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Maine, with its healthy, experienced population of native and immigrant farmers is in a position to be an example of farm management in a very unique way. We know now that the once "fertile crescent" was "agricultured" to desert by methods that ignored the living nature of soil and depleted it. We have our own huge, dusty equivalents in many places in our own country. Rich, replenished, carefully farmed soil does not blow away. Please, please think of what could be accomplished with a good-faith commitment to Maine's great resource, its soil. It will support generations of young people who will be able to live close to an ecology that will be educational, productive, and a source of joy.