



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT



2014

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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

UNFI is a rapidly growing company in a flourishing industry, but we're also committed to preserving and promoting the core values we have operated under for decades.

Our growth is being balanced with equally robust initiatives to lessen our vehicle emissions and increase the amount of renewable energy we use on a daily basis. We're building new distribution centers every year, and we're doing it to the highest green building standards, limiting our construction waste, our water usage and electricity consumption.

Two years ago, we launched the UNFI Foundation; our company's philanthropic giving entity. It's amazing to see the impact we've already made. We're providing financial support to critical research that advances organic farming. We're helping outstanding non-profit organizations protect the biodiversity of our seed supply, and we're supporting projects that give new organic farmers a path into our industry.

UNFI is out there working to promote the values of the organic industry, supporting efforts to increase GMO labeling, and lobbying in Washington for legislation that supports organic farmers and organic research.

Finally, I'm most impressed by our associates, who each year expand the number of volunteer hours they dedicate to worthy causes within the communities we serve. They're building homes, planning Food Day and Earth Day events and partnering with non-profit groups that preserve the environment and help bring healthy food to people who may not otherwise have it.

It's exciting to be part of a growing and successful company, but it's equally, if not more, rewarding to work with associates so committed to philanthropy, volunteerism and the ethos of the organic movement.



Sincerely,

*Steven L. Spinner
President & Chief Executive Officer*



“It's heartening to see UNFI associates so dedicated to forwarding the principles our company was founded on. Every one of them has contributed to our success.”

*- Michael Funk,
Chairman of the Board*

SUSTAINABILITY

We view sustainability as a journey on an ever-changing path. For us, this journey began decades ago, when the organic and natural movement was just taking root. The people that founded our company were driven by their desire to supply consumers with healthy and sustainable food, while safeguarding the environment.



Solar array under construction at our Lancaster, TX distribution center

Key Achievements:

2

new distribution centers
expected to achieve
LEED® Gold Certification

3.8%

year-over-year improvement in
fleet fuel efficiency

14.6%

year-over-year reduction in
water usage intensity

11.7%

year-over-year reduction in
electricity usage intensity

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

From our perspective, doing our part to mitigate climate change caused by increased greenhouse gas emissions is a requirement, not a choice, in conducting business. Since 2009, we have been measuring our emissions, and this year we utilized a third party verifier, SGS (Société Générale de Surveillance). Some of the initiatives deployed to limit emissions include a new solar energy system activated in Moreno Valley in April 2013, a new distribution center in Denver that replaces three less energy efficient facilities and the outfitting of all UNFI vehicles with Eco-flaps.

Boundary

All facilities that are under the operational control of UNFI and produced a significant quantity of emissions are included in the boundary of reported emissions.¹ The six Kyoto Protocol greenhouse gases are included in our reporting boundary and are reported in unit CO₂-equivalent (CO₂e).²

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are broken out per calendar year between Scope 1 and Scope 2 as well as Absolute Emissions and Emissions Intensity, both including and not including RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates). Initiatives that have reduced our Scope 3 emissions are also later described.

These designations mean the following:

- **Scope 1:** direct emissions that occur from sources that are owned or controlled by UNFI
- **Scope 2:** indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by UNFI³
- **Scope 3:** other indirect emissions (not included in Scope 2) that are the result of company activities but are the result of sources not owned or controlled by UNFI
- **Absolute Emissions:** total emissions in metric tons CO₂-equivalent (m.t. CO₂e)
- **Emissions Intensity:** metric tons CO₂-equivalent for every \$1M in sales
- **REC:** a tradable commodity that represents the legal rights to the environmental benefits of 1 megawatt-hour of electricity generated from renewable resources⁴

Emissions Intensity Goal

In 2010, we set a goal to reduce our absolute emissions by 5% in five years, from a calendar year (CY) 2009 baseline. Through the many initiatives that we have been reporting on during the past several years, we have made strong progress toward this goal. At the same time, UNFI sales have increased by 65.4% from CY 2009 to CY 2013, far surpassing our expectations.

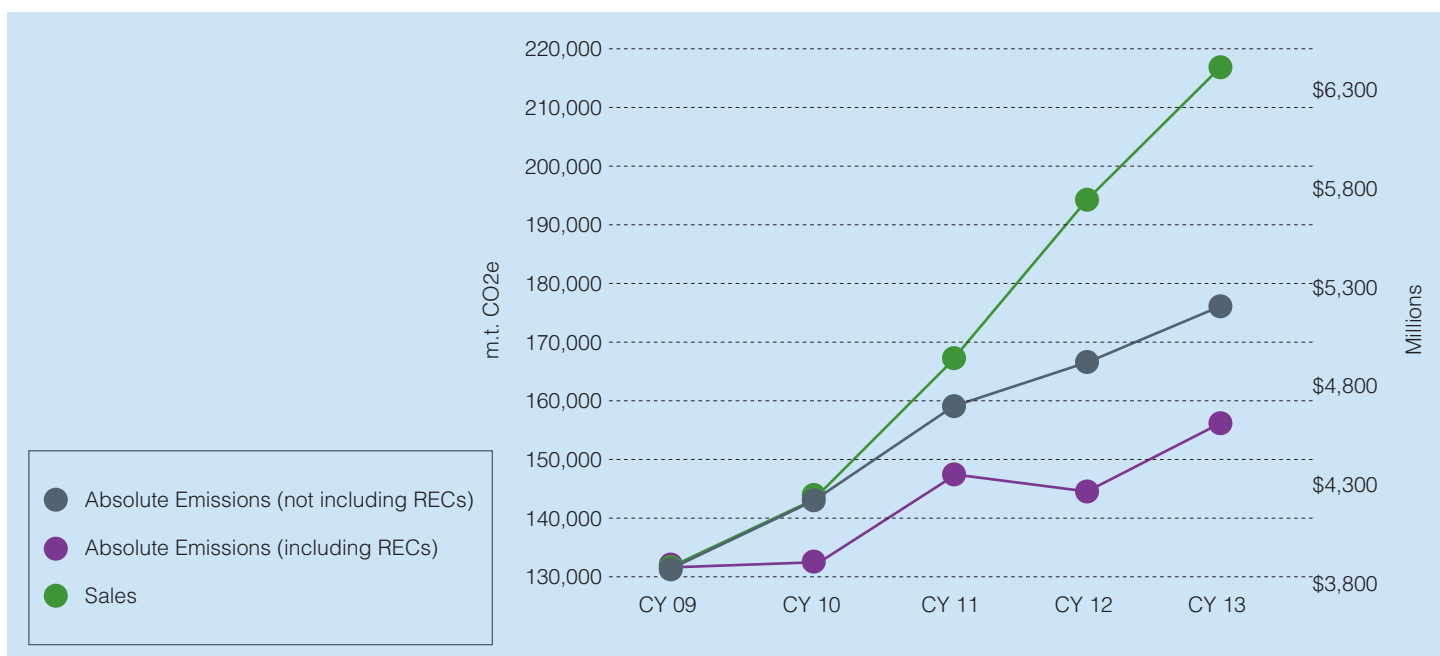
We remain committed as ever to doing our part to mitigate climate change by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. Considering our extraordinary growth, we believe that emissions intensity rather than absolute emissions provides a more complete picture of our impact. We have therefore decided to transition to a goal of reducing our emissions intensity by 5% in five years, with CY 2012 intensity as a baseline.



EMISSIONS (M.T. CO²E)

Emissions Scope	Emissions Activity	Emissions Sources	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013
Scope 1: Direct Emissions	Mobile Combustion	Diesel & Natural Gas For Fleets	89,464	95,255	105,248	112,958	121,925
	Stationary Combustion	Natural Gas, Propane & Fuel Oil	2,968	2,806	3,768	2,975	3,492
	Fugitive Emissions	HFCs For Refrigeration & A/C	4,473	8,286*	8,286*	8,286*	8,286*
	Total Scope 1 Emissions			96,905	106,347	117,302	124,219
Scope 2: Indirect Emissions	Purchased Electricity	Grid Electricity	34,617	36,276	41,356	42,380	41,835
		RECs	0	-10,330	-11,487	-21,865	-19,065
	Total Scope 2 Emissions			34,617	26,209	30,412	16,539
Total (Not Including RECs)			131,522	142,623	158,658	166,599	175,539
Total (Including RECs)			131,522	132,293	147,171	144,734	156,473
Emissions Intensity (m.t. CO₂e/\$1M Sales)							
Actual (Not Including RECs)			34.2	33.7	32.3	29.2	27.3
Actual (Including RECs)			34.2	31.3	29.9	25.4	24.3

* Note: fugitive emissions for CY2010 – CY2013 are estimated



1 In this report edition, our emissions boundary has been expanded to include Earth Origins Market retail stores and Trudeau Distributing. The following facilities resulted in relatively low emissions and are not included in the boundary: executive office, Earth Origins Market corporate office, Honest Green office, Pacific Organic office, Earth Origins Market commissary, and Earth Origins Market maintenance shop. UNFI DC Harrison was divested in 2012 and is not included in the boundary for any year.

2 Kyoto Protocol greenhouse gases include CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, SF₆, HFCs, and PFCs. We have not had any actual emissions of SF₆ or PFCs.

3 In this report edition, CY 2010 – 2012 Scope 2 emissions have been recalculated using eGRID emission factors for CY 2010 which are the most recent available from the U.S. EPA.

4 In previous editions of this report, emissions reductions from RECs were calculated using eGRID non-baseload emission factors as previously recommended by the U.S. EPA. In this edition, emissions reductions have been recalculated using eGRID total output emission factors as currently recommended by CDP (formerly known as Carbon Disclosure Project).

SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS

Mobile Combustion

Fuel for our fleets makes up 69.5% of our total emissions. We continually investigate new technologies and practices to increase fuel efficiency and reduce emissions from our fleet. As seen in the following charts, our efforts have resulted in large fuel savings and avoided emissions.

Fuel Saving Technologies

We are currently testing several technologies to help reduce fuel consumption throughout our fleet.

Airtabs – Airtabs create swirls of air (vortex) around vehicles, reducing aerodynamic drag. In 2013, we conducted pilot projects in Iowa City and Dayville, tracking fuel efficiency of similar vehicles with and without Airtabs. We found a 0.2 MPG increase with the addition of Airtabs. Once installed on all UNFI vehicles, we estimate a reduction of 2,400 m.t. CO₂e per year.

Trailer Side Skirts – Side skirts redirect airflow, reducing aerodynamic drag. They are currently in use on 53-foot trailers at our facility in Moreno Valley, CA, and a pilot project is planned for fiscal year 2015. This addition holds the potential for a 5% increase in fuel efficiency and an emissions reduction of 3,400 m.t. CO₂e per year for the entire UNFI fleet.

Thermo King Precedent – Precedent from Thermo King is a new trailer refrigeration unit being piloted in UNFI distribution centers in Moreno Valley, Rocklin and Denver. It has the potential to reduce UNFI trailer refrigeration fuel usage by 37% and the 118 units currently being tested are expected to reduce emissions by 972 m.t. CO₂e per year.

Automatic Transmission – Nearly all tractors in the UNFI fleet are currently manual transmission. On average, the introduction of automatic transmissions is expected to result in an increase in fuel economy of 2%. We are currently conducting a pilot project at our Denver distribution facility to test the potential effect of this new initiative.

Stationary Combustion

Natural gas and propane are combusted to provide space heating in offices, and fuel oil is used in backup generators. Stationary combustion represents 2.0% of our total emissions.

Fugitive Emissions

Refrigerants are used for warehouse and fleet refrigeration and air conditioning systems. Fugitive emissions result from minimal amounts of refrigerant leakage and make up 4.7% of our total emissions.





EMISSIONS ↓ SALES ↑

Fiscal Year	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Fuel Efficiency (MPG)	6.12	6.40	6.54	6.78
Miles Driven	44,059,498	48,575,253	51,172,162	54,044,175
Diesel Fuel Usage (Gallons)	7,199,264	7,584,755	7,829,266	7,969,269
Year-Over-Year Fuel Efficiency Improvement		4.6%	2.1%	3.8%
Year-Over-Year Avoided Diesel Fuel Usage (Gallons)		352,378	160,981	299,411
Year-Over-Year Avoided GHG Emissions (m.t. CO2e)		3,580	1,635	3,042
UNFI Sales (\$100)	\$45,300,150	\$52,360,210	\$60,643,550	\$67,944,470



SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS

Emissions from the generation of purchased electricity makes up 23.8% of our total emissions. We are undertaking several initiatives to both increase our energy efficiency as well as transition to renewable sources of electricity.

Electricity

Electricity usage intensity is declining as we open new distribution centers to meet increased demand for UNFI goods and services. Our newest distribution centers feature building designs, refrigeration systems and lighting that result in higher energy efficiency.

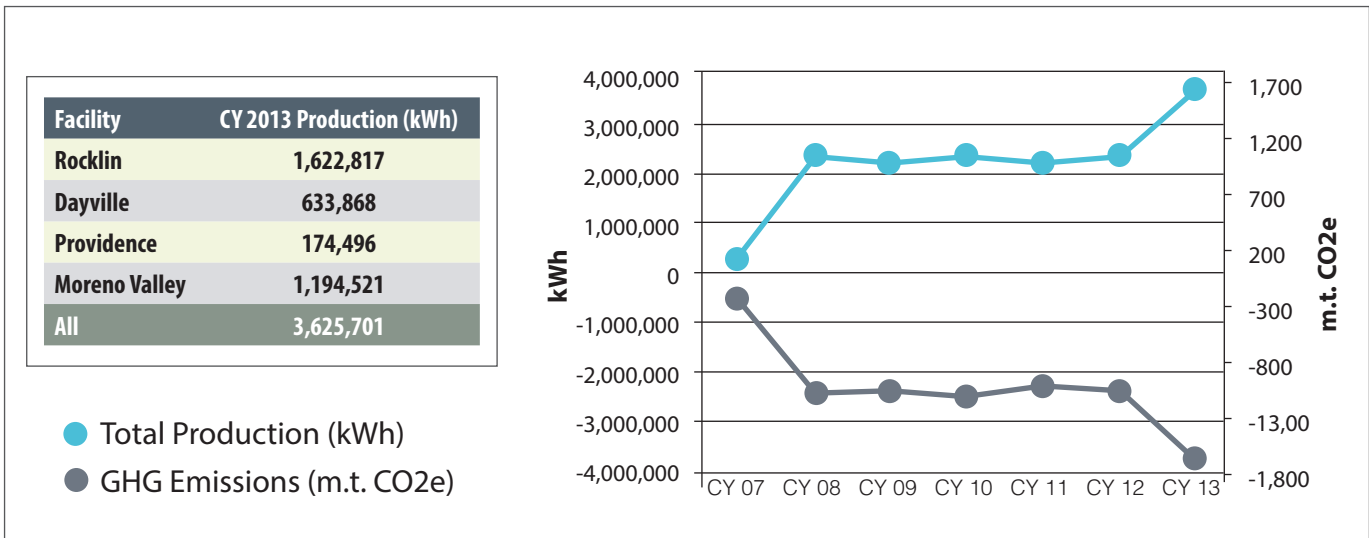


	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013
Electricity Usage (kWh)	77,706,559	79,698,174	88,398,475	90,955,664	90,645,136
Electricity Usage Intensity (kWh/\$1000 sales)	20.19	18.84	17.98	15.95	14.09

Solar Energy

UNFI recognizes the importance of investing in renewable energy to support a sustainable business and world. Our solar panel arrays have avoided thousands of tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

Our newest solar panel array was activated this year at our Lancaster, Texas distribution center. With 2,255 panels and 665 kW capacity, its expected production of 891,000 kWh/year is equivalent to annual usage of 79 U.S. households.





Green Buildings

We have built multiple LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings and are pursuing LEED® certification on several new projects, including our newest facilities in Racine, Wisconsin and Hudson Valley, New York, for which we are seeking Gold status. These buildings are not only more energy and water efficient, but also are located in areas closer to our customers, which contributes to our reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.



RACINE, WISCONSIN
LEED® Gold Certification Expected

425,000 square feet

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

20% of building materials from regional sources

Building materials contain **20%** recycled content

Water use reduction of **40%** compared to typical comparable building

75% of construction waste diverted from landfill

Energy use reduction of **24%** compared to typical comparable building

No potable water used for irrigation



HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK
LEED® Gold Certification Expected

500,000 square feet

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

30% of building materials from regional sources

Building materials contain **30%** recycled content

Water use reduction of **45%** compared to typical comparable building

75% of construction waste diverted from landfill

Energy use reduction of **26%** compared to typical comparable building

SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS

The following initiatives have helped limit UNFI's Scope 3 emissions.

Inbound Logistics – In FY14, 23,179 m.t. CO₂e were avoided by using rail instead of over-the-road trucks for inbound loads.

EcoPower Recycled Engine Oil – EcoPower is an energy source produced from reclaimed used engine oil. It requires 85% less energy to produce than oil refined from crude. It is currently in use in Denver and planned for use in Racine, Hudson Valley and Gilroy. EcoPower has the potential to reduce UNFI emissions by 230 m.t. CO₂e per year for the entire UNFI fleet.

WATER

UNFI takes several steps to conserve water within its distribution centers and office space. Some of our water conservation technologies include:

- Motion sensor-activated low-flow water fixtures in restrooms
- High water efficiency drip irrigation systems
- Rainwater harvesting
- Refrigeration system condensate recovery and use

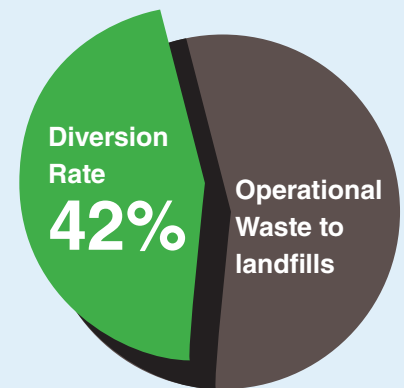
	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	
Water Usage - Gallons	37,602,898	41,761,623	40,236,400	<i>Water data does not include Earth Origins Market or Trudeau Distributing.</i>
Water Usage Intensity - Gallons/\$1000 sales	7.65	7.32	6.25	



WASTE & RECYCLING

We are sending less of our operational waste to landfills, through ongoing initiatives to recycle cardboard, glass, aluminum, plastic, shrink wrap, paper and e-waste.

	FY 2013
Diversion Rate	42%
Tons Recycled	4,950





REPORTING

Formerly known as Carbon Disclosure Project, CDP is an international, non-profit organization providing the only global system for companies and cities to measure, disclose, manage and share vital environmental information.

	2011 (Reporting Period CY 2010)		2013 (Reporting Period CY 2012)	
	Disclosure	Performance	Disclosure	Performance
UNFI	59	C	70	C
Food & Staples Retailing Industry Group Average	N/A	N/A	74	C
Consumer Staples Sector Average	59	C	81	B
Average For All Responding Companies	58	C	69	C

UNFI's 2014 response, which covers CY 2013, can be viewed at the CDP website (www.cdp.net).

Scoring

Disclosure scores are a reflection of the thoroughness of a company's disclosure, its data management and its understanding of climate-related risks and opportunities to the business. The maximum disclosure score is 100. Performance scores are based on the level to which a company undertakes positive climate change action contributing to mitigation, adaptation and transparency. Performance scores range from A to E.

CDP uses the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) to classify companies. According to the GICS, UNFI is in the Food & Staples Retailing Industry Group within the Consumer Staples Sector. The Consumer Staples Sector includes the following industry groups: Food & Staples Retailing; Food, Beverage & Tobacco; and Household & Personal Products. The Food & Staples Retailing Industry Group includes the following sub-industries: Drug Retail, Food Distributors, Food Retail, and Hypermarkets & Super Centers.

PHILANTHROPY

UNFI has a long history of doing business in ways that are socially and environmentally responsible. This commitment is central to how we operate, and is deeply valued by our associates and customers. As we have grown in size, so too has our ability to drive positive change in our communities. We do that by investing in three core areas of philanthropy: charitable giving, volunteerism and industry relations.



Photo credit: Anne Hamersky, In Good Company, West Oakland, CA

Key Achievements:

10,553

volunteer hours donated -
a **110% increase**
over FY13

1,800

volunteer hours logged during Earth Week alone

\$847,693

in charitable contributions

\$8,706,870

and over

10 million pounds

in food donations

\$63,398

donated through associate payroll giving
to various charities

VOLUNTEERISM

Our associates come together to create a culture of service by generously donating thousands of hours of their time to people and nonprofits in need every year. They demonstrate that giving back to their community is a top priority and we encourage them to donate their time and talents to the organizations that they care for.

Last year we challenged ourselves to complete 6,040 volunteer hours in 2014. Our dedicated associates surpassed this goal by a remarkable 175%, logging 10,553 volunteer hours, and making the places that they live and work healthier and safer.

The core of our volunteer efforts is driven by our Helping Hands Committees that operate at every UNFI location. They are a passionate group of associates, dedicated to creating meaningful change in their communities. Helping Hands Committees also lead our local giving initiatives and fundraising to support numerous programs including the UNFI Associate Relief Fund, which assists UNFI associates during times of financial hardship.

This year Helping Hands Committees donated \$193,360 to numerous organizations to support hunger relief, nutrition education, human welfare, and the environment. An additional \$87,818 was raised for the UNFI Associate Relief Fund.

Earth Week

Associates celebrated Earth Week by organizing activities at every distribution center. Events ranged from highway, shoreline and park cleanups to beach grass and tree plantings. In total, more than 1,800 volunteer hours were logged during Earth Week alone.

Food Day

Food Day events took place at 20 of our facilities. Teams organized activities such as healthy potluck luncheons and farmer's markets. We saw juicing, hydroponics, and organic gardening demonstrations. Donations were also made to food banks and local food groups.

Feeding America® Food Donations

A long-standing partner of Feeding America®, UNFI donated over \$8.7 million worth of food, which equates to over 10 million pounds. This year, which saw unprecedented need for hunger relief, we gave more food than ever before to help work toward creating a hunger-free America.



Scallop Restorator Project - Providence, RI



Chesterfield, NH



Earth Day - Ridgefield, WA



River Bend Clean Up - Racine, WI



In Good Company - South Bronx, NY

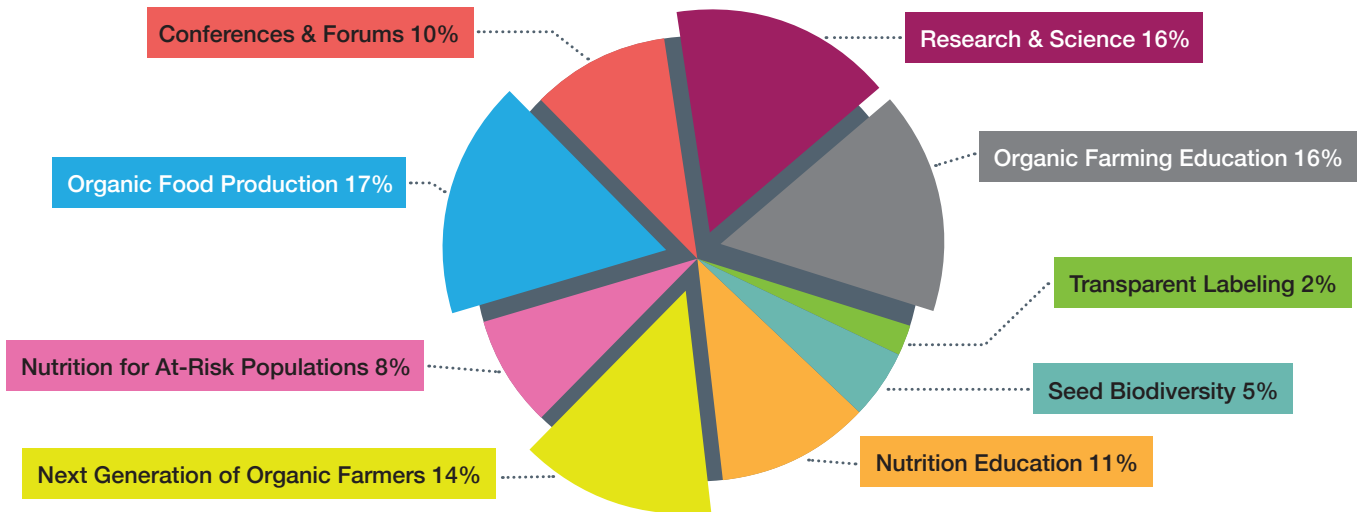
LOCAL GIVING RECIPIENTS

1000 Friends of Iowa
180 Degree Farm
A Precious Child, Inc.
ACS Relay for Life of Franklin County
Ag Against Hunger
Alzheimers Association
American Cancer Society
American Forests
American Heart Association
American Red Cross
American Red Cross - Mile High Chapter
Amos House
Arvada Community Food Bank
Atlanta Children's Shelter
Atlanta Community Food Bank
Audubon Society of Portland
Backyard Abundance
Beacon Food Forest
Bear Paw Signs & Graphics
Bear Yuba Land Trust
Bethesda Mission
Brattleboro Walk In Clinic
Brighter Tomorrows
Capital City Community Centers
CHAPS Food & Hygiene Pantry
Charlotte Rescue Mission
Cheshire YMCA
Child & Family Services
Clark County Food Bank
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Community Educational Outreach
Crossroads Rhode Island
CT Audubon Society
CT Farmland Trust
CT Food Bank
Day Kimball Hospital
Denver Urban Gardens
Dry Creek Conservancy
EarthLinks, Inc.
East Greenwich Interfaith Food Cupboard
Eastern CT Conservation District
Eco-Justice Center
ecoRI
Edible Peace Patch
Elijah's Promise
Evergreen Habitat for Humanity
Face Autism
Farm Fresh Rhode Island
Farmer Veteran Coalition
Feed My Starving Children
Feeding America
Florida Certified Organic Growers
Food Bank of South Jersey
Friends of Chesterfield School
Friends of the LA River
Gold Country 4-H
Greater Newark Conservancy
GreenLeaf
Greenwood Wildlife
Growing Gardens
Habitat for Humanity of Gloucester County
Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County
Harvest of Hope Food Pantry
Harvest Preserve Foundation, Inc.
Homeless Coalition of Dallas
Homeless Garden Project
Honeylove
Horizon House
Horn Farm Center
Hunger Free Colorado
Hunters Sharing the Harvest
Interfaith Human Services of Putnam
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Iowa Renewable Energy Association
Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity
Iowa Valley Resource Conservation & Development
JCOS Community Garden
Johnson County Heritage Trust
Kids Against Hunger
Linda's Closet
Local Foods Connection
Madonna's Center
Make-A-Wish
March of Dimes
Massachusetts Audubon Society
Meals on Wheels
Metro CareRing
Midnight Mission
Midtown Greenway Coalition
Minnesota Environmental Fund
Monadnock Habitat for Humanity
Monadnock Humane Society
Monadnock Region Child Advocay Center
Monadnock United Way
Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.
National Center for Appropriate Technology
Nevada County Habitat for Humanity
New England Hemophilia Association
New England Kurn Hattin Homes
North Carolina Conservation Network
North Texas Food Bank
Northeast Organic Farming Association - NJ
Northwest Harvest
Operation Community Care
Operation Delta Dog
Operation Sak Lunch
Outreach, Inc.
Park Pride Atlanta
Pathways for Keene, Inc.
Paul Quinn College
PCC Farmland Trust
Philabundance
Placer Food Bank
Placer Land Trust
Pomfret Community Food Bank
PRET Foundation
QVCC Foundation
Regional Community YMCA
Relay for Life of Keene
Rhode Island Community Food Bank
RI Zoological Society
San Francisco Botanical Garden
Sarasota SpringFest 2014
Save Our Shores
Save the Bay
Seed Savers Exchange
Self Help & Recovery Exchange (SHARE)
Society for the Protection of NH Forests
South Yuba River Citizen League
Special Olympics Wisconsin
St. Petersburg Free Clinic
Stonewall Farm
Strolling of the Heifers
Susan G. Komen
Susan G. Komen - Dallas County
TEEG
Texas Trees Foundation
The Auburn Food Bank
The Color Run Race
The Community Kitchen
The Cornucopia Project
The Gathering Inn
The Last Green Valley
The McAuley Corporation
The Minnesota Project
The Park People
The Sustainability Project
The Village Gardeners of the LA River
Thundermist Health Center
Tree People
Trees Forever, Inc.
Turn Back Time, Inc.
United Services
United Way
URI Foundation
Vermont-NH Susan G Komen
Veterans Empowerment Organization
Vitamin Angels
Walnut Street Women's Center
Washington Iowa Betterment Foundation
Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network
Wild Bear Mountain Ecology
Will Steger Foundation
Windham County 4-H Foundation
Windham Regional Community Council
Worcester County Food Bank
York County Food Bank
York Habitat for Humanity
York Union Rescue Mission
Youth Farm
Yummy Stuff Club, Inc.

UNFI FOUNDATION

The UNFI Foundation awarded \$464,980 in grants to support healthy, organic food systems this year, a 36% increase from 2013. The 51 nonprofits that were funded grow and nurture the natural and organic food industry, and the UNFI Foundation is honored to support and celebrate their work. Over 63% of the UNFI Foundation's

funding supported four main areas: organic food production, research and science, organic farming education and fostering the next generation of organic farmers. The balance was spread throughout multiple focuses, as the chart below shows.



UNFI FOUNDATION FEATURED GRANTEES



The Organic Center - Conducted studies on the effects of organic farming on nitrogen pollution; published data on the health effects of pesticides; and organic solutions for citrus greening disease.

Grant awarded: \$70,000



Farmer Veteran Coalition - Provides veterans the resources they need to develop careers in organic and sustainable farming.

Grant awarded: \$7,500



FoodCorps - Teaches children about the importance of healthy eating and sustainable food systems through school gardens.

Grant awarded: \$20,000



Friends of Zenger Farm - Our grant supported the construction of the Urban Grange, a hub for healthy food and community connection.

Grant awarded: \$15,000



Oregon Tilth - Increases the number of farmers and ranchers who are transitioning to organic production. Our grant allowed Oregon Tilth to provide outreach, training, technical assistance and peer exchange to encourage transition.

Grant awarded: \$15,000



Florida Organic Growers - Coordinates on-farm workshops for Florida farmers to increase their knowledge about tropical and subtropical organic, whole-systems farming methods.

Grant awarded: \$10,000

UNFI FOUNDATION GRANTEE LIST

A Little Taste of Everything
 Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association
 An Ounce of Nutrition Foundation
 Angelic Organics Learning Center
 CA State Grange/Moms Across America
 California Climate and Agriculture Network
 Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
 California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)
 Center for Land-Based Learning
 Center for Rural Affairs
 Ecological Farming Association
 FamilyFarmed.org
 Farmer Veteran Coalition
 Florida Organic Growers
 FoodCorps, Inc.
 Friends of the Earth
 Friends of Zenger Farm
 Gardens to Hospitals
 Georgia Organics
 Green America
 Groundwork Denver
 GrowingGreat
 Iowa State University
 Just Food

Life Lab Science Program
 Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service
 National Farm to School Network
 National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
 National Young Farmers Coalition
 Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society
 Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association
 Oregon Tilth
 Organic Farming Research Foundation
 Organic Field School at Gardens of Eagan
 Organic Seed Alliance
 Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association
 PCC Farmland Trust
 Pesticide Action Network North America
 Seattle Tilth
 Seed Savers Exchange
 Teens Turning Green
 The Ceres Community Project
 The Organic Center
 The Picture of Children's Health
 UCSC Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems
 Washington State University, CSANR
 Wild Farm Alliance



Life Lab Garden Classroom



Organic Seed Alliance



Seed Savers Exchange



Friends of Zenger Farm



Seed Savers Exchange



UNFI ECRS Charity Golf Tournament

UNFI FOUNDATION'S IMPACT

The organizations that the UNFI Foundation supported in 2014 were successful in reaching farmers, at-risk families, veterans, and more through intentional and immediate programming.

Category	Amount
Farmers reached	11,206
Children reached or fed through educational programming or nutritious food services	313,509
Schools served through educational programs or nutritious food services	1,972
Consumers reached or fed	67,345
People educated on organic and sustainable food systems	75,250
Workshops and seminars conducted on organic and sustainable agriculture and / or nutrition	817
Organic and sustainable conference attendees	14,387
Pounds of organic food distributed or served	244,326
At-risk people fed nutritious and organic food	1,706
Organic farms impacted by programs or services	16,033
Increased organic acreage	703
New organic farmers created	355
Urban gardens maintained	485
Academic studies / research achieved	45
Policy changes affected to enhance organic and sustainable agriculture and / or food systems	15
Veterans engaged in organic and sustainable agriculture	37
Seed varieties conserved and protected	34

INDUSTRY RELATIONS

Supporting our industry is integral to UNFI. We believe it is our responsibility to provide leadership and strategic direction on the objectives and initiatives that will have an impact. We do this by building strong relationships with the government, its administration, public policy officials and trade associations, working to create a future for food and agriculture that is maintained with organic and sustainable practices.



CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

UNFI is proud to support the following conferences related to organic agriculture and sustainable food systems. These conferences bring together beginning and veteran farmers, researchers, advocates and organic industry representatives. They provide valuable opportunities for networking and expanding organic farming knowledge.

Ecological Farming Association - EcoFarm Conference

Georgia Organics - Green Acres, Saving the Planet One Bite at a Time

Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) - 36th Annual Conference

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) - Sustainable Agriculture Conference

Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) - MOSES Organic Farming Conference

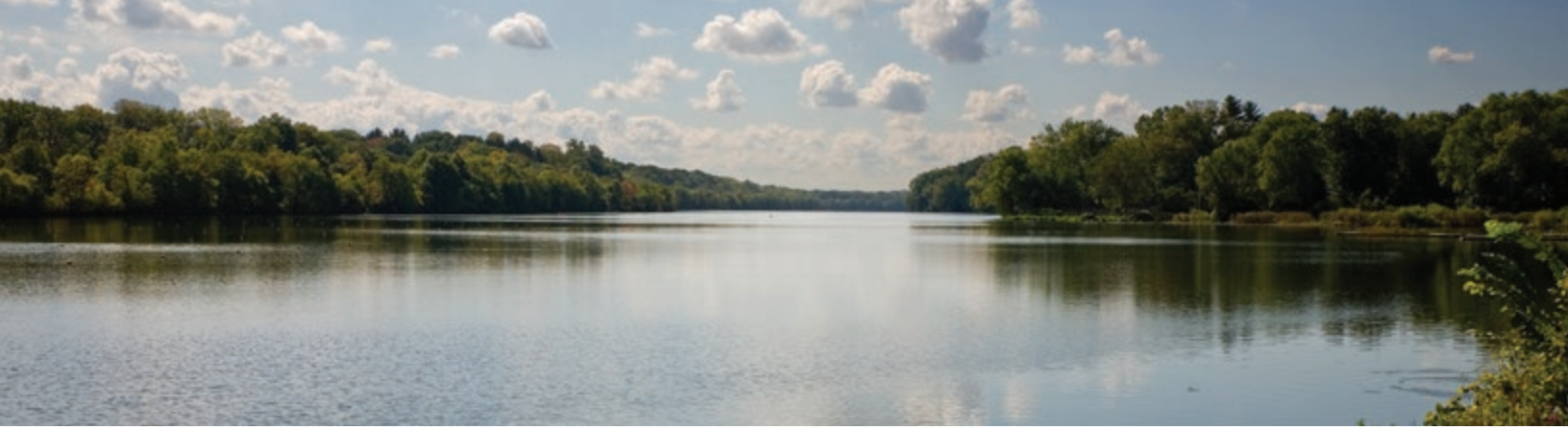
Tilth Producers of Washington - Tilth's 40th Anniversary Conference, Re-Imagine Agriculture



Lobbying Congress for GMO labeling



Lobbying Congress for the Farm Bill



A LETTER FROM THE CHRSO

Each year we raise the bar higher and higher, and each year I'm more proud of our accomplishments.

We're using new and innovative ways to reduce our carbon emissions, we're expanding our distribution network and doing it with the recognized gold standards of green building, and we're continuing to invest in renewable energy.

Many of our associates have told us they were drawn to UNFI because of our core values and our commitment to volunteerism and philanthropy. It shows in the energy they put into our Helping Hands Committees, and the growth in volunteer hours we see each year.

We're building a culture that advances the mission of our company and industry, and while we still have a lot of hard work ahead of us, we remain committed to uncovering opportunities that will enable us to continue to grow in a sustainable and responsible way.



Sincerely,

*Tom Dziki
Chief Human Resources and
Sustainability Officer*



Oregon GMO Labeling – Alive and Counting!

Posted on December 1, 2014 by Melody Meyer



Oregon's Right to Know Measure 52 will go down in the history books for two reasons: the closeness of the court and the record breaking funds that fueled the opposition. And, even though the media called "coffee" shortly after election night, Oregonians kept counting. As ballots from different counties rolled in, the margin narrowed. Then 15,000 challenged ballots were discovered with signatures on the envelopes that didn't match the voter's registration cards. Those needed to be rectified.

The margin narrowed and as of this writing the **final unofficial results** show the GMO labeling initiative failed by only 812 votes out of 1.5 million ballots! [Continue reading →](#)

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Thanksgiving week is often one filled with the intense pursuit of good food and a lot of it. If you are a retailer or distributor getting that food to the customer is a frantic and feverish once-a-year choreography: stacking, packing and emptying those canons of yams, mountains of green beans and gagges of turkeys are a major endeavor! For those brave souls constructing the many coursed feast, it requires hours of planning, shopping, chopping and mopping up all the gravy at the end. No rest for the multitudes of hungry and thankful souls. [Continue reading →](#)

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