SHARE THE PLATE

The Share the Plate recipient in January and February is Farm Fresh Rhode Island. Farm Fresh had a simple start with one undergraduate student at Brown University in 2004. Louella Hill's thesis project, with help from her advisory committee, evolved into the Sustainable Food Initiative. Some of her fellow students went out to local farms and helped source local food for Brown's Dining Services. By 2007 Farm Fresh RI became a nonprofit with a mission to grow a local food system that values the environment, health and quality of life of the farmers and eaters in the region.

Farm Fresh has implemented many programs to enhance the local food system in Rhode Island and surrounding areas with particular attention to farm viability and low-income access to fresh food. They operate a wide range of education and market building programs (including retail, wholesale, and processing) that engage and connect tens of thousands of eaters with thousands of farmers in New England.