Blue Ox Malthouse—Lisbon Falls, ME

CDFI Helps Brewers Create Fully Maine-made Beers

Before Joel Alex came to Maine’s beer scene, brewers statewide sent grain out-of-state for malting—making it impossible to make a fully Maine-made beer. Joel set out to change that, opening Blue Ox Malthouse. Maine CDFI Coastal Enterprises Inc (CEI) provided him with a line of credit, financing for start-up equipment, and business counseling to get the project off the ground. (Story published: 2016)

Impact

• Connects the 5,000 acres of malting barley grown in Maine to the $35 million in-state market opportunity of Maine-based breweries

"CEI has been an integral support system for growing our company—and it still is.”

Joel Alex
Owner & Founder, Blue Ox Malthouse

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