

Organic Seed Project –
Production and
Networking
Initiative



At Greenbank Farm, we are growing community, farmers, food, and SEED, thanks to the Sustainable Path Foundation.



This is the Organic Farm School class of 2014... (on Plaidurday)



And this is the group of farmers that joined them on Oct. 6 for a workshop on Seed Harvest Techniques and Equipment



This is what all the excitement was about!
The thresher, now available for rent by local
farmers, that we paid for with Sustainable
Path funds!



It joins a seed cleaner and various other seed equipment in this snazy new trailer...easy for folks to transport as a unit rather than a bunch of pieces that must be kept up with.



Thanks to the vision of Sustainable Path, leveraging funds with our WSDA grant and PSE Foundation support, we are developing over 14 seed varieties this year.



And students are learning.....



“There is a huge difference between seed saving and seed development.”

“I’ve been surprised at how little knowledge there is about seed development among even experienced farmers.”

“A lot more goes into seed development than just growing plants. Having a community that can share in providing the various infrastructure pieces required is very important! Equipment, drying space, diversity of seed plots, etc.”

“I used to think saving seed was a way to save money. Now I know it’s a way to preserve diversity.”

“Being exposed to all of this, I now want to grow seed...I want to include it as part of my crop plan, part of my business plan.”

“Not knowing how to grow seed puts a farmer at risk for losing access to their favorite varieties...replacing a lost variety in a crop plan takes a considerable amount of time and can affect yields and the amount of labor required to take something to market.”



Students harvesting and drying Purple Mizuna seed.

We could say so much more...but we know time is tight on this night of gratitude so we'll just close by saying THANK YOU Sustainable Path Foundation!

You are doing things that have ripple effects, and we are so proud to be a part of that!

