



John Piotti

John Piotti has worked at the forefront of sustainable agriculture since the early 1990s, first in Maine, and now nationally. In 2016, he became President of **American Farmland Trust**, bringing new energy to this storied organization that aims to “save the land that sustains us” by advancing farmland protection, better farming practices, and efforts to help both existing and new farmers succeed. For over 40 years, AFT has worked closely with USDA—cooperating on land use analysis, research, information dissemination (through the National Agricultural Land Network and Farmland Information Center), and direct programming. Prior to joining AFT, John served as President of Maine Farmland Trust. He also served in the Maine State Legislature, where he chaired the Agriculture Committee and was later elected House Majority Leader. In 2013, John was named to *Maine Magazine’s* inaugural list of one of the 50 people who have done the most for the state. In 2005, he received a prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship, which he used to study agricultural policy in Europe. John holds three degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: in engineering, public policy, and systems management.