

2007 NCAT Annual Report

Spotlight on Local Food



NCAT's Mission

Helping People by championing small-scale, local, and sustainable solutions to reduce poverty, promote healthy communities, and protect natural resources.

The National Center for Appropriate Technology is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1976. NCAT's innovative and diverse projects in the fields of sustainable energy, sustainable agriculture and rural community development are supported by foundations, government and private sector grants and contracts and through individual contributions and memberships.

NCAT has more than thirty years of experience in helping people learn more about technologies and practices that save energy and resources in the home, farm, workplace, and community. NCAT spreads information about sustainable energy, agriculture, and community development by conducting trainings, producing and distributing publications and newsletters, creating and administering websites, overseeing grant projects, installing demonstrations, and operating telephone help lines. Throughout our history, we've worked with other nonprofit organizations, local, state, and federal



Rex Dufour, NCAT's California office Field Director, makes a point.

government agencies, corporations, and small businesses to help all of them reach their diverse audiences effectively.

NCAT not only provides information, but is an active participant in putting social justice and appropriate technologies into practice to help people. For example, NCAT pays its employees a living wage, participates in job training programs, and offers students internship opportunities. NCAT is working with other organizations to help communities understand and address the causes and impacts of climate change. And NCAT is reducing its own environmental impact by generating and using renewable energy, spearheading electronics recycling efforts, reducing waste, and promoting local food projects. In 2007 NCAT hosted a second annual festival at its Butte, Montana, headquarters, so that community members of all ages could learn more about practices and products that promote sustainability.

NCAT is about helping people employ sustainable solutions.



Vendors and exhibits at NCAT's 2007 SustainabilityFest.

You can support NCAT and our continued project work by donating online, by sending a contribution to NCAT, or by joining NCAT. Members receive NCAT ACTION, a quarterly newsletter featuring local solutions for a sustainable future. For more information, visit the NCAT website at www.ncat.org.

A Message from the Executive Director

The year 2007 marked NCAT's 31st year of operation. That's a long time for an issue-oriented nonprofit organization to be in business. But the issues that NCAT addresses are becoming ever more relevant in today's world. The kind of appropriate technology that NCAT has been promoting for more than three decades is increasingly being seen as an important part of the solution to major global challenges such as climate change and energy and food security.



Appropriate technology—tools and strategies suited in cost and in scale to the situation where they will be applied—is now being more widely recognized for the cultural and environmental advantages it can offer. NCAT is active in introducing, demonstrating, and supporting the adoption of appropriate technologies for individuals, small businesses, and large and small communities. From teaching farmers more about making their own renewable fuel on site to coordinating more efficient lighting installations for businesses, NCAT is helping people by matching appropriate technologies to current



Kathy Hadley talks with Montana Senator Jon Tester during his visit to NCAT headquarters.

problems, to deliver effective solutions.

NCAT is helping people find ways to reduce their energy and food risks. We're working to help establish strong local food systems and effective renewable energy systems. Whether we're training farmers in saving fuel, helping farmers' markets expand their producer and customer bases, or identifying energy efficiency opportunities in construction, NCAT's

far-reaching projects are making a real difference to people in communities across the country.

All the mainstream public interest now being devoted to topics like biofuels, local foods, and energy savings opens many new opportunities for NCAT. It also means that there's a rush by other companies and organizations to enter what are perceived as growing markets. It's a time when NCAT's trusted and long-standing expertise in the fields of sustainable energy and sustainable agriculture is particularly valuable to the people we serve.

The past year has seen NCAT continuing with some well-established projects that are becoming ever more important as successful models of appropriate technology. In addition, we're launching new projects and even opening new regional offices to make sure that we keep pace with the evolving needs of our clients and our country. I invite you to explore this Annual Report to learn more about our organization and the exciting and important work we have done in 2007.



Local Food Projects: Sustainable Solutions for Healthy People and Communities

Across the country, interest in local food is growing. The number of farmers' markets is increasing, media coverage of local foods is everywhere from the bookstore to the daily newspaper, and all kinds of groups are sponsoring "Eat Local" challenges. The popularity of local food is driven by health, environmental, economic, and even social considerations.

Local foods can promote food justice by improving underserved communities' access to fresh foods, can strengthen local economies, and can reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with food transportation. Meanwhile, connoisseurs know that food that doesn't have to be shipped thousands of miles can be fresher and tastier, and local farmers may offer varieties and products not available at standard grocery stores.

NCAT is at the forefront of the local food movement with a number of timely projects that are not just encouraging consumers to shop locally, but are spreading the real benefits of local food to a larger community. NCAT projects are building farmers' capacity to produce and market food, and improving access to healthy local foods for underserved populations.

Growing Farmers to Strengthen Local Food Systems

In the summer of 2006, NCAT and project partners received funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for a multi-year project in the Gulf States focusing on training



NCAT is helping to develop farmers' markets that link producers and consumers.

fruit and vegetable producers, supporting farmers' markets, and building capacity in partners and the agricultural communities in southern Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. The training component of the project is helping farmers to diversify their crops, extend their growing seasons, become vendors at local farmers markets, and diversify their marketing plans in order to manage some of the risks involved in farming.

As part of this project, NCAT organized training sessions for potential farmers' market producers, to help them learn about new techniques and crops. In addition, NCAT organized a tour of farmers' markets, packing facilities, and producers' farms in the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, area. The tour drew more than 65 enthusiastic participants, including producers who said afterward that they intended to change their practices as a result of what they had learned.

NCAT's work in the Gulf States has also involved cooperation with farmers' markets, to help them connect with vendors and work with local governments. NCAT is working in the hurricane-damaged region with a cluster of other W.K. Kellogg grantees, to help establish greater local food security.

NCAT is also working to strengthen local food systems in Southwest Iowa. The Wallace Foundation for Rural Research and Development and NCAT are collaborating in a project to coordinate strategic planning and related food system efforts. Under a grant from the Iowa West Foundation, NCAT program specialist Holly Born is serving as a local food systems coordinator for the region. The Southwest Iowa Food and Farm Initiative involves compiling a local food atlas, as well as investigating opportunities for a local foods distribution and light processing facility.



NCAT projects are promoting access to fresh, healthy food.

Promoting Economic Development through Local Food

Grow Montana is a broad-based coalition that promotes Montana-owned food production, processing, and distribution as a sustainable economic development strategy for the state. The project is led by NCAT, in cooperation with eight other steering committee members and support from many other organizations, agencies and businesses. A significant portion of this project's funding was provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Stranie Ventures and Kat Taylor.

Grow Montana has helped catalyze significant change in the two and a half years since the project began, including:

- conducting nationally recognized research on Montana agriculture's potential to meet more of the state's food needs;
- working with Governor Schweitzer's administration to host a statewide summit on food and agriculture;
- increasing Montana food producers' access to the state's wholesale food markets by updating the state's procurement and meat inspection laws; and
- launching the nation's first Food Corps, a team of full-time AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers creating "farm-to-cafeteria" programs in public educational institutions across the state.

In 2007 Grow Montana was recognized with a Montana EcoStar pollution prevention award for its efforts to increase the production and marketing of local food in Montana. This reduces transportation fuel use and air



Local food processing capacity at the Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center, a Grow Montana steering committee member.



Grow Montana Food Corps tours Dining Services at the University of Montana.

pollution, since locally grown food travels fewer miles.

In particular, the award noted the value of research that Grow Montana sponsored at The University of Montana, comparing the fuel use and greenhouse-gas emissions resulting from the transportation of a meal from conventional sources to the same meal sourced from Montana through the Farm to College program.

This research revealed that ingredients in a Montana burger and fries traveled only a third as many miles and produced a third less greenhouse gas emissions than conventionally sourced ingredients.

Grow Montana was also selected as the winner of the national 2007 Glynwood Good Neighbor Harvest Award, presented by the Glynwood Center in Cold Spring, New York. The Harvest Awards were created to highlight the creative work by individuals and organizations from across the country that do an exceptional job of supporting local and regional agriculture and



Nancy Matheson, GrowMontana project director for NCAT, and Crissie McMullan, project coordinator, accept the 2007 Glynwood Good Neighbor Harvest Award.

increase access to fresh, healthy food. There were more than 60 nominations submitted in 2007.

Increasing Low-income Access to Healthy Foods at Farmers' Markets

In 2007 NCAT began a three-year project to test the use of electronic benefits transfer cards (EBTs) in at least three farmers' markets in Montana. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the State of Montana. This project is enabling food stamp benefit recipients to purchase products from individual farmers' market vendors easily.

Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market, the Helena Farmers' Market and two farmers' markets in Missoula were selected to participate in the project. NCAT developed Farmers' Market Managers resources that helped prepare the individual markets to begin accepting EBTs. On September 8 the four markets enjoyed simultaneous kickoff celebrations that announced their new EBT service to the public.



An NCAT project is making it possible for food stamp recipients to purchase produce at farmers' markets in Montana.

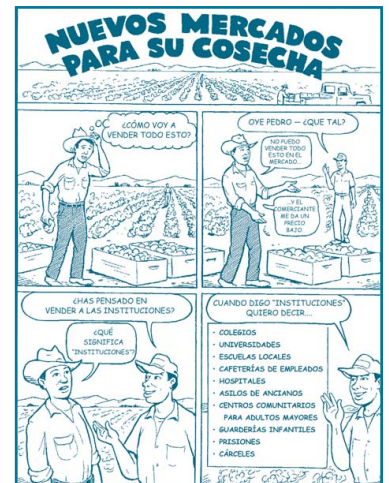
Training Immigrant Farmers to Reach New Markets

NCAT works with a number of different groups to help minority and immigrant farmers establish successful operations that offer local food. Projects in 2007 have trained farmers in recordkeeping and business planning, introduced them to organic certification, and helped them learn more about avenues for marketing their produce to local institutions. A workshop on organic strawberry growing in the Sacramento region was presented in Lao, Thai and English. NCAT also organized and participated in presenting a day of Spanish-language sustainable agriculture workshops during the 2007 Eco-Farm Conference in California.



New equipment allows farmers' markets to accept Electronic Benefits Transfer cards, and credit cards in some locations.

In 2007 NCAT re-released a pictorial narrative publication featuring illustrated panels with Spanish captions, to show farmers how to market their crops to local institutions such as colleges, hospitals, senior centers, schools, day care centers, and jails. Another illustrated publication, available in either Spanish or English, briefly explains the ecological ideas behind organic farming, and provides many sources of information about switching to organic methods. In addition, this year several key publications of NCAT's ATTRA project were translated into Spanish for the first time.



Farmer Robert Ramming describes his organic strawberry production techniques to immigrant farmers during an NCAT workshop in California.

Celebrating 20 Years Providing Sustainable Agriculture Assistance



NCAT marked 20 years of providing sustainable agriculture technical assistance to farmers across the country through our ATTRA project. Despite a reduction in 2007 federal funding for ATTRA, NCAT staff remained dedicated to serving the sustainable agriculture community: farmers, ranchers, educators, organizations, and individuals all over the country who are interested in employing sustainable agriculture practices in their operations.

Through the ATTRA project, NCAT offers referrals, publications, targeted research, training, and other educational products to people trying to make their agricultural livelihoods environmentally and economically sustainable. ATTRA provides free access to more than 300 publications on sustainable agriculture, in print and on its website. Agriculture specialists are available via telephone help lines, online, or by mail, to assist farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural professionals with their questions. Technical staff and ATTRA publications also provide resource for conferences, workshops and training sessions on sustainable agriculture across the United States.

Although the ATTRA project isn't devoted solely to local foods, it provides many resources that farmers, educators, market managers and other local food advocates have found helpful in their work. From publications on direct marketing to workshop presentations on achieving organic certification, the well-known and well-respected ATTRA project continues to be a key information source for food producers across the country.

ATTRA in numbers, January-September 2007

- * 24,608 information requests fulfilled with letters, publications, and other materials.
- * 1,056,012 publications/resource lists downloaded from the website
- * 2,277,290 unique visitors to www.attra.ncat.org.
- * Presentations given in 22 locations in six months, to audiences from 38 states.
- * 6,967 total subscribers to *Weekly Harvest* e-newsletter;
- * 5,002 subscribers to *ATTRAnews* added since July 2006.

Additional Sustainable Agriculture Projects

Helping Cotton Growers Learn Ecological Pest Management

NCAT's Sustainable American Cotton Project is bringing farmers and researchers from Arizona and Georgia to visit farms of their peers in California, to see firsthand how ecological pest management strategies such as habitat plantings are being applied. The project is funded by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Alternative Parasite Management for Sheep and Goats

The Southern Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control has partnered with NCAT to develop producer-

friendly publications and training materials that discuss new methods of managing internal parasites in sheep and goats. This project is aiding the entire small ruminant production industry, as producers struggle with parasites growing resistant to conventional treatments. In NCAT's work, special emphasis is being placed on organic control methods. NCAT is also evaluating the economics of alternative treatment methods.



NCAT is developing materials to help sheep and goat growers learn about new parasite treatment options.

Sustainable Energy Projects

In 2007 NCAT continued working for the 31st consecutive year to make residential, business and farm energy use more sustainable. NCAT projects focus on generating energy from renewable sources, saving energy by implementing efficiency measures, and helping low-income people access affordable energy sources.

Helping People in Need Find Energy Assistance

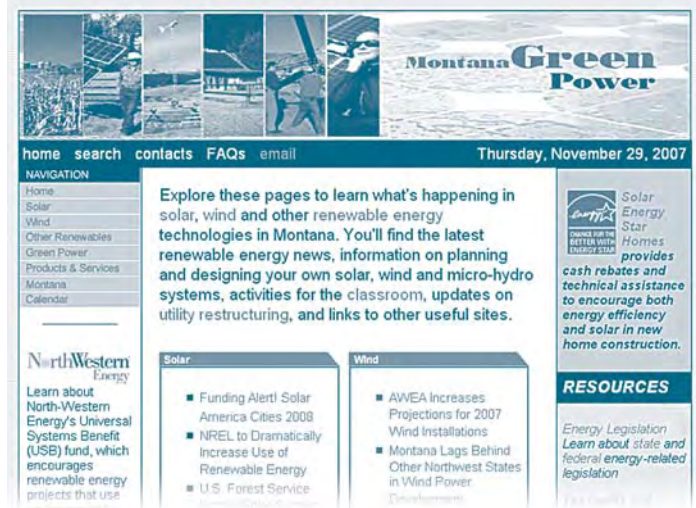
With energy costs rising, NCAT has seen a significant increase in calls to its National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) help line. NCAT staff responded to 23,578 requests for energy assistance referrals during the year, and the NEAR website, which provides the same referrals, received over 50,000 visitors. Support from the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Energy Assistance and a grant from the Energy Bar Foundation allow NCAT to continue offering personal referrals to people in need of help paying energy bills, helping them learn where they can apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in their own states.

Coordinating Low-Income Energy Information Exchange

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Clearinghouse is an NCAT project that assists



NCAT's energy staff refers thousands of callers each year to sources of energy assistance.



This website is one of the online renewable energy resources developed and maintained by NCAT.

in collecting, developing, organizing, and disseminating low-income energy issues information for low-income energy providers and low-income energy issue groups. The Clearinghouse goal is to expand and enhance information exchange on low-income energy issues with the national low-income energy network.

During the past year, project staff provided research assistance and background information for reports on energy issues published by national organizations such as AARP, the American Gas Association and the National Consumer Law Center. In addition, the Clearinghouse website had nearly a million visitors during its 2007 Program Year, a 45 percent increase over the prior year.

Disseminating Renewable Energy Information through Websites

Montana Green Power.com and Arkansas Renewable Energy.com are two similar websites created and managed by NCAT for the past several years. Both sites help educate consumers about renewable energy options and resources, and keep site visitors up to date on developments and applications involving renewable energy. NCAT works with NorthWestern Energy to administer the Montana-based site, and with the Arkansas Energy Office on the site for that state.

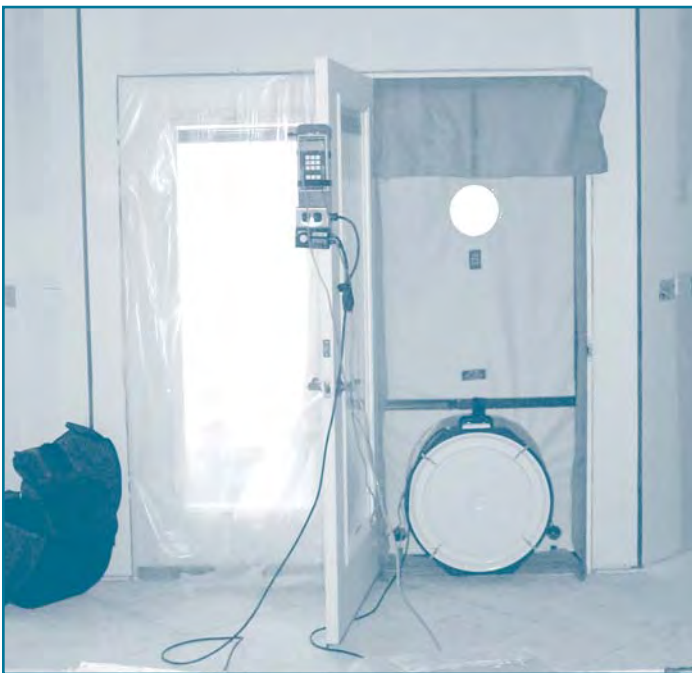
In addition, NCAT partnered with the Pennsylvania Commission on Economic Opportunity to develop and maintain an online course about solar energy retrofit design and installations, specifically for weatherization providers in Pennsylvania.

Promoting Energy-Efficient Home Construction

NCAT manages and implements an energy-efficient new home construction project in Montana. This involves training builders across Montana on energy-efficient building, overseeing the certification program for new homes, and marketing Northwest ENERGY STAR throughout Montana. In addition to operating the ENERGY STAR program, NCAT has also developed and implemented a solar electric grant program funded by NorthWestern Energy for certified ENERGY STAR Homes.



An ENERGY STAR-qualifying home under construction in Montana.



Blower-door testing is one way to determine home energy efficiency.

Improving Energy Efficiency at Montana Businesses

NCAT is working hard to save energy for small businesses, schools and construction customers in Montana by offering an energy efficiency program sponsored by NorthWestern



Energy, called E+ Business Partners. The performance-based project has NCAT energy engineers working with businesses in NorthWestern's service territory to reduce the amount of energy they use in lighting and other electrical applications. In this second year of the project, the energy saving achieved more than doubled,

with 5,347,531 kWh/Year saved in thirty facilities during the first nine months of 2007. This program helped Montana businesses save the amount of energy a 1.5 megawatt wind turbine would produce, but at just half the cost of building a new turbine. NCAT is also working with the utility to develop multi-family and residential electric energy efficiency projects.

Identifying Energy Opportunities

In 2007, NCAT energy specialists performed energy audits for Cherry Hill Research Farm, and for the Town of Pittsboro, North Carolina. These investigations revealed opportunities to save on energy costs through efficiency measures, as well as potential for utilizing renewable energy.



NCAT Energy Engineer Dave Ryan with Town of Pittsboro, North Carolina's Public Works Director John Poteat, during an audit of the town's energy facilities in July.

Spotlight: Farm Energy

Like local food, local energy—particularly renewable bio-based energy—is attracting unprecedented amounts of public attention. Nationally, rising energy prices and energy security concerns are causing a furor of activity in the renewable energy market, and especially in biofuels. Even as farmers are finding that they must reduce their own energy costs in order for their operations to remain economically viable, some are finding economic opportunities in growing fuel crops, developing renewable energy



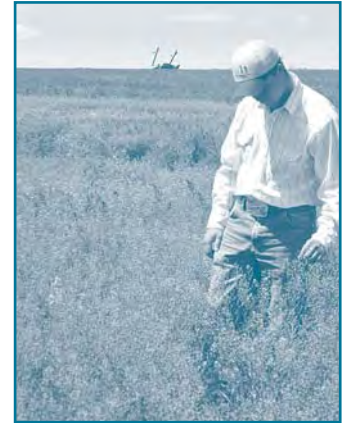
Participants in an Oilseed and Biodiesel Workshop held at Salish Kootenai College in Montana learned about oilseeds, biodiesel production, fuel quality, and regulation and taxation.

resources, and producing their own energy on the farm. NCAT is working with agricultural producers to conserve farm energy, to generate on-farm energy, and to access new biofuel crop markets.

Through several different projects, NCAT produced and distributed numerous farm energy resources in 2007.

- A handy online search tool for farmers and ranchers helps agricultural producers who are interested in funding and building renewable energy projects, reducing energy costs, and becoming more energy self-sufficient locate both technical and financial resources. There is no cost to use the search tool or to list a business or resource. Funding was provided by the USDA Risk Management Agency, through a project called “Building Farm Energy Self-Sufficiency.” The tool is located at www.attra.ncat.org/farmenergysearchtool.

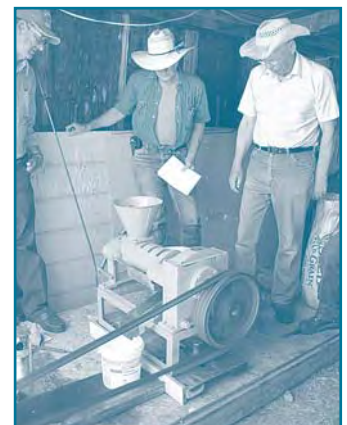
- An illustrated, easy-to-understand online guide is available for farmers and others who would like to learn more about biodiesel. “Biodiesel Production for On-Farm Use: A Curriculum for Agricultural Producers” was developed for NCAT by Piedmont Biofuels of North Carolina. This virtual quick course can be found online at www.attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/PDF/biodiesel_on_farm.pdf



One of the Innovations Grants recipients hosted a farm tour in June, where participants could view the oilseed camelina growing for on-farm fuel production.

- A Farm Energy website offers a portal to information on generating and using different types of renewable energy on the farm, as well as conserving energy in agricultural operations. The site lists information resources distributed by NCAT’s ATTRA project, and also provides summaries of current news, funding opportunities, and coming events in the field of farm energy. This website is located at www.attra.ncat.org/energy.php.

- A series of publications addresses farm energy topics. Production of these publications was supported by the USDA Risk Management Agency. Titles include *Renewable Energy Opportunities on the Farm*, *Locally Owned Renewable Energy Facilities*, *Conserving Fuel on the Farm*, *Small-Scale Wind Energy on the Farm*, and *Biodiesel Use, Handling, and Fuel Quality*.



A small oilseed crusher for on-farm biofuel processing, showcased through one of the Innovations Grants of NCAT’s Oilseeds for Fuel, Feed and the Future project.

- NCAT awarded seven “Innovations Grants” to Montana farmers, to test and develop oilseeds as rotational crops and sources of feed, food and fuel. The projects funded by these Innovation Grants, and showcased in tours and workshop presentations, were very diverse, ranging from on-farm testing of camelina, sunflower, canola and juncea production to engine performance testing of B20 biodiesel and straight vegetable oil to canola and camelina feeding trials.

- Four different Oilseeds and Biodiesel workshops were held to help Montana farmers interested in learning more about how to produce and use biodiesel and



Matt Rudolf, Executive Director of Piedmont Biofuels, a partner in producing NCAT’s biodiesel curriculum and presenting biodiesel workshops for farmers in North Carolina.

how to raise oilseed crops. Another workshop offered an all-day course on Biofuel Opportunities for California farmers. NCAT also organized several workshops for farmers in the Northeast, North Carolina, and Virginia, on ways to manage farm energy risk by reducing energy usage and using alternative, renewable energy sources. NCAT also collaborated with Montana’s Alternative Energy Resources Organization and Montana State University to present two free “Energy Saving on the Farm” workshops in Montana in February.



97 people attended the Fueling the Farm Workshop that NCAT co-sponsored in July at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

- A Community Meeting titled “Sustainable Agriculture: What’s Energy Got To Do With It?” was held by NCAT and the New England Small Farm Institute during the annual summer conference of the Northeast Organic Farming Association.



NCAT helps farmers save money and energy by offering publications and training on maintaining and operating irrigation pumps and other farm equipment efficiently.



A field of the oilseed crop camelina grows in Washington.

NCAT Offices

In 2007 NCAT opened two new regional offices. The first, located in Shavertown, Pennsylvania, offers NCAT a central location for its work in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. The second, in Hammond, Louisiana, provides a base for NCAT's continued work in the Gulf States region, particularly Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana.

The two new locations join a family of NCAT offices across the country. These offices "on location" help NCAT better

understand and serve the particular needs in different areas of the country, and aid NCAT in working with other local organizations and agencies to develop region-specific projects.

NCAT has chosen to co-locate its regional offices with other non-profit organizations, to facilitate collaboration and networking opportunities. Most NCAT offices are located in historic buildings—another way that NCAT helps sustain the fabric of communities and conserve resources.

A Quick Tour of NCAT Offices



NCAT's headquarters office has been located in the historic Silver Bow Poor Farm County Hospital building in Butte, Montana, since 1976. This

office houses many program staff and NCAT's Accounting, Personnel, and Information Services offices, as well as the Executive Director.



NCAT's Northeast office is located at "The Lands at Hillside Farms," a nonprofit organization that maintains an historic farm in Shavertown, Pennsylvania.

In addition to collaborating with "The Lands" in its farm restoration and diversification projects, the Northeast office is particularly active in local food systems and promoting sustainable agriculture and farm energy.



NCAT's Midwest office is housed at the Wallace Foundation for Rural Research & Development, at the Iowa State University Armstrong Research Farm in Lewis,

Iowa. In addition to providing NCAT a sustainable agriculture anchor in the heart of the Farm Belt, the Midwest Office is deeply involved in local food system development.



NCAT's Southeast office, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, is located on the first floor of the historic Walker-Stone House, built in 1845. It functions as a hub for NCAT's

sustainable agriculture activities throughout the Southeast.



NCAT's California office is located at the historic Glide Ranch in Davis, with the Community Alliance with Family Farmers. The California office helps NCAT to

meet the needs of a large and diverse agricultural community. It serves as a hub for NCAT's work with immigrant and Spanish-speaking farmers.



NCAT's Gulf States office is located on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University. It provides a base for NCAT's work in the area, including hurricane

recovery assistance, producer risk management, and strengthening local food systems.

NCAT Financials

Summary of Financial Information for NCAT Nonprofit Activities

	FY2007	FY2006	FY2005
Program income	\$3,616,761	\$3,961,924	\$4,094,201
Other income	54,271	97,600	142,718
	3,671,032	4,059,524	4,236,919
Program expenses	3,167,553	3,654,229	3,801,868
Indirect program expenses	310,373	365,424	380,469
Other (income)/expenses	(12,016)	12,800	4,378
	3,465,910	4,032,453	4,186,715
Change in Net Assets	\$205,122	\$27,071	\$50,204

Fiscal Year 2007 Financial Highlights

Balance Sheet at 09/30/07

ASSETS

Cash	\$1,305,386
Accounts receivable	329,617
Other current assets	95,443
	1,730,446

Property and equipment	1,186,898
Accumulated depreciation	(932,575)
	254,323

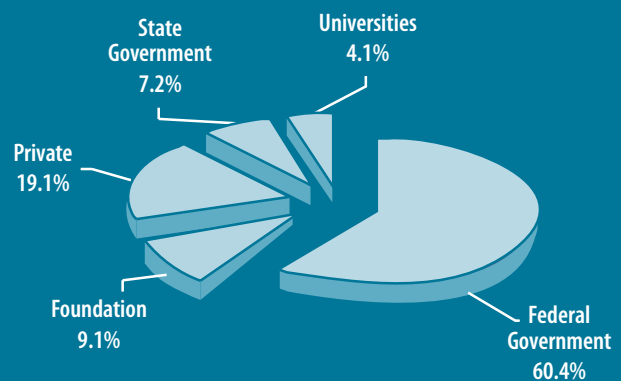
Other assets	201,928
	\$2,186,697

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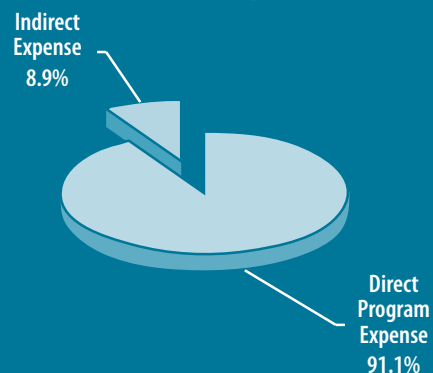
Accounts payable	\$172,358
Accrued expenses	223,065
Deferred income	562,377
	957,800

NET ASSETS	1,228,897
	\$2,186,697

By Funding Source



Program Expenses as Percent of Total Expense



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NCAT Chairman George Ortiz and Jacqueline Hutchinson listen to Vice Chairman Gene Brady during a tour given as part of an NCAT board meeting in Pennsylvania.

Energy Engineer Dave Ryan conducts an energy audit.

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Research Specialist Holly Hill staffs an NCAT booth at a Sustainability Fair.



Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Communities Program Manager Teresa Maurer with 2007 Intern Margaret Smith.

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25 x '25 (the Energy Future Coalition)
Accokeek Foundation
Agricultural Land Based Training Association
Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy
Arkansas State Energy Office
Artemis Common Ground
Biodiesel Council of California
Bullitt Foundation
Butte-Silver Bow County
Cachuma Resource Conservation District
California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) Go Organic Project
California Department of Food & Agriculture
California Farmlink
California Institute for Rural Studies

Funder Spotlight: Fanwood Foundation

The Fanwood Foundation is a long-time supporter of NCAT in Montana. Their generous support has funded special events such as NCAT's SustainabilityFEST, as well as ongoing project work in sustainable energy and agriculture.

California Small Farm Conference
Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
Center for Environmental Farming Systems
Center for Rural Affairs
Climate Solutions
Commission on Economic Opportunity
Community Alliance with Family Farmers
Community Food Security Coalition
Crescent City Farmers Market
Cultivators
Dawson County Farm to Table
East Bay Asian Youth Center
Ecological Farming Association
Energy Bar Foundation
Experience Works
Fanwood Foundation
Florida A&M University - Small Farms Program
Floyd Boulevard Local Foods Market
Fluid Market Strategies
Hmong America Inc
Iowa West Foundation
The Johnson Foundation
Kat Taylor
W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture
The Lands at Hillside Farms
Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
marketumbrella.org
Midwest Ag Energy Network
Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center
Montana Department of Agriculture
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
Montana Farmers Union
Montana Food Bank Network
Montana Grain Growers Association
Montana Organic Producers Cooperative



Grow Montana coalition members and supporters look on as Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer signs local food legislation sponsored by Grow Montana.

Montana State University
MSU-Extension
Montana Tech - University of Montana
National Biodiesel Education Program
National Energy Center for Sustainable Communities
National Wildlife Federation
New England Small Farm Institute
North Carolina State University
Northeast Organic Farming Association
NorthWestern Energy
Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
Nuestra Raices
O'Sullivan and Assoc.
Pam Mavrolas & Assoc.
Pennsylvania Million Solar Roofs Partnership
Piedmont Biofuels
Presidential Climate Action Project
Rural Advancement Foundation International
Salish Kootenai College
Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District
South Dakota Wildlife Federation
Southeast Asian American Farmers Association
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control
Southwest Marketing Network
Stranie Ventures, LLC
Sustainable Agriculture Education
Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program
Sustainable Conservation
Tuskegee University
U.S. Department of Agriculture
USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service/ Outreach to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers
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