Appendix 1:

Tables

The following tables were developed using data collected through the survey conducted by MOFGA in 2015 of past and present journeypersons.

Table 1.
The majority of journeypersons market 50 percent or more of their products through direct market channels. A significant number of farmers also market some of their products, 25 percent or more, through wholesale markets. This diverse display of markets not only underscores the strong connection of journeyperson farmers with their local communities, but also highlights their ability to grow and expand into wholesale markets as additional sales outlets are needed to support growing businesses.

Table 2.
The many areas where journeyperson farmers have increased their businesses since their tenure as a journeyperson are highlighted here. Eleven of the 13 categories show significant increases. All of the 11 categories of significant increase demonstrate business, operations, and capacity improvements for farm viability and success.

How farms have changed/improved post Journeyperson participation

Areas of farm operation

- Overall production
- Farm income
- Land in pasture
- # of marketing outlets
- # of farm enterprises
- # of employees
- Overall farm household or retention
- Employee compensation or financing
- Accessed credit/financing
- Trained apprentices
- Mentored jouneypersons

Number of reporting farms

- Increased
- Unchanged
- Decreased
- Not a goal
Table 3.
The Journeyperson Program is providing particular impact in whole farm planning, business planning, production expertise, and soil/pest/disease management. Two areas that were often noted in comments by survey respondents as valuable elements of the Journeyperson Program were the connection to a network of supporters that extended long beyond program years and free access to additional MOFGA trainings through the Farmer-to-Farmer conference as well as other MOFGA workshops and events.
Table 4.
The majority of journeypersons manage between 5 and 100 acres with a significant number between 20 and 100. Seventy-two percent of reporting farmers manage over 5 acres, 12 percent are managing larger tracts, 100 acres and beyond.