



CORNUCOPIA  
INSTITUTE

Promoting Economic Justice for Family Scale Farming

## About

The Cornucopia Institute engages in educational activities supporting the ecological principles and economic wisdom underlying sustainable and organic agriculture. Through research and investigations on agricultural issues, The Cornucopia Institute provides needed information to consumers, family farmers, and the media.

The Cornucopia Institute is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public interest group. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of law.

## Cornucopia's Co-Founders - Mark and Will



Mark Kastel

Mark Kastel cofounded The Cornucopia Institute, 11 years ago, as a populist farm policy research group based in Wisconsin and acts as its Codirector and Senior Farm Policy Analyst. He directs its Organic Integrity Project. [Read More](#)



Will Fante

Will Fante is co-founder of The Cornucopia Institute. He is also the organization's Research Director. Mr. Fante's previous professional experience is varied [Read More](#)

## Cornucopia's Board of Directors

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movements including pioneering organic farmers, consumers, scientists, public policy experts, conservationists,

entrepreneurs and retailers. They hail from almost all regions of the country and they share a common dedication to protecting the economic interests of family-scale farms, the environment and the quality and integrity of the food we all eat.

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### Helen Kees, Board President

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*Durand, Wisconsin*

Ms. Kees is an organic beef farmer and fresh-market vegetable producer. She grew up on a

dairy farm near Durand, Wisconsin. A tussle with a neighbor's pesticide overspray in the early 1990s opened her eyes to the health and environmental concerns associated with the use of agrichemicals. She later became the first certified organic beef farmer in the state of Wisconsin.

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## Cornucopia's Staff

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The Cornucopia Institute is virtually officed. Our staff works from home offices across the country. Not only does this model leverage your contributions in support of good food and farming (rather than paying for bricks, mortar, and utilities), but this has also allowed us to recruit the most qualified colleagues regardless of where they call home.

- [Marie Burcham, JD](#)
- [Jason Cole](#)
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### Linley Dixon, PhD

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Senior Scientist

Linley Dixon owns a vegetable farm (marketing through a CSA, farm to school, and at farmers markets) in Durango, Colorado, with her husband Peter and 4-year-old daughter

Raina. Prior to farming, she spent 15 years studying the impact of farm diversity on plant disease levels. Collecting and studying plant diseases on varied farms throughout the world has provided perspective on the various inputs required given different production practices.

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## Cornucopia's Policy Advisors & Volunteers

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We are very proud to have some of the most respected thinkers in the organic community and family farm movement among our advisors. In addition to our formal Policy Advisory Panel, dozens of others have generously contributed their time and professional and technical expertise in support of Cornucopia's mission.

Anais Beddard

Gary Cox

Jim Crawford

Jim Gerritsen

John Ikerd

Michael James

Kendra Kimbirauskas

Amanda Love

Jim Munsch

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Tom Willey

### Jim Gerritsen



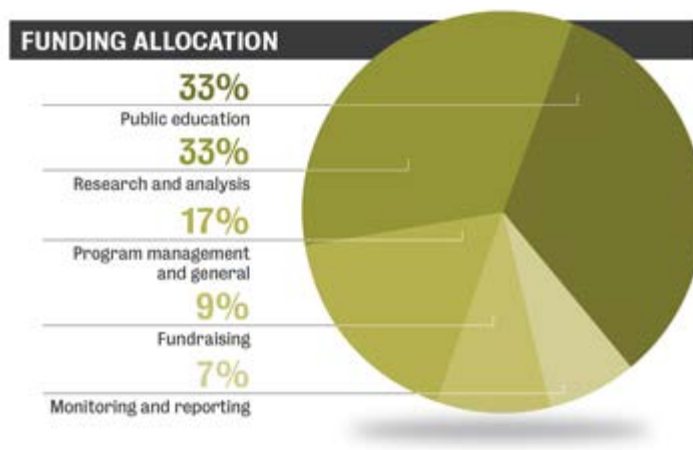
*Bridgewater, Maine*

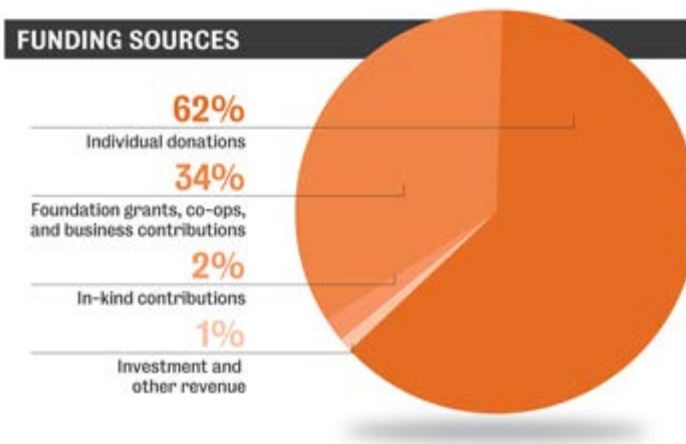
Jim Gerritsen, along with his wife Megan, is an organic farmer who has owned and operated Wood Prairie Farm in northern Maine for 38 years. Wood

Prairie Farm has been a MOFGA-certified organic farm since 1982. The Gerritsens are focused on the production of organic early generation Maine Certified Seed Potatoes, seed crops, vegetables and grain.

In addition to farming, Jim has been active in the

## Financial Information





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Our work is supported primarily through individual donor contributions from farmers and consumers. We do not solicit or receive any government funds. We are proud of the stewardship of our resources and are happy to share the following information with you.

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