A COMMUNITY OF FARMERS
BIG & SMALL

- KYE KOCHER – POET/FARMER
- GENERAL MANAGER OF YYC GROWERS
WHO AM I?

Kye Kocher
Urban Farmer - Grand Trunk Veggies
Former President of YYC Growers
Current General Manager
WHO CAN BE A FARMER?

*photo taken at YYC Growers retreat - 2016
A FARMER OWNED COOPERATIVE OF MICRO, URBAN AND RURAL FARMERS
A Short Timeline
2014: 6 Urban Farms: 60 CSA shares, 2 Farmer's Markets
2015: 8 Urban Farms + Rural Farm partners – 75 CSA shares, 2 Farmer's Markets, some Restaurant Sales
2016: 15 Urban Farms, including 5 rural – 550 CSA shares, 0 Farmer's Markets, Restaurant Sales
2018’s Farm-members (class A shareholders)

Eagle Creek Farms
Leaf and Lyre
Country Thyme Farms
Shirley’s Greenhouse
Micro YYC
Greenberry
Pennybun’s Mushrooms
MOB honey
Seeds to Greens
Calico Farms

Dirt Boys
Grand Trunk Veggies
Our Family Farm
Little Loaves Farm
Happiness by the Acre
Sweet Earth Market Garden
Tricklin’ Waters
Eden Project
Steel Pony Farms
Successes and Challenges with structure

Aggregate sales allows farms to streamline
Larger presence for local food in city
Urban farms provide visual showpiece
Rural farms provide large volumes of product
Saved several farms financially

Diplomacy and Democracy
Access to Capital
Cash Flow
Wide turn radius
Thank You