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Informed by the [Principles of Organic Agriculture](#)¹:

Principle of Health - Healthy soil, plants, animals, humans = a healthy planet.

Principle of Fairness - Equity, respect and justice for all living things.

Principle of Ecology - Emulating and sustaining natural systems.

Principle of Care - For the generations to come.

ACORN exists to enhance the viability and growth of the Atlantic Canadian organic agricultural community through a unified regional network. This will be achieved by ensuring sufficient resources are allocated to the following pillars:

Educating and Empowering

- Farmers and producers, about:
 - production skills and methods
 - business and marketing
 - organic certification
 - seed sovereignty and diversity
- Consumers, about:
 - understanding organic standards and practices
 - organic products (what, why, and where to buy them)

¹ Section II Canadian General Standards CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015 - <https://www.ifoam.bio/en/search?find=organic+principles>

Fostering the Organic Network

- For collaboration within:
 - the agricultural community
 - the organic value-chain

Support

- For progress on:
 - organic food and agriculture policies
 - organic agricultural programs and action
 - environmental health and sustainability
 - food sovereignty in Atlantic Canada

After administration costs are taken into account ACORN will allocate an equal proportion of the resources to each of the pillars; Educating and Empowering, Fostering the Organic Network and Support.