

similar program during the '97 season. All participants felt that an ongoing program of this type would offer important assistance to future organic growers and herdspeople. Consequently, NOFA-NY has obtained funding from the Wallace Genetics Foundation to underwrite the operation of a mentoring program during 1997.

- B. The second program will maintain closer ties to the NOFA-NY Certification Program and will focus on farms that have been in full-time operation for two to three years in order to maximize the benefits mentors can bring to the participants. The one exception to this requirement will be a mentor relationship to be built with the City Gardens/City Farms program in New York City.

IX. Outreach:

- A. An article describing the results of the program will appear in May/June 1997 issue of *Organic Farms, Folks and Food*, the NOFA-NY Newsletter. A copy will be forwarded to the program upon publication.

I would personally like to thank SARE for its funding of this project. Organic farming in New York State will realize benefits from the relationships built within this program, both from improved farm planning models and from the commitment it has generated within experienced farmers to more fully participate in the training of those new to the field.

Okay for final 10%. J. Gardin
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