Building on our successful first year, the Working Farms Fund continued to grow in the first half of 2022, securing three additional farms in metro-Atlanta and expanding the program to metro-Chicago!

**Why the Working Farms Fund Matters**
- Creates a patient pathway to affordable land ownership and builds wealth for a diverse community of next generation farmers
- Breaks down traditional barriers to capital and business support for diverse farmer businesses ready to scale
- Accelerates on farm innovation and adoption of sustainable agricultural practices
- Permanently conserves farmland at risk of being lost to development
- Grows a more resilient, just, and healthier local food system
BY THE NUMBERS
Working Farms Fund 2021–2022

8 FARMS | 705 ACRES SECURED | 33 FARMERS SUPPORTED

$5.9M IN LAND VALUE SECURED | $100K INVESTED DIRECTLY IN ON-FARM INFRASTRUCTURE

75% OF FARM BUSINESSES ARE MINORITY / IMMIGRANT / WOMAN-OWNED

3 INSTITUTIONAL MARKET PARTNERS BUYING FARM PRODUCTS

FARMS TO DATE

Love is Love Cooperative Farm // 68 Acres
Produce: vegetables, fruits, flowers

Global Growers Network // 22 Acres
Produce: vegetables, fruits

Atlanta Harvest / Local Lands // 90 acres
Livestock: cattle, goats, sheep, chickens

Goodwin Family Farm // 175 acres
Livestock: cattle

Little Fox Farm // 52 acres
Produce: vegetables, fruits, flowers

Pride Road // 70 acres
Produce: hibiscus, livestock, pastured poultry

Snapfinger Farm // 197 acres
Produce: vegetables, fruit

Garlic eScape // 30 acres
Produce: garlic, onions, herbs
RECENT FARM ACQUISITIONS
Welcome, farmers!

SNAPFINGER FARM // 197 ACRES

In June, The Conservation Fund acquired a critical farm property outside of Atlanta in Newton County, Georgia. Rahul Anand, owner and operator of Snapfinger Farm will begin production on the 197-acre farm in the fall of 2022. Rahul envisions the farm expansion as a place for new ideas and building a healthy community by meeting the high demand for fresh, local food through sustainable farm growth.

GARLIC ESCAPE // 30 ACRES

In July, The Conservation Fund purchased our first farm in the Chicago-metro area! The new 30-acre site provides a critical on-ramp to farm ownership for Silvia Abel-Caines, who owns and operates Garlic eScape, a vertically integrated farm growing a variety of bulbs, plants, and herbs. Silvia has spent more than 30 years working in the agricultural sector, with 15 years of experience in certified organic farming practices. In addition to expanded production space, the new property will also host on-farm classes, events, and trainings for the food and farming community.

Growing healthy foods close to where people live has become a reality for us. We’re excited about being the first Working Farms Fund farm in metro Chicago — and we’re looking forward to seeing other farmers with our same aspirations partake in this great program.”

— Silvia Abel-Caines, co-owner of Garlic eScape
PARTNER SPOTLIGHT — THE COMMON MARKET

The Common Market is a mission-driven distributor of sustainable, local farm foods. Through a collaborative partnership, The Common Market is helping our farmers connect to new markets by providing access to a wide variety of wholesale and retail customers and connecting them with institutions and communities throughout the Southeast.
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We cannot do this work alone! The unique Working Farms Fund model relies on strong partnerships. We welcome inquiries from investors, funders, procurement and market partners, and other collaborators.