

# NNEF Bast Fiber Feasibility Survey Results



# Grower Survey Results

*This survey was created by the Bast Fiber Committee of the Northern New England Fibershed as part of the research being conducted in the recently awarded grant. If you are a flax or hemp grower or if you are interested in growing flax or hemp, this survey is for you!*

## **What is a bast fiber?**

*Bast fibers are fibers that come from the stems of plants that can be used as textiles. This survey focuses on two historic bast fibers grown in this region: flax and hemp.*

*This survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Thank you for your time!*

## Subsection: Introduction

### 1. Email

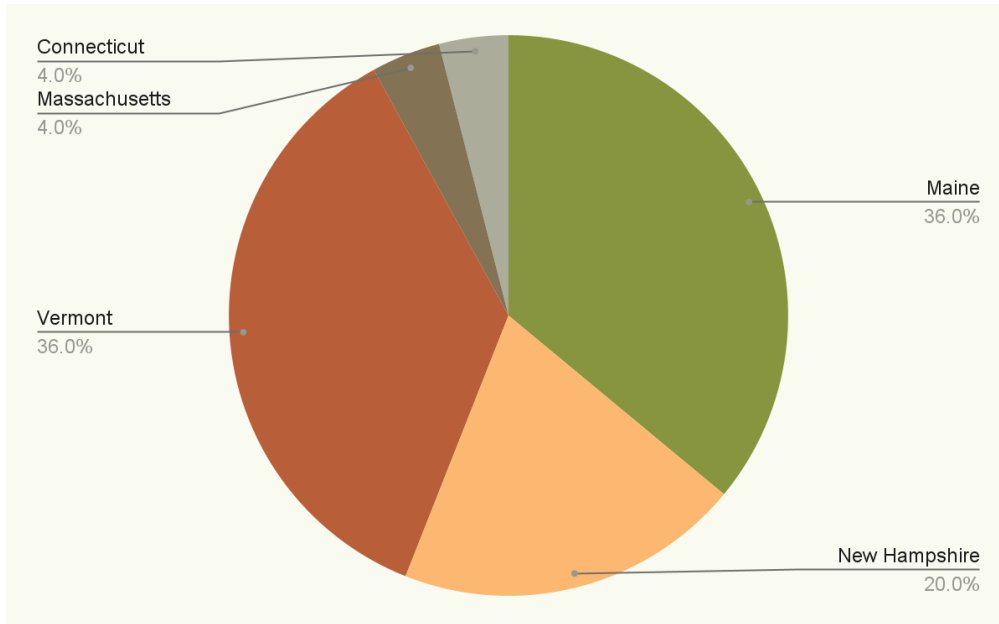
*Free-form answer*

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### 2. Where in New England are you located?

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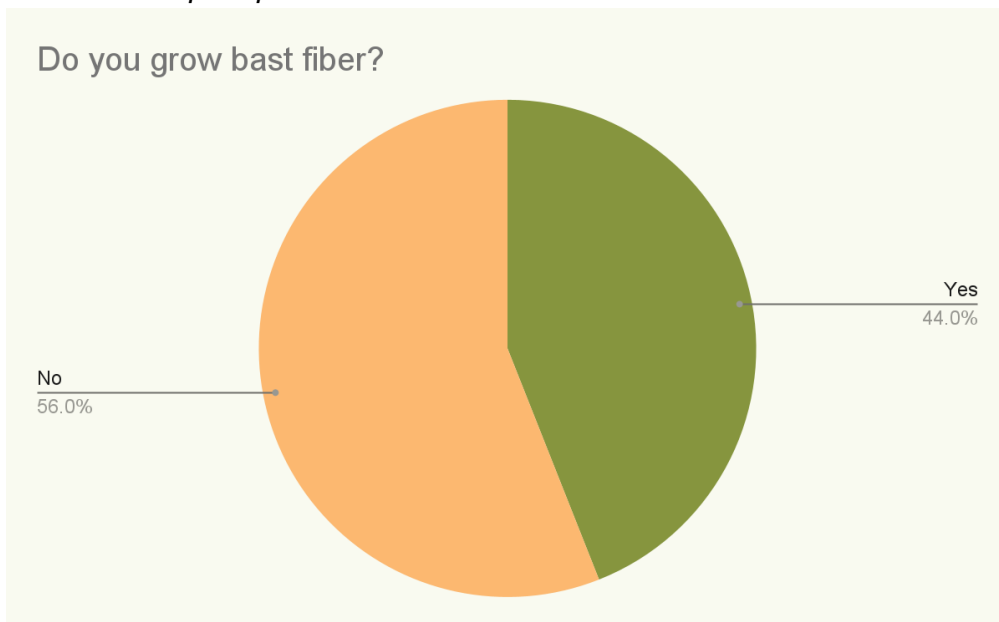
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Vermont
- Massachusetts
- Connecticut
- Rhode Island
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



### 3. Do you grow bast fiber? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes Skip to question 4
- No Skip to question 44



## Subsection: Flax or Hemp

4. What type of bast fiber do you grow?

Mark only one oval.

- Flax Skip to question 5
- Hemp Skip to question 15
- Both Flax & Hemp Skip to question 25
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

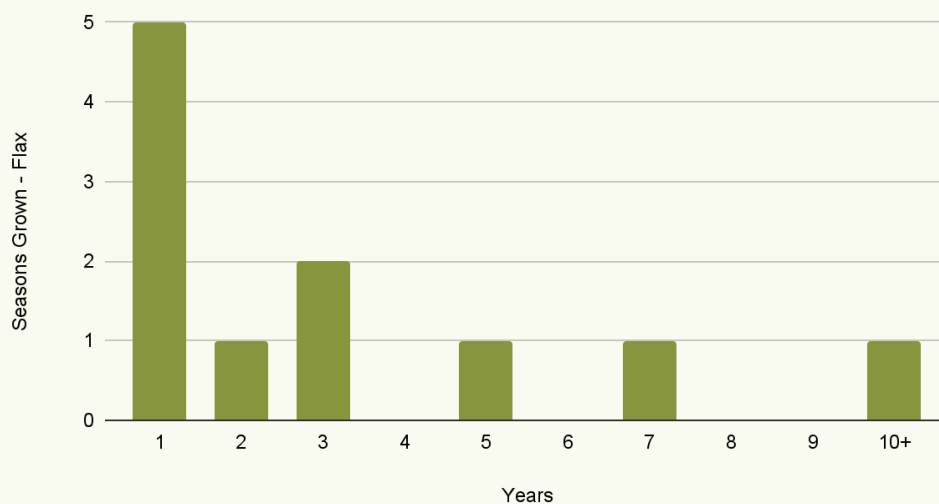
## Subsection: Flax Growers

5. How many seasons have you grown flax?

Mark only one oval.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10+

Seasons Grown - Flax vs. Years



6. How much flax have you grown in a season?

*Please answer in sq ft or acreage with the unit included*

*Free-form answer*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Square Feet</b>
20 sq ft	20
500sf	500
60 sq ft	60
Max 15ftx15ft	225
200 sq ft	200
1000sqft	1000
20 sqft	20
50x50 sq ft	2500
200sq ft	200
18 sq ft	18
0.5 acre	21780
<b>Total</b>	<b>24505</b>

7. What varieties of flax have you grown, if known?

*Free-form answer*

**Varieties:**

- *Linore*
- *Avian, Gossamer, Suzanne, others*
- *Lenore*
- *Linum perenne*
- *Nathalie*
- *Different varieties*
- *Avian and Nathalie*
- *Nathalie*
- *Linore*

8. Where do you source your flax seeds?

*Free-form answer*

**Answers:**

- *Have sourced from Two Looms Textiles and Andrea Myklebust in the past, plan to order from Landis Valley this year*
- *Hermitage, Two Looms, Chico, Fiberevolution*

- *A friend from the Internet*
- *Richters*
- *Landis Valley Heirloom Seeds*
- *Use for following year*
- *The Hermitage in PA and the Woolgathers in MI*
- *Landis Valley Association*
- *Andrea Myklebust Flax to Linen class*

9. Do you save your flax seed?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

Do you save your flax seed?	Count
Yes	2
No	7
Sometimes	1

10. Do you use any mechanized tools in your planting and harvesting for flax?

Check all that apply.

Hand tools only

Seed drill

Roller

Puller

Turner

Baler

Sickle mower

Decorticator

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use any mechanized tools in your planting and harvesting for flax?	Count

Hand tools only	6
Haven't gotten that far, I had a miserable year	1

11. Describe how you manage pests for your flax crop.

*Free-form answer*

**Answers:**

- *Hasn't been necessary*
- *Don't*
- *I'd be open to any legal approach.*
- *Didn't have a pest problem that I was aware of*
- *Rotation*
- *None*
- *No pests*
- *no pests yet*
- *haven't had to yet.*

12. List all products that are produced from your flax crop, including by-products

*Free-form answer*

**Answers:**

- *Handspun yarn/thread, straw for my garden*
- *Yarn*
- *NA*
- *2 crop failures do to weather, nothing was made*
- *Long line flax, tow, tow fiber grow mats*
- *Small amounts of linen yarn*
- *Still in process - getting ready to learn how to spin and weave.*
- *Twine*
- *long line and tow fiber*

13. How do you rett your flax fiber?

*Check all that apply.*

- Dew retting
- Water/tank retting
- I don't rett my flax crop

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers:**

- *Water/tank retting*
- *Dew retting*
- *NA*
- *Dew retting, Water/tank retting*
- *Dew retting, Water/tank retting*
- *Dew retting*
- *Water/tank retting*
- *Dew retting*

14. Describe your soil amendment practices, if any.

*for example, fertilizer, crop rotation, cover crops, green manure, etc.*

**Answers:**

- *Addition of MooDoo compost in the spring, crop rotation*
- *Cover crop and Compost*
- *Liquid fertilizer, crop rotation*
- *Lime and compost we make from our Livestock waist*
- *Compost, manure, rotation, cover crops*
- *Vt compost fort Vee amended*
- *Compost, cover crop*
- *Chicken manure*
- *Crop Rotation, Compost Application before planting*
- *I plan to do crop rotation in the following seasons*

*Skip to question 46*

## Subsection: Hemp Growers

15. How many seasons have you grown hemp?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

- 9
- 10+

**Answer:**

- 1

16. How much hemp have you grown in a season?

*Please answer in sq ft or acreage with the unit included*

*Free-form answer*

**Answer:**

- 200 sq ft

17. What varieties of hemp have you grown, if known?

*Free-form answer*

**Answer:**

- *Can't remember*

18. Where do you source your hemp seeds?

*Free-form answer*

**Answer:**

- *Hemp Traders*

19. Do you save your hemp seed?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

**Answer:**

- No

20. Do you use any mechanized tools in your planting and harvesting?

*Check all that apply.*

Hand tools only

Seed drill

Roller

Puller

Turner

Baler

Sickle mower  
Decorticator  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

- *Hand tools only*

21. Describe how you manage pests for your hemp crop.

*Free-form answer*

**Answer:**

- *Don't*

22. List all products that are produced from your hemp crop, including by-products

*Free-form answer*

**Answer:**

- *Yarn*

23. How do you rett your hemp fiber?

*Check all that apply.*

Dew retting  
Water/tank retting  
I don't rett my hemp crop  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

- *Dew retting*

24. Describe your soil amendment practices, if any

*Free-form answer*

**Answer:**

- *Cover crop and Compost*

*Skip to question 46*

## Subsection: Hemp & Flax Growers

25. How many seasons have you grown flax?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10+

**No Answers**

26. How many seasons have you grown hemp?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10+

**No Answers**

27. How much flax have you grown in a season?

*Please answer in sq ft or acreage with the unit included*

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

28. How much hemp have you grown in a season?

*Please answer in sq ft or acreage with the unit included*

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

29. What varieties of flax have you grown, if known?

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

30. What varieties of hemp have you grown, if known?

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

31. Where do you source your flax seeds?

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

32. Where do you source your hemp seeds?

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

33. Do you save your flax seed?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

**No Answers**

34. Do you save your hemp seed?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

**No Answers**

35. Do you use any mechanized tools in your planting and harvesting for flax?

*Check all that apply.*

- Hand tools only
- Seed drill
- Roller
- Puller
- Turner
- Baler

Sickle mower  
Decorticator  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**No Answers**

36. Do you use any mechanized tools in your planting and harvesting for hemp?

*Check all that apply.*

Hand tools only  
Seed drill  
Roller  
Puller  
Turner  
Baler  
Sickle mower  
Decorticator  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**No Answers**

37. Describe how you manage pests for your flax crop.

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

38. Describe how you manage pests for your hemp crop.

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

39. List all products that are produced from your flax crop, including by-products

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

40. List all products that are produced from your hemp crop, including by-products

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

41. How do you rett your hemp fiber?

*Check all that apply.*

- Dew retting
- Water/tank retting
- I don't rett my hemp crop
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**No Answers**

42. How do you rett your flax fiber?

*Check all that apply.*

- Dew retting
- Water/tank retting
- I don't rett my hemp crop
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**No Answers**

43. Describe your soil amendment practices, if any.

*Free-form answer*

**No Answers**

*Skip to question 46*

## Subsection: Future Growers

44. I would consider growing flax if:

*Check all that apply.*

- Seed sourcing resources were available.
- Educational resources were available.
- Harvesting help was available
- Retting and processing help was available
- Spinning lessons were available
- The storage of the harvested flax was available.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

- *planning my first crop for 2024!*
- *If there were processing options and it made economic sense. Perhaps a buyer who is aggregating for a local product?*

45. I would consider growing hemp if:

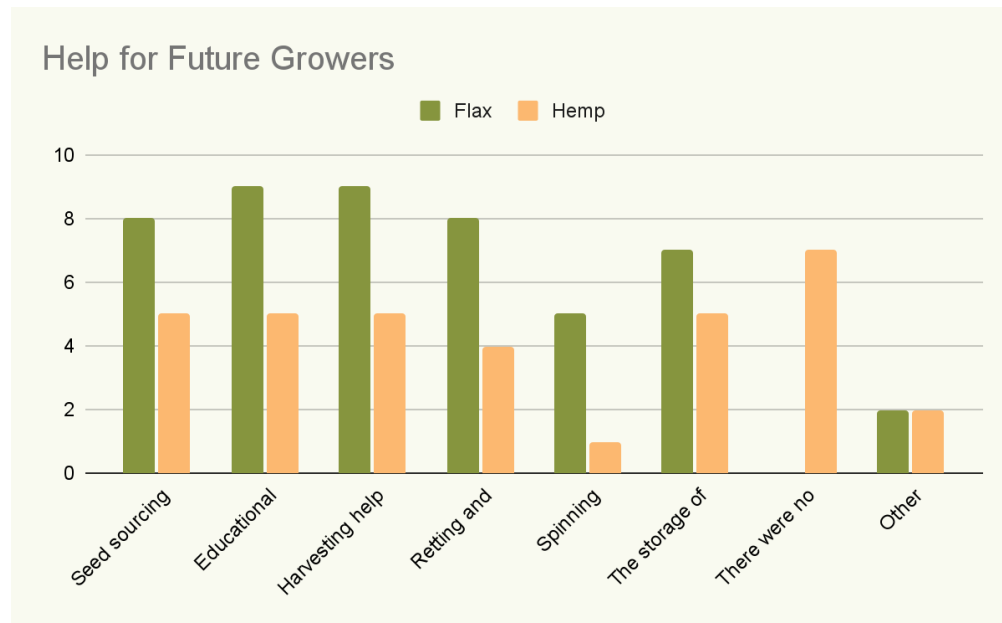
*Check all that apply.*

- Seed sourcing resources were available.

Educational resources were available.  
 Harvesting help was available  
 Retting and processing help was available  
 Spinning lessons were available  
 The storage of the harvested hemp was available.  
 There were no licensing and testing requirements.  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

- *would love to grow hemp; not sure I can grow it in CT*
- *If there were processing options and it made economic sense. Perhaps a buyer who is aggregating for a local product?*



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## Subsection: Wrap-up

46. What resources would help you grow fiber?

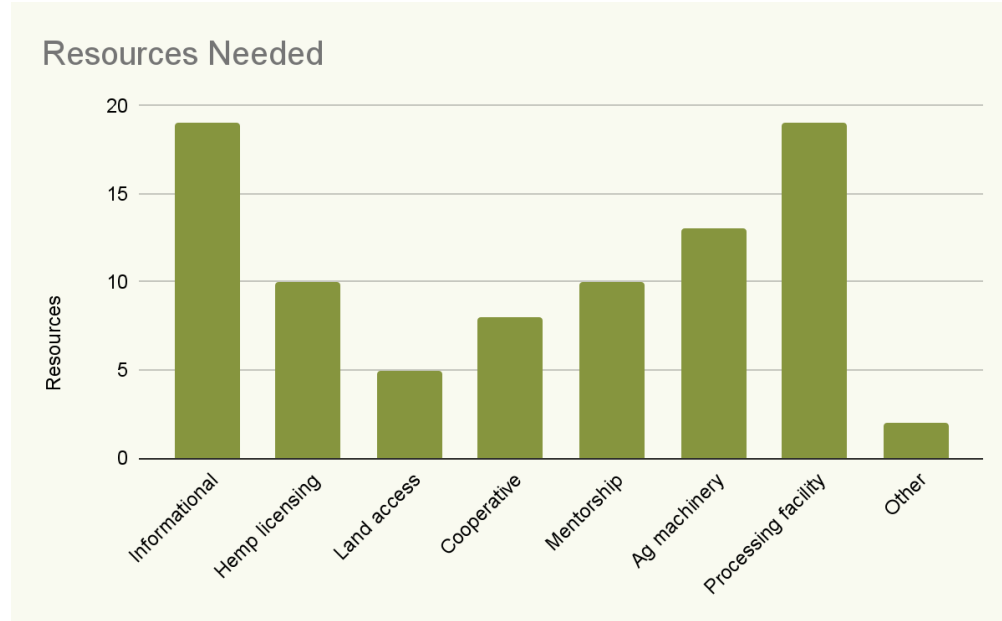
*Check all that apply.*

- Informational sessions on growing fiber crops
- Hemp licensing assistance
- Land access
- Cooperative growing model
- Mentorship
- Ag machinery access

Processing facility  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

- *A solid buyer with a forward contract.*
- *Staying home long enough to tend garden*



47. If I grew flax I would want to...

*Check all that apply.*

- keep the fiber for my own personal use
- sell the material to my own customers
- pool the fiber to be processed in bulk with other farmers
- donate the fiber to NNEF as an educational resource
- participate in ongoing bast fiber crop research in my region
- Not Applicable

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

- *Use to teach with: educational museums we work with*

48. If I grew hemp I would want to...

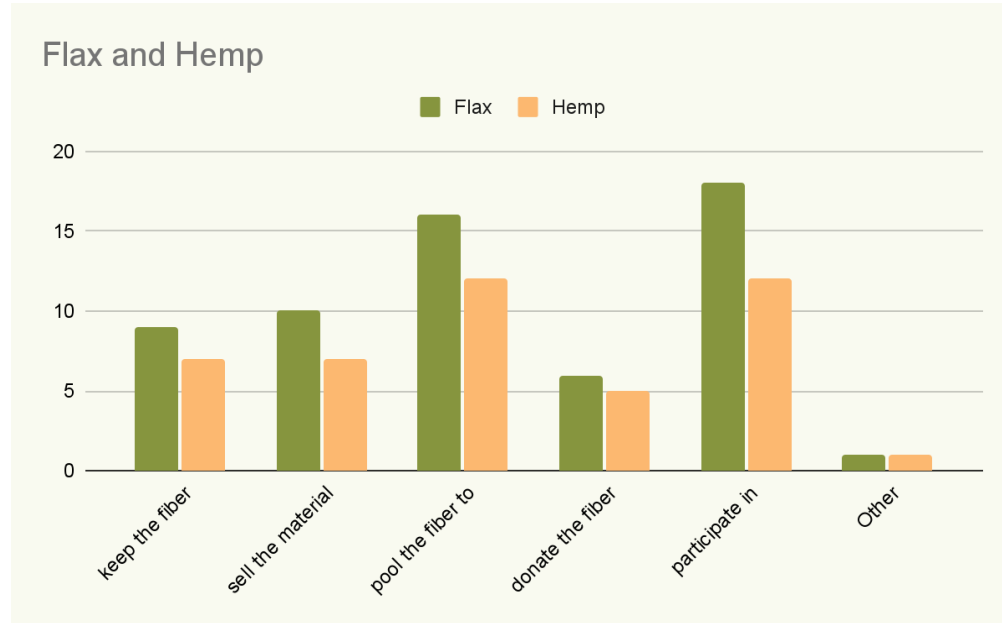
*Check all that apply.*

- keep the fiber for my own personal use
- sell the material to my own customers
- pool the fiber to be processed in bulk with other farmers
- donate the fiber to NNEF as an educational resource
- participate in ongoing bast fiber crop research in my region

Not Applicable  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

- *1st use it for my education...subsequently for others*

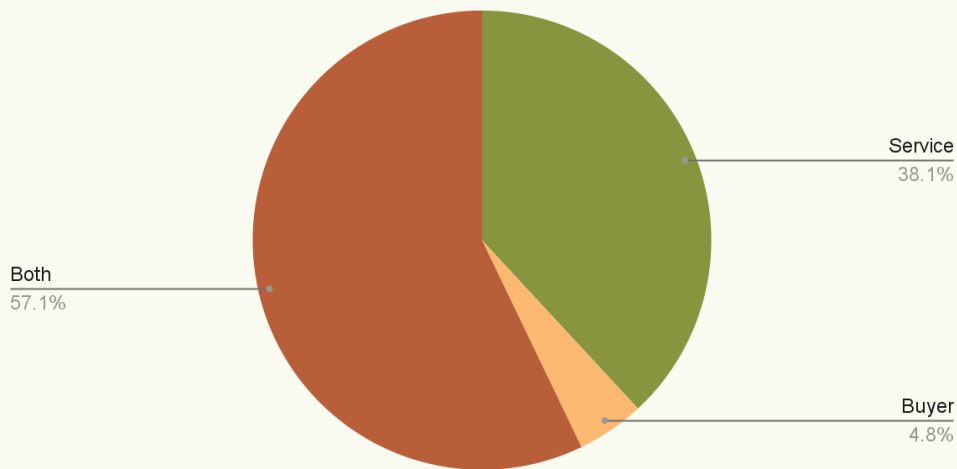


49. Would a bast fiber mill support your needs best as a custom processing service or a buyer for your crop?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Custom processing service
- Buyer
- Both as a customer processing service and as a buyer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Would a bast fiber mill support your needs best as a custom processing service or a buyer for your crop?



50. Are you affiliated with any ag organizations? If so, which ones?

*Free-form answer*

**Answers:**

- VSGA, NOFA-VT
- No
- Maine Fiber Shed
- Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society
- Cheshire County Conservation
- Nofa member
- Wednesday spinners
- NNFS, MOFGA
- The UNH Flax-to-Linen project is a collaboration between UNH History and Museum Studies (under the direction of Professor Kimberly Alexander) and the Sustainable Agriculture Department (working with Professor Becky Sideman) and the field was at the Woodman Farm. This year we are moving into the museum and living history community. More here: <http://www.theflaxprojectunh.com>
- ASTM & USHBA
- no
- No

51. Do you want to be added to the Northern New England Fibershed's newsletters?

*Check all that apply.*

I'd like to be added to the NNEF newsletter (~1 email a month)

I'd like to be added to the NNEF Bast Fiber Committee newsletter (~1 email a month)  
Please do not add me to any newsletters

## 52. Anything else you want to tell us?

*Free-form answer*

### **Answers:**

- *You're wonderful. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK! I make a blanket this year with Natural Linen warp and my wool in an oversized Herringbone pattern. VERY pretty, nice weight. Hoping to see if the Linen increases demand and in which parts of the country. Will keep you posted if I glean any verifiable data.*
- *I work as a technical service provider to farmers*
- *I'm currently embarking on an educational deep dive of all things closed loop fibers/textiles and I am so glad NNEF is here! So thank you. I have a background in farming (organic vegetables and lamb for meat) but have never grown anything for fiber. We moved to Hopkinton in 2019 and have explored lots of different ways to optimize our land use, and are currently thinking about ways in which we can participate in our regional fibershed in a meaningful way. Any suggested reading is welcome and appreciated! I'd also love to meet you all sometime! Warmly, Kristen*
- *I have the good fortune to work with and learn from Marion Dillon, Peter and Nancy Cook, Odediah Skolnick, Wendy Booth and so many others!*
- *If there were a processing facility available I would be able to grow a significantly larger amount of bast fiber. Right now the biggest barrier to my operation is having to process all of the fiber by hand.*
- *Interested in seeing how hard it would be to grow fiber flax.*

## Consumer Survey Results

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### **What do we mean by "local"?**

*We define "local" as materials sourced from within the region of New England.*

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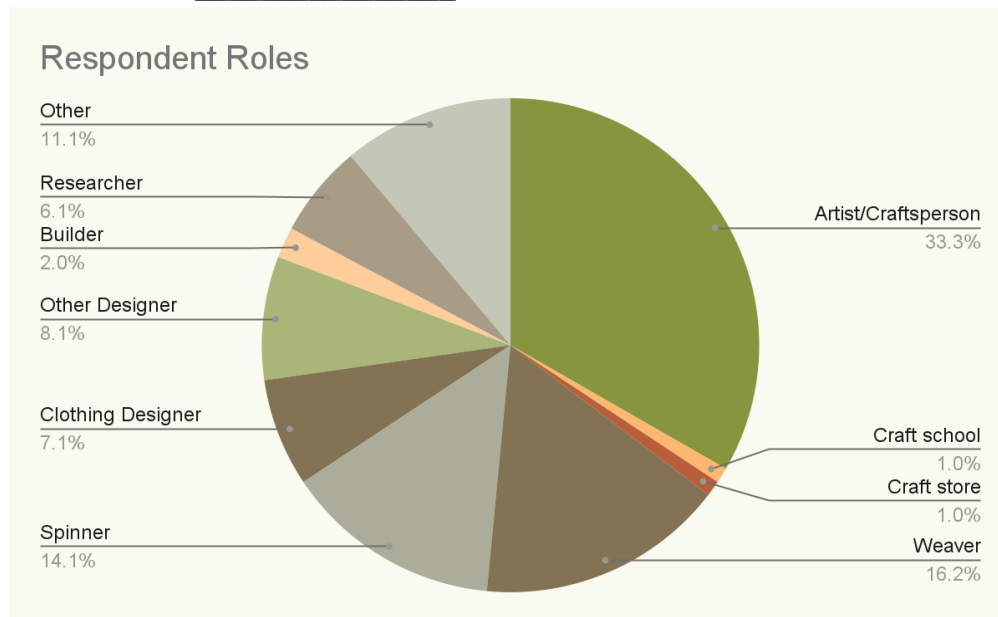
*Free-form answer*

**Answers omitted from report**

## 2. Who are you?

Check all that apply.

- Artist/Craftsperson
- Craft school
- Craft store
- Weaver
- Spinner
- Clothing Designer
- Other Designer
- Builder
- Museum/living history worker
- Researcher
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



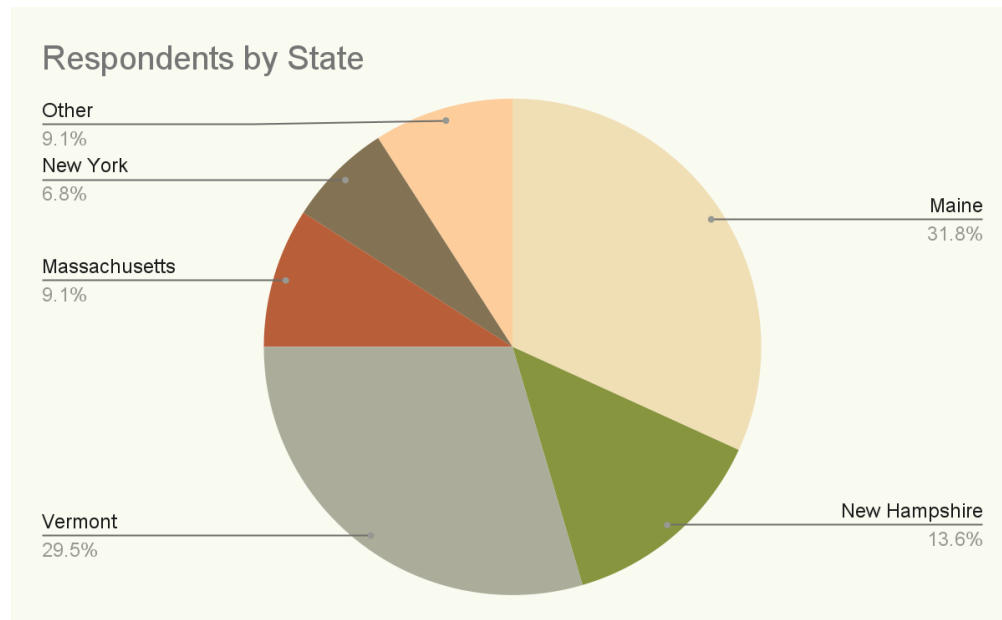
Other:

- Textile Activist*
- Natural dyer*
- Wool grower*
- Aggregator*
- designer and executor of LOCALLY sourced and made textiles*
- Casual historical costume maker*
- Sewist*
- Make my own clothes as much as possible*
- Farmer*
- Economic Development*
- I sew clothes and home goods for myself and my friends and family.*

### 3. Where in New England are you located?

Mark only one oval.

- Other:
- Maine
- Vermont
- New Hampshire
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut



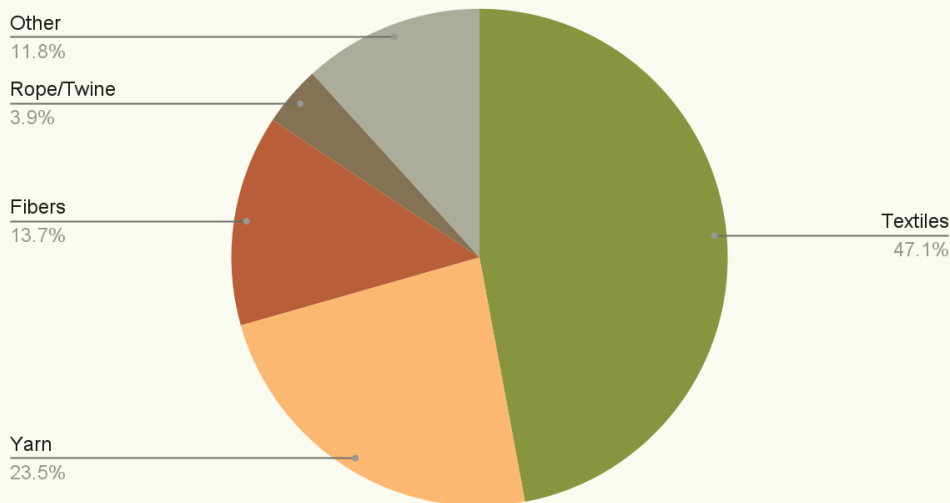
Other:

- Moving to Maine in a few months!*
- New Jersey*
- Georgia but I'm From Vermont*
- Michigan and North Carolina*

### 4. What is your product that uses hemp or flax material?

Free-form answer

## What respondents are doing with their bast fibers



### Answers:

*Clothing*

*Clothing, bags*

*Interior Textiles - primarily trims*

*Textiles*

*Handspun linen & artwork that involves handweaving with linen*

*Currently none. But as a buyer, I'd be interested in buying wholesale for dyeing and selling yarn.*

*Multiple Products*

*Have made hats*

*Weaving projects*

*Maine grown and processed naturally dyed natural fibers*

*Warp thread, lighter linen yarn for towline etc*

*Fashion textiles*

*sewing clothing for myself*

*Yarn, woven and knitted textiles, clothing and housewares*

*Weaving, knitting*

*Fabric*

*Linen cloth, workshops using flax fiber for spinning*

*I have purchased linen thread for spinning*

*Woven materials*

*Hand spun yarn and knitwear*

*Blanket, but I am designing another wearable for which I want either linen or hemp backing yarn*

*Yarn and rope, historical clothing*

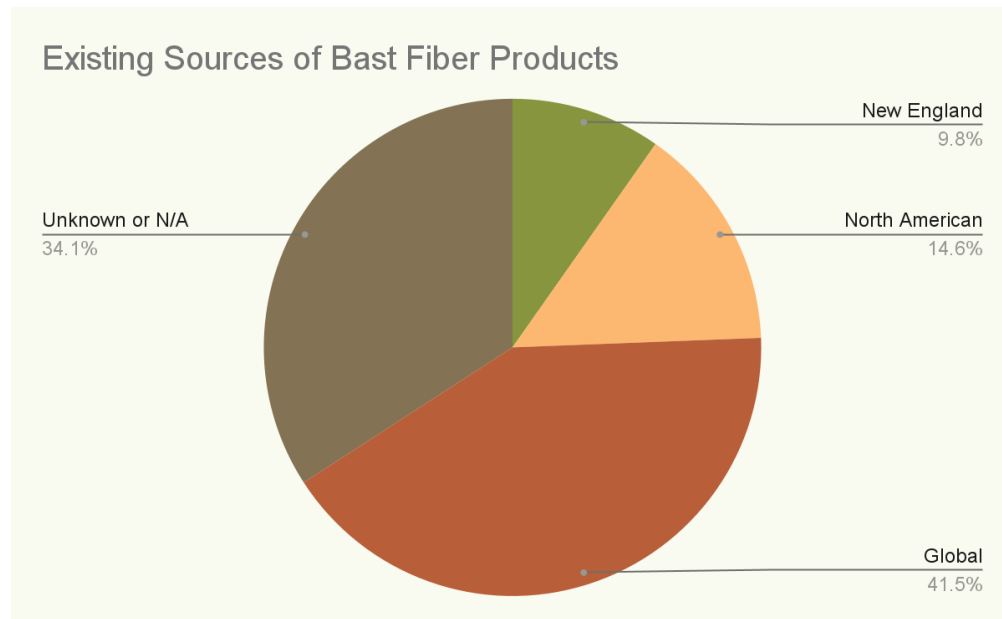
*I have not yet had the chance to work with raw hemp or flax but would love to use both in weaving and artwork. I use both materials as fabric in garment design/creation*

*I love linen yarn for knitting summer tees*

*Building insulation!*  
*Handspun yarns with flax. Working with linen fabric.*  
*I am an educator*  
*Clothing*  
*Hemp guitars*  
*Currently I design and sew shirts and dresses using linen and hemp fabrics.*  
*clothing*  
*Urn box linings*  
*Hemp particle board*  
*I use linen yarn for my weaving projects and I sew with linen fabric. I also buy flax stricks to spin.*  
*None yet*  
*Tomato twine*  
*Clothing, belts, hats, bags*  
*Wall hangings and table linens*  
*Clothing, kitchen linens, curtains, quilts.*  
*Future woven tablecloths*  
*Clothing*

## 5. If you purchase hemp or flax material for your work, where do you source it?

Free-form answer



Answers:

*Primarily sourced from a US company that imports from Europe--with OEKO-TEX certifications.*  
*California*  
*Sweden*

Georgia Yarn Co, Webs, Vastuga  
 Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival, Marshfield School of Weaving, Carriage House Paper,  
 Burnley & Trowbridge, Joann Fabrics, various antique stores  
 So far, I've just bought other indie dyers flax to work with. Claudia Paints for example  
 Various  
 Local yarn store, common ground fair  
 At yarn stores in New England or thru Etsy  
 Online; Webb's, etc  
 India  
 Fiddlehead in Belfast, ME  
 I mostly buy online at the moment; when what I need is available locally,, I buy from local  
 shops instead  
 Etsy  
 Hemp traders.com  
 Flax fiber from Taproot Fibre Lab, yarn from India  
 There are sources in Canada via etsy sites  
 New to working with linen, acquired from another weaver.  
 My local yarn store (sliver top)  
 Sadly, off shore, since there is NO U.S. processing.  
 Online, out of state  
 Online  
 yarn shops or small businesses.  
 Nowhere (yet)  
 Akers Farm, NH  
 I don't currently but would like to  
 Fabric stores or online or second hand shops  
 Ind Hemp  
 Various places. Kendor Mills (Canada), Merchant & Mills (UK), Fabric-Store.com (US),  
 Envirotexiles (US)  
 European mills, primarily Baltic/Poland region  
 Have not yet found a source  
 I have used Bear Fiber, Tiger Fiber, Hemp Traders and now we are processing our own  
 cannabis stalk waste  
 Bockens- linen yarn/Burnley & Trowbridge- linen fabric/Mallon Linen- linen stricks  
 Online  
 Canada and China  
 I'm using what I've had for years - need more at this point.  
 From online retailers such as Maiwa, Etsy, and Organic Cotton Plus (I haven't been able  
 to source domestic/local hemp).

## 6. What forms of bast fiber material do you currently purchase?

Check all that apply.

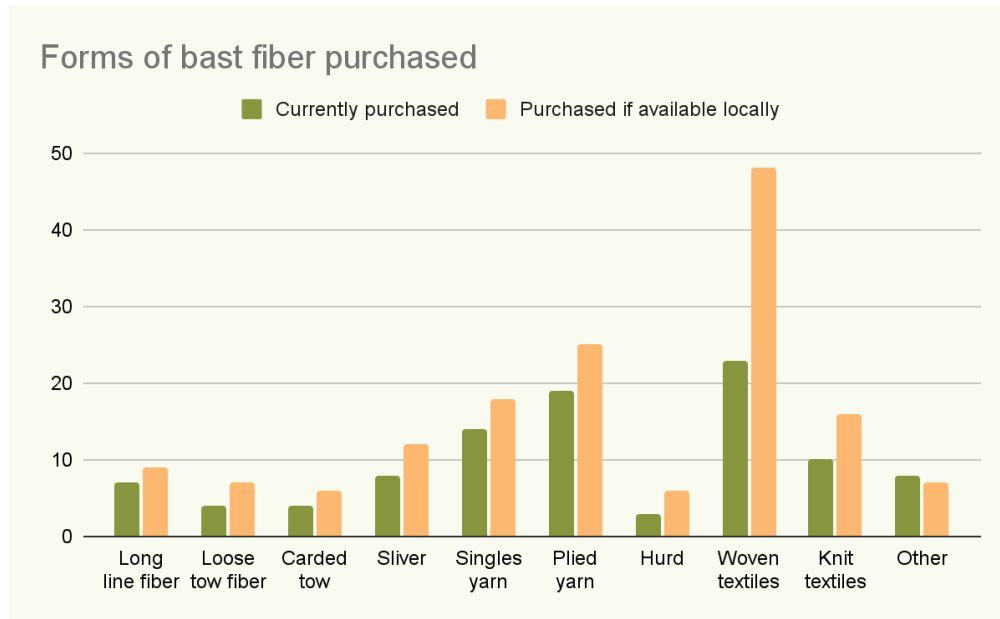
Long line fiber (stricks)

- Loose tow fiber
- Carded tow/tow roving (short tow fiber prepared for machine/hand spinning)
- Sliver (Long line fiber prepared for machine/hand spinning)
- Singles yarn
- Plied yarn
- Hurd (woody hemp by-product)
- Woven textiles
- Knit textiles
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. What forms of bast fiber material would you purchase if they were available from local sources?

Check all that apply.

- Long line fiber (stricks)
- Loose tow fiber
- Carded tow/tow roving (short tow fiber prepared for machine/hand spinning)
- Sliver (Long line fiber prepared for machine/hand spinning)
- Singles yarn
- Plied yarn
- Hurd (woody hemp by-product)
- Woven textiles
- Knit textiles
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



Other, Currently Purchased:  
*Linen thread for sewing*  
*flax linters for papermaking*

*Prefer apparel grade, need smooth*

*Interested in learning about other “byproduct” from flax and hemp production*

*I want to creat a matrix that holds form*

*Paper pulp*

*Sisal twine*

*Kenaf fibers*

Other, Purchased if available locally:

*I would be open to prepared fiber in both loose and roving/sliver form if that is how far we can get in the beginning*

*Prefer apparel grade, need smooth*

*Other residues/“leftovers”?*

*I am not familiar with these types yet*

*Paper pulp*

*Tomato twine*

*Kenaf*

## 8. What quantity of local fiber in lbs would you buy annually?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 0-9 lbs
- 10-49 lbs
- 50+lbs
- N/A

## 9. What quantity of local yarn in lbs would you buy annually?

*Mark only one oval.*

- 0-9 lbs
- 10-49 lbs
- 50+lbs
- N/A

## 10. What quantity of local textiles in yards would you buy annually?

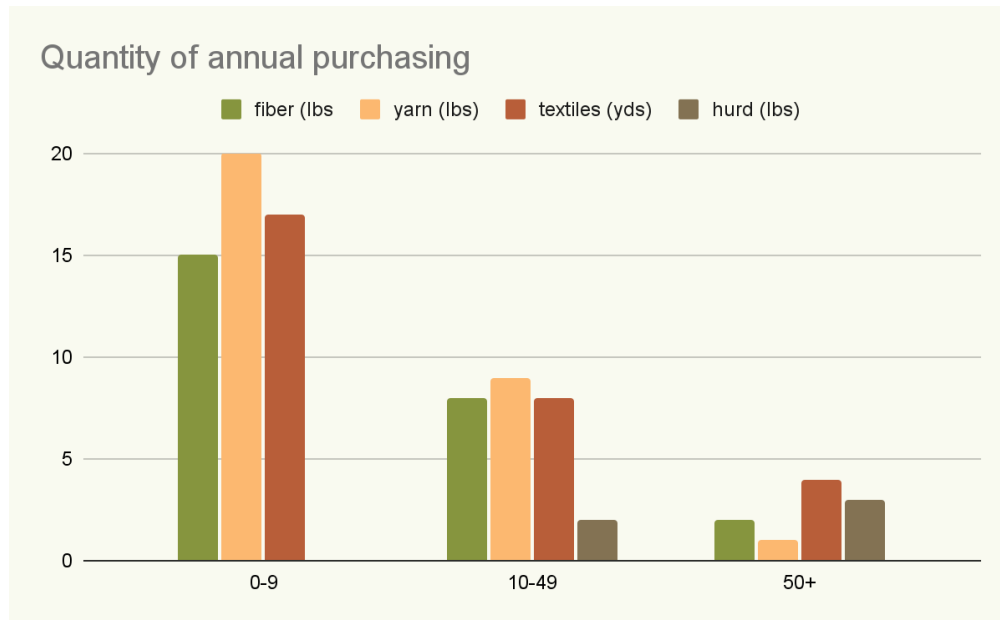
*Mark only one oval.*

- 0-9 yds
- 10-49 yds
- 50+ yds
- N/A

11. What quantity of local hurd in lbs would you buy annually?

Mark only one oval.

- 0-9 lbs
- 10-49 lbs
- 50+lbs
- N/A



12. How much would you be willing to spend on local grown fiber? For example, you can currently buy flax for \$56/lb line fiber and \$32/lb tow fiber.

Mark only one oval.

- Same price
- 1-9% increase (line \$56.56-\$61.04/tow \$32.32-\$34.88)
- 10-24% increase (line \$61.60-\$69.44/tow \$35.20-\$39.68)
- 25-49% increase (line \$70-83.44/tow \$40-\$47.68)
- 50-74% increase (line \$84-\$97.44/tow \$48-55.68)
- 75-100% increase (line \$98-\$112/tow \$56-\$64)
- I do not buy fiber

13. How much would you be willing to spend on locally made yarn? For example, Bockens (Sweden) singles linen yarn averages around \$60/lb.

*Mark only one oval.*

- Same price
- 1-9% increase (\$60.60-\$65.40)
- 10-24% increase (\$66-\$74.40)
- 25-49% increase (\$75-\$89.40)
- 50-74% increase (\$90-\$104.40)
- 75-100% increase (\$105-\$120)
- I do not buy yarn

14. How much would you be willing to spend on locally made textiles? For example, Linen textiles average \$22/yd at Burnley & Trowbridge

*Mark only one oval.*

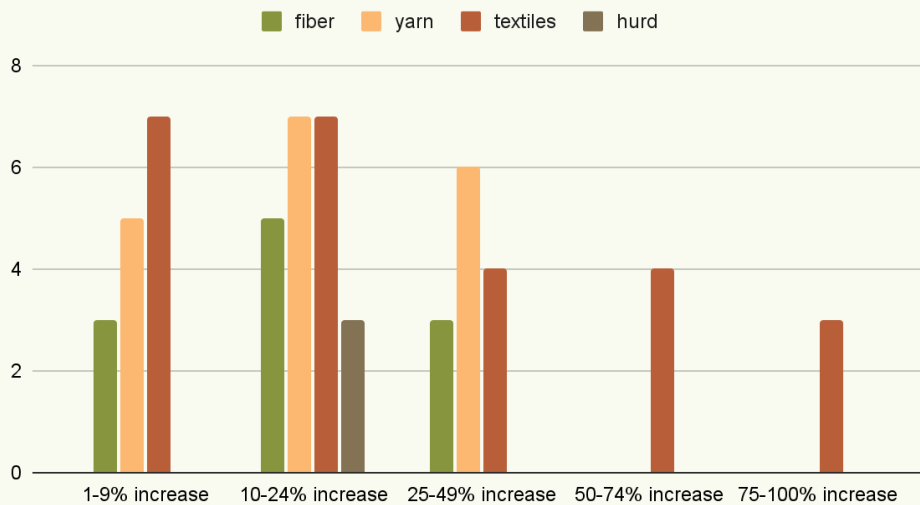
- Same price
- 1-9% increase (\$22.22-\$23.98)
- 10-24% increase (\$24.20-\$27.28)
- 25-49% increase (\$27.50-\$32.78)
- 50-74% increase (\$33-\$38.28)
- 75-100% increase (\$38.50-\$44)
- I do not buy textiles

15. How much would you be willing to spend on locally grown hurd? For example, Hempcrete is sold for \$25 per 2 cubic feet at Tiger Fiber

*Mark only one oval.*

- Same price
- 1-9% increase (\$25.25 - \$27.25)
- 10-24% increase (\$27.50 - \$31.00)
- 25-49% increase (\$31.25 - \$37.25)
- 50-74% increase (\$37.50 - \$43.50)
- 75-100% increase (\$43.75 - \$50.00)
- I do not buy hurd

## fiber, yarn, textiles and hurd



## 16. Do you want to be added to the Northern New England Fibershed's newsletters?

Check all that apply.

I'd like to be added to the NNEF newsletter (~1 email a month)

I'd like to be added to the NNEF Bast Fiber Committee newsletter (~1 email a month)

Please do not add me to any newsletters

## 17. Anything else you want to tell us?

Free-form answer

Answers:

- *I would LOVE to be able to find and purchase American linen and hemp. Thank you for your work.*
- *It's not just bast. I would also buy wool.*
- *It would be amazing to be able to buy locally grown linen, I'd be really excited about it.*
- *I am a designer and producer in the luxury interior design market and see a few ways I could begin integrating NE bast fibers as they become available. It would be easiest for me to replace the unbleached 6 tow linen yarn that I use 10-15lbs of each year. Since I use it primarily as weft, I have a bit more leeway in the quality control of the spinning which I realize will take us a while to dial in here in the states. I could possibly use hemp tow instead of linen tow in the same manner and am open to experimenting with you. I was the textile coordinator on Fibershed and Patagonia's Kentucky hemp flag project in 2015 and am excited that we have come this far in getting a potential product to market.*
- *Please contact all New England weaving guilds and master weaver programs.*

- *I'm not super well versed in linen, but would like to be more involved with it as I mainly work in animal fibers to sell, and would like to diversify*
- *When the Markets are Ready To Pay More For Finished Products, We can Pay More.*
- *Please include address listing for New Hampshire/New England small farm yarn producers*
- *I already receive the newsletters*
- *I'm not weaving that much at the moment but planning to do more in the future. Would love more local sources of linen! We do well with wool, and can get US grown cotton, but linen is harder to find.*
- *I am mostly a wool spinner and knitter but do use linen textiles for sewing.*
- *Thanks for working to reinvigorate the local textile industry!*
- *Although I am from New Jersey, I often purchase wool from New England and am interested in what your Fibershed is doing. My weaving guild is a member of NJFibershed. Our guild grew flax and processed it 2 years ago, so I appreciate the work involved!*
- *Thank you, keep up the good work!*
- *Please, please, please, get a spinning frame up and running that can spin singles line linen up to a 50/1. Or at least up to a 20/1 and we'll go from there. You can do it!*
- *I am vaguely familiar with the entire growing flax process- via demos and websites but I would be willing to grow flax in a small plot to see what is involved and if successful give that flax to those at the next step*
- *Purchase decision always depends on quality and quantity. I have reserved answers till seeing the product but there is no reason it should not be competitively priced if similar quality. AND... quality has been a BIG issue in internationally sourced linen lately.*
- *I would like flax seed to be more accessible from local companies.*
- *I love local yarns and would definitely try and yarns you make*
- *Please get in touch if your partners would like to discuss selling us their fiber residues & byproducts. Our company is focused on utilizing regional materials in climate-friendly construction, but don't have a ton of information on this sector, and are primarily interested in the lower-value parts of the production chain that are conventionally viewed as waste. (Straw, stemming from wheat and grain production, is a perfect example.) Hoping we can add value to fiber production in New England. Looking forward to chatting!*
- *I used to be able to buy a flax-wool roving for handspinning. Dyeing flax fiber is rewarding. I aspire to hand spin linen yarn/thread usable for bobbin lace, tatting, and netting. History of flax growing in colonial US history is fascinating, and the study of historic economic impacts of flax growing could be relevant for the current efforts.*
- *This seems like a great teaching opportunity, and a chance for community building in Maine*
- *I'm already on both newsletters. :)*
- *I'm already on those newsletters*
- *I how do I learn more about hemp types and ways to use it?*
- *It is extremely important to me to have a local textile industry and I would be willing to spend quite a bit more to buy locally produced bast fiber products.*

- *I raise Cashmere goats and CVM sheep. We need more mills in the USA that can detail Cashmere fiber. Currently only 1 mill that does it well .*
- *We aim to reduce plastic on the farm. We have replaced plastic twine with natural fiber sisal twine. We are now able to compost tomato plants and the twine that's woven into them. We would prefer to use a locally grown product. Thank you.*
- *Would love to help support this effort; let me know if you need any help.*
- *I love working with Kenaf and would like to source some.*
- *Thank you!*