society

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 32,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 200,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon's mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women's fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our statewide network of 43 wildlife sanctuaries welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our conservation, education, and advocacy work. To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit www.massaudubon.org.

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Community Based Farming
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Drumlin Farm Agriculture & Livestock

At Drumlin Farm, we are committed to practicing agriculture and animal husbandry that provides for our food needs without stripping the land of its vitality. Sustainable agriculture builds healthy soil, which is the foundation of a healthy environment. Each year we add tons of organic matter to the vegetable fields in the form of composted manure and bedding. We do not use any synthetic or petroleum-based insecticides or herbicides. The result is a balanced soil full of minerals, nutrients, micro-organisms, earthworms, and humus (organic material) needed to grow healthy plants. Healthy plants produce abundant crops and are better able to resist disease and insects.

Drumlin Farm has a crop rotation plan that seeks to break disease and insect cycles, while increasing soil fertility. Key in any crop rotation is the use of cover crops (such as red clover and buckwheat), which help prevent soil erosion, suppress weeds, and add humus and nutrients to the soil.

Our Livestock

As a working farm, we raise sheep, goats, cattle, pigs and laying hens. All our animals are raised with plenty of space, fresh air, and without the use of growth hormones or routine antibiotics. They are humanely handled and slaughtered at a small USDA inspected slaughterhouse, where the meat is frozen immediately after butchering. Our meat is available seasonally and selections will vary depending on the animals being raised at any given time.

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Drumlin's Farm Stand

We operate a farm stand at the sanctuary year round. When in season, we sell fresh-picked produce, pesto, eggs, flowers, maple syrup, meat, yarn and sheepskins. We also have a pick-your-own raspberry and strawberry patch. In May, we sell seedlings of heirloom tomatoes, basil, peppers, and eggplant.

Boston Farmers' Markets

Drumlin Farm sells its produce at two Boston Farmers' Markets from late June through October. On Thursdays, we set up our stand in Brigham Circle, and on Saturdays, we are in Somerville at Union Square. Drumlin Farm also participates in the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program. This federally funded program seeks to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk, by providing nutritious foods, information on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare. The WIC Program distributes food vouchers that can only be redeemed at farmers' markets.



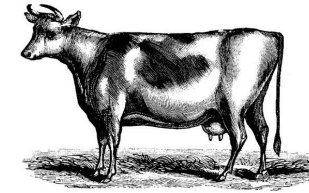
Community Based Farming

Community based agriculture is a reinvention of small-scale agriculture that has spread across the United States since 1985.

CSA's are financed by their members, who purchase shares at the start of the growing season. The shares ensure members a regular supply of fresh locally grown food. In turn, the CSA farms are guaranteed a market for their produce and relieved of much of the risk of small-scale farming.

Drumlin Farm CSA

The Drumlin Farm CSA program provides vegetables to 115 families in both summer and winter. Rather than needing to buy food that has been extensively processed and shipped to supermarkets from all over the world, members enjoy vegetables grown near home and, in the case of the winter CSA, preserved in a traditional manner in our root cellar. The choice not only benefits the environment by reducing energy spent on food transport, but also improves our health and quality of life by increasing our intake of naturally grown vegetables.



The Revision/Drumlin CSA Project

The Revision/Drumlin CSA Project is a joint venture of Revision House, Inc. (RHI) in Dorchester and Drumlin Farm. These two farms work together throughout the growing season to grow and distribute vegetables to 60 Boston area families. CSA members receive enough vegetables to feed a family of 4 weekly from June through early November. The share price helps defer the cost of growing and distributing a season's worth of produce and enables the CSA to carry out its dual mission: to provide job training and education to women who are homeless and in transition; and to grow fresh, healthy food that is affordable for all members of our community. This unique project creates an innovative urban-suburban agricultural link that strengthens both farms and supports the sustainability of urban agriculture in Boston.

Food Contributions

Drumlin Farm donates vegetables to three Boston area organizations. Our collaborative partners include Casa Nueva Vida Shelter of Dorchester, Parker Hill / Fenway ABCD Food Pantry of Roxbury, and Catholic Charities of Somerville. In 2006, Drumlin Farm donated 2,500 pounds of fresh produce to these organizations.

