

## **Shelled Corn for Greenhouse Heat Agricultural Innovations Project, 2008-2010**

### **Application form for growers who would like to participate**

We are seeking applications from farmers who would like to be part of this project. These farms will be part of at least two networks of grain corn producers and buyers/users. We would like to find farms that represent a range of vegetable and floriculture businesses in Massachusetts and various types of greenhouse designs, crops and heating needs. We have funding to provide cost-share for purchases of one corn furnace or boiler per farm (up to 50% of the cost, maximum \$3000 per farm) for a limited number of farms.

Although we may not be able to provide cost-share funds for all growers who are interested, we will be able to provide useful information and contacts to all interested growers. Our goal is to foster a regional network of renewable energy producers and users, with a focus on grain corn but also including other types of renewable energy. The emphasis of this project is on making the best possible use of our land for food and fuel production and not to detract from our ability to grow food crops. We're envisioning a system where fuel crops become a valuable rotational crop in vegetable farms and an alternative revenue stream for dairy farmers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (farm) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Please provide the following information about your farm and greenhouses.**

What crops do you currently grow in heated greenhouses?

Which months do you use your greenhouses?

Why are you interested in using shelled corn as a heat source?

How many square feet of Greenhouse space do you grow in? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres of field vegetable crops do you grow? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you market your crops (check all that apply)?

Wholesale \_\_\_\_\_ Retail/Farmstand \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers market \_\_\_\_\_ CSA \_\_\_\_\_

Growers Co-op \_\_\_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

