Steward

Equipping regenerative farms and food producers with the capital needed to grow.

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The Steward Story

Founded in 2017, Steward is the first lending platform built exclusively to support the growth of regenerative agricultural businesses across the United States.

Steward is not only a source of funding, but also a provider of services to farmers and food producers to help them succeed.

Our mission is to promote environmental and economic stewardship by financing human-scale farms, ranches, fishers, and food producers.

Mission-Driven Financial Partner

Funding the growth of human-scale regenerative agriculture.

Offering Flexible Loans to Farms

Allow businesses to expand operations, improve the health of their lands, and bolster local food systems.

User-Friendly Online Platform

Allows qualified individuals to easily participate in secured, interest-bearing loans that fuel growth.



Borrowers get access to the capital they need, and lenders get to support regenerative agriculture while earning a return.



Regenerative Agriculture: A New Way Forward





Global Demand for Sustainable Products Continues to Grow

US sustainable food sales are expected to grow by **\$63Bn** from 2019 to 2023, a 13.5% per year increase (<u>Business Wire</u>)

65%

Consumers look for products that can help them live more sustainable and socially responsible lives.

Forbes

83%

American consumers report having purchased organic in the last year.

> Organic Trade Association

40%

People will pay a premium for identified local ingredients.

Penn State, Hospitality Management



As Does Demand for Agriculture-Related Impact Investment

• According to the <u>Financial Times</u>, net inflows to US Sustainable Investment Funds quadrupled in 2019 - growing to +\$20Bn

• Despite this clear demand, AUM in agriculture-related impact investment has drastically lagged interest⁽¹⁾

(1) 2020 GIIN Impact Survey, 249 impact investing organizations surveyed



Food & Agriculture Investments⁽¹⁾

2020 Global Impact Investor Network (GIIN) Survey



Yet Regenerative Farmers Still have Limited Access to Capital

PROBLEMS WITH CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE FINANCING



Dependent on government subsidies + loan programs.



Rigid underwriting process

Catered to high volume commodity producers



Limited private financing options





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The biggest bottleneck in a good food system is not entrepreneurs, it's access to capital.

Eric Kessler, founder Arabella Advisors, impact investing advisory

Financing the Global Transition to Regenerative Agriculture is a Once in a Generation Market Opportunity



(1) Kellogg plans to support 500,000 farmers with "climate-smart" agricultural practices by 2025



The Steward Platform

Accessible Platform for Regenerative Farmers & Responsible Lenders

- Flexibly structured financing & compliance software
- Vetted secured loans
- Direct access to capital
- Short- and long-term financing options

Platform Growth

- Over \$12.8M deployed across 69 regenerative agriculture projects
- Over 1,400 lenders have participated in Steward loans
- Over \$1M secured in USDA grant funding for sustainable agriculture businesses in 2021
- 350+ borrower applications submitted since March 2021
- Recent 10 projects fully funded within 24 hours of public launch





Steward Financial Products

🚯 Individual Farm Loans

• On May 22, 2020, the US District Court for the Southern District of NY ruled that commercial syndicated loans are not securities.

• That decision has allowed Steward to rapidly advance our individual farm loan program

• Steward allows qualified lenders to buy a participation in of a secured, interest-bearing loan to help fuel the growth of regenerative agriculture

Steward Regenerative Capital

• Provides short-term bridge loans, giving regenerative agricultural businesses quick access to capital

• Used for immediate financial needs to maintain production or pursue time-sensitive opportunities, such as land purchases.

• Short 9-month loan term, offering fixed 5.0% annual interest* to lenders, paid monthly

Investor Returns

5-10% expected annual returns

Average interest on existing loan portfolio is 7.75%



Who is the Typical Steward Borrower?

Steward's borrowers have a direct sales model and are not dependent on low cost labor, large capital investments, or purchased inputs







CASE STUDY Studio Hill

A fourth-generation poultry and sheep farm that practices holistic management for more fertile and abundant fields.

Start Date: 2012

Loan Structure: Secured Bridge Loan to Secured Participated Loan Loan Size: \$1,410,000.00

Annual Interest Rate: 6.0%

Term: 84 Months

Farm Products: Sheep and poultry raised holistically on pasture, using no-till gardens for annual food and pollinator-friendly flower production. Studio Hill also runs a thriving farm-stay program, with bookings 18 months out.

Location: Shaftsbury, VT

Use of Funds: Purchased two neighboring properties: (1) a 50-acre hilltop parcel with a 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom house and sweeping pasture views, and (2) a 24-acre forested property with a cabin used to accommodate the increasing number of visitors. The extra acreage has allowed Studio Hill to expand its herd size and ramp up pastured sheep and poultry production.

Steward Fees:

• 2% origination fee for Bridge Loan; 2% origination fee for Participated Loan

By the Numbers

	2020	2021	2022 (Projected)	2023	2024	2025	2026
Loan Volume	\$325,000	\$6,739,921	\$14,000,000	\$28,000,000	\$48,000,000	\$72,000,000	\$96,000,000
Origination Revenue	\$9,889	\$159,132	\$315,000	\$790,000	\$1,560,000	\$2,340,000	\$3,120,000
Expenses	\$952,638	\$1,546,455	\$2,253,625	\$2,487,580	\$2,745,823	\$3,030,874	\$3,345,518

Existing Capitalization Founder Investment: \$4,558,749 Preferred Investment: \$4,324,960 Total Investment to Date: \$8,883,709 Created by Co-Founder of Fundrise, the First & Largest Real Estate Crowdfunding Platform



Dan Miller | Founder

- Dan was previously Co-Founder, President, and a Director of Fundrise, the first and largest US real estate crowdfunding platform with over \$2.5bn AUM and 300,000 unique investors
- His passion for agriculture stems from his maternal family, which has been farming on the Eastern Shore of Maryland since 1884.
- He founded Steward in 2017 to apply his learnings from real estate crowdfunding to regenerative agriculture



Dan has invested millions of his own dollars to bootstrap Steward





Experienced Team & Board



David Hutcheson

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER Previously Director of Voice & Tone digital customer support agency



Bridget Helgerson SENIOR VP OPERATIONS Previously CPA at PricewaterhouseCoopers



Ryan Gallagher

VP MARKETING Previously owned marketing consulting firm, GoodGallagher, and over 20 years marketing experience



Bec Milgrom DIRECTOR Tripple



Aaron Newton

HEAD OF AGRICULTURE Previously Local Food System Coordinator for Cabarrus County, NC



Eric Smith DIRECTOR The Grantham Foundation



Ryan Anderson

SENIOR VP SERVICES Previously Chief of Staff to Rep. Rashida Tlaib for 116th Congress



John Kramer

GENERAL COUNSEL Previously at JPMorgan Chase and 30 years in-house counsel experience



Evi Steyer DIRECTOR Ponderosa Ventures





The Opportunity

BASIC OFFERING TERMS

COMPANY	Steward Holdings (US), Inc.
SECURITY TYPE	Series A-4 Preferred Stock
MAX OFFERING AMOUNT	\$2,500,275.00
MIN OFFERING AMOUNT	\$1,000,850.00
PRICE PER SHARE	\$925.00
MINIMUM INVESTMENT	\$2,775.00
PRE-MONEY VALUATION	\$26,608,709.00
TARGET CLOSING DATE	September 30, 2022 or earlier
USE OF PROCEEDS	General corporate use including staff, technology, marketing, regulatory, and legal.

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"As many people as possible should share in the ownership of the land and thus be bound to it by economic interest, by the investment of love and work, by family loyalty, by memory and tradition"

Wendell Berry, The Unsettling of America (1977)