

SMM Core Activities:

- 1. Build a network** to connect farmers, fishermen and other food producers to funders, entrepreneurs, non-profits, philanthropists, advocates and peers to benefit from each others' skills, experience and resources.
- 2. Expose and introduce individuals to available financing options.**
- 3. Work creatively and collectively to connect promising businesses with the necessary financing and technical assistance to be successful.** This is an activity of the network, rather than an activity coordinated by Slow Money Maine.
- 4. Develop new financing vehicles** for investing in local food businesses, seeking innovations that develop a rich local food economy and value the farmer, fisherman and the resources they depend on.
- 5. Create a forum for conversations** that advance the public dialogue about Maine's food systems. For example, the current priority is to direct investment towards infrastructure projects such as food processing plants and grain mills that could significantly boost Maine's food economy by expanding markets for farms and fisheries and helping them gain control over critical inputs. Conversations are beginning about creating larger funds to finance food production.