

## **NOFA Summer Conference**

Amherst, Massachusetts

August 14, 2004

### **About the NOFA Summer Conference:**

The NOFA Summer Conference is held each year at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. The conference consists of over 150 workshops centered on organic farming and gardening as well as many other agricultural-related topics. The keynote speaker for 2004 was Vandana Shiva. Ms. Shiva is most noted for her "Think globally, act locally" credo and works diligently as an environmentalist and feminist. Shiva gave up an academic career in her native India to start the Research Foundation for Science Technology and Natural Resource Policy. In addition, a debate was held with Ron Paul and Ralph Nader on "Wise Governance" and an intensive pre-conference with Eliot Coleman.



### **PSI Seed Saving Booth:**

This is PSI's third year in attendance of the NOFA Summer Conference. Over 250 visitors stopped by the PSI booth for demonstrations and to ask questions concerning seed cleaning. The mobile seed processing unit was available all day on the 14<sup>th</sup> for local farmers to bring seed to be cleaned. Formal demonstrations in seed cleaning were given at 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm. PSI also offered a Plant Breeding presentation on Saturday from 8:00 am – 9:30 am.

