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

**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)

## **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

\*Section II Canadian General Standards CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015