

# PETE'S GREENS

## GARLIC EQUIPMENT



FOUR-SEASON ORGANIC  
VEGETABLES

CRAFTSBURY, VERMONT

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Pete's Greens in Craftsbury, VT received a \$20,000 Working Lands Grant to purchase a garlic planter, bulb splitter, root and stem trimmer, and bulb sizer. This equipment will automate the extremely laborious manual process of garlic harvest and preparation and will result in a savings of 35 hours, or \$850, in labor per acre.

The availability of high-quality seed garlic in Vermont is limited and sources are somewhat expensive. With the new garlic equipment, Owner Pete Johnson predicts the farm will be able to more than double its production of garlic and sell the separated, sized, and certified seed garlic cloves to other Vermont farmers at approximately 70% of the current average market price.

"This project allows Pete's Greens market diversification from fresh vegetable markets, and we hope to capture some portion of the Vermont seed garlic business which is currently being filled by seed garlic from New York and Ontario," says Johnson.

Johnson anticipates the addition of more acres of garlic will result in the hiring of two full-time employees.