## Impact

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<td>New farmers trained</td>
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<td>CIAS reports, journal articles, book chapters</td>
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<td>1.5 million</td>
<td>Regional participants in Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch</td>
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<td>3,250</td>
<td>People reached through conferences, workshops and events</td>
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<td>$19,500</td>
<td>Awarded to 12 graduate students for research in sustainable agriculture and food</td>
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<td>$4,035</td>
<td>People reached through CIAS email lists and e-newsletters</td>
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<td>$3.6 million</td>
<td>Grants administered by CIAS</td>
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<td>$337,500</td>
<td>For first year of new CIAS cover crop project with USDA Dairy Forage Research Center and Michael Fields Agricultural Institute</td>
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<td>$750,000</td>
<td>Grant to initiate School for Urban Agriculture with nonprofit partners</td>
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Rick Adamski, Full Circle Farm, Seymour
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