

EDIBLE BOSTON

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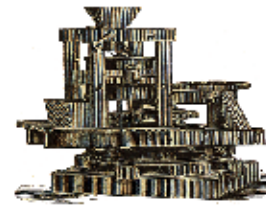
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GRIST FOR THE MILL



A year has passed since the first issue of *Edible Boston* was published. Reflecting back on the preparation for the first magazine, there was some concern on my part about whether there would be enough to write about, whether the area would embrace the magazine and whether I would enjoy producing it. Fortunately none of my concerns have come to fruition. Instead I find that each issue gets larger as I have so much to share with you and you are “eating it up!”

It is a vibrant, exciting and scary time in the food world. This past year has brought us several food scares: spinach, dog food and toothpaste to name a few. Issues that are very dear and important to many of us are making the headlines around the country, in both the positive and negative.

National magazines and newspapers are talking about “local” and there is no way to avoid the discussion. It fills me with hope that maybe, just maybe the country is beginning to open their eyes and look at what is happening.

Summer's *Edible Boston* addresses many of the issues of the day, one being the Farm Bill. The upcoming bill can and will have an impact on each one of us. I hope that through the articles presented here, you will be inspired to read more and take some action.

On a positive note, we've written about a program to help immigrant farmers continue their livelihood here in the U.S. Most of them have embraced the concept of local in that they are growing foods from their native countries, supplying immigrant communities with fresh food rather than completely relying on imported products.

I hope you continue to enjoy the magazine and will continue to support the individuals who are responsible for our “local” well being.

Ilene Bezahler
Editor

