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INTERVIEWEE: Mike Paine Interviewer: James Pritchett Date: May 28, 2008 Location of Interview: Gaining Ground Farm Research Assistant: Derek Runberg Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN EXTERNAL, OMNIDIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE

Time	Notes
0:00	Background – Hawaii-Portland-CT-Bronx
1:35	No farming background
2:25	Peace Corps, starts farming
4:00	Returns to California to work on Environmental Policy
4:25	Manages farm in Costa Rica
5:50	Goes to UC Davis for Masters
6:50	Decides to avoid policy and start Gaining Ground Farm
8:10	Finds this land at 76acres
8:30	Previous land owner history- Archie Hield – recently deceased
9:30	Problems securing the land for purchase
10:00	Description of property
11:10	Starts farming in 2004
11:55	First year of CSA
12:30	Number of members for various years
13:00	Farmer's Markets
14:25	Farming acreage expansions on GGF
15:30	Landscape rotation
16:30	Green Houses for interns

Chicken operation (5-7k chickens) Collaboration with other farms (meat, salmon, wine , chicken, cheese)
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Restaurant sales
CSAs and Portland's "hunger" for local food
Connectivity
Most on restaurants
CSA work load- season length, employees
Variety of crops
CSA Operational setup
Drop site information
Land information, soil quality, food quality, relationship over time
Bugs and pests
Irrigation system, two natural ponds provide all the water for CSA
Other attempts towards sustainability
Stewardship vs sustainability
Interns-human rotation, typical applicant, social environment
Jill's (wife) role on the farm
Future of GGF
Faming and Food policy
Future of CSA movement
Cost/share, thoughts on competition, satisfaction level