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MAA**

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**Your voice in DC and
at the ISSC**

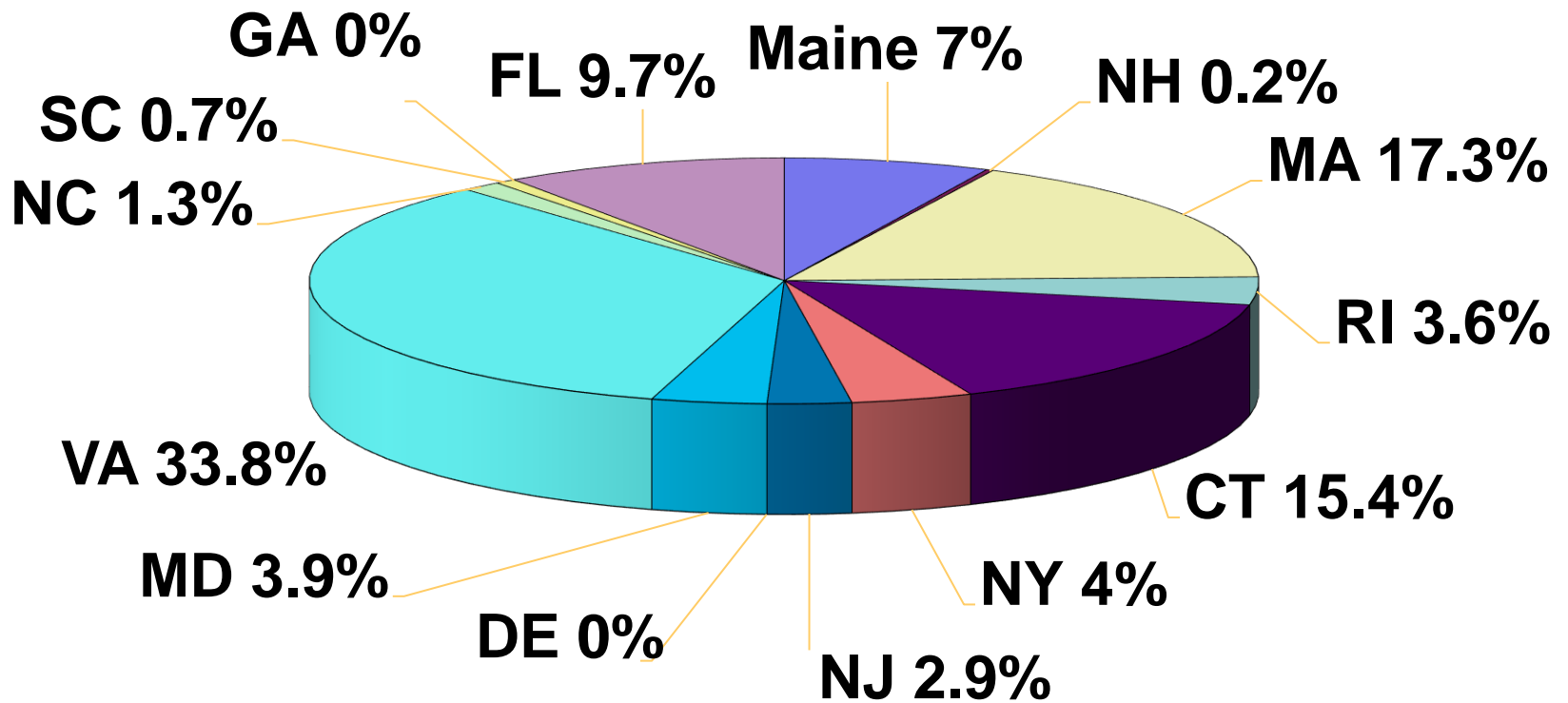


East Coast Industry Snapshot

- ~1500 farms from Maine to Florida
- Primarily small farmers with less than 10 employees
- Collectively harvest > \$163M
 - 45% clams, 55% oysters
 - production growing 5-10% / yr
 - oyster production doubled in 5 yrs**

Shellfish Aquaculture by State percent of total East Coast \$166 million farm gate

Pre-covid



2020-2021 !

- **Sales off 40-50% in 2020 – now booming**
- **Inventories depleted**
- **Relief efforts – some wins – some losses**
 - NOAA CARES funds
 - CFAP2 - big effort – big win
 - SOAR collaboration with TNC and Pew
 - Ag Marketing Service – purchases for food banks - dud

What's on the Horizon?

- **SOAR Resiliency Grants**
 - Revising Best Practices
- **Interstate Seed Transportation**
- **EU Trade should open in February!**
- **Crop Insurance – please participate**
- **ARS breeding program**

2022 Legislative Priorities

- **FDA / ISSC regulatory overreach on mooring fields.**
- **Shellfish Aquaculture Improvement Act – Jones Act exemption**
- **Research Priorities**
 - **Shellfish Breeding (\$1.8M for USDA ARS)**
 - **Vibrio detection**
 - **HAB detection / mitigation**
 - **Guano prevention and management**

Key Challenges

- **Protected resources issues**
 - Eelgrass, Red knots, sturgeon, turtles, right whales
- **FDA/ISSC – regulations on mooring fields**
- **User conflicts and law suits**
- **Lobbying efforts – Jones Act etc.**
 - **It's a team effort!**

Big Wins

- **CFAP2 - saved a lot of farms**
- **ELAP – Emergency Livestock Assistance**
 - **Free! Sign up at your FSA office**
 - **Need good records, inventory**
 - **Payouts 70-90% of the value of your loss**
- **Value of associations and collaborations**

Communications

- www.ECSGA.org
- **LISTSERV**
- **Newsletter – online and paper**
- **Public outreach and education**
- **Facebook - Twitter - Instagram**