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## Vermont Celebrates National Farm to School Month

By Ali Zipparo, VAAFM

October is National Farm to School Month, a time to recognize the important role Farm to School programming plays in our state.

Farm to school enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools. Students gain access to healthy, local foods as well as education opportunities such as school gardens, cooking lessons and farm field trips.

Over the past decade, the farm to school movement has exploded across the United States, reaching millions of students in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Farm to school is an important tool in the fight

Green Mountain Farm to School



Participants in the Green Mountain Farm to School Program enjoy time in the garden.

against childhood obesity and food insecurity. In addition to improving child health, when schools buy local, they create new markets for local and regional farmers and contribute

to vibrant communities.

The state of Vermont has appropriated nearly \$775,000 over the past seven years to support Farm to School programming. Since

its creation, the Vermont Farm to School grant program has awarded 70 schools or supervisory unions throughout the state funds to support the integration local foods in school cafeterias, classrooms and communities.

“Farm to School programming helps build a culture of ‘Ag Literacy’ in our schools and communities,” according to Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Ross. “These programs are an essential part of building the connection between agriculture and the next generation of Vermonters, while also teaching our students to make healthy choices and ensuring food access for all.”

To kick off the month, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Deputy Secretary Jolinda LaClair attended the Central

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## THE VIEW FROM 116 STATE STREET

This month, Vermont joins the nation in celebrating Farm to School programming.

Farm to School, along with 4H, Future Farmers of America, and similar youth-oriented Ag programming, is critical to ensuring a successful future for agriculture in our country. These programs build a culture of appreciation for agriculture among our youngest Vermonters.

Farm to School clearly benefits our communities by building Ag Literacy, providing healthy, local food for students, and creating opportunity for farmers. But it also educates the next generation of Vermonters about the importance of farming.

Today's students are tomorrow's legislators, business owners, policy makers, and voting public. By instilling an appreciation of agriculture today, we are ensuring Vermont continues to be a supportive setting for farm families to build their businesses and earn a living.

Few initiatives do as much good in our communities as Farm to School! I applaud all the teachers, coordinators, parents, farmers, staff, and students who work together to make Farm to School such a shining success here in Vermont! Thank you for making a difference.

*Charles R. Ross*

### Farm to School Month

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Vermont Food System Council's "Garden in Every School" event, which took place at Montpelier High School on October 2.

Students, teachers, families, elected officials and other members of the community gathered to hear from Agency of Education Secretary Rebecca Holcombe, VAAF's Jolinda LeClair and Department of Health Acting Commissioner Tracy Dolan, along with several student gardeners, and enjoyed food prepared by New England Culinary Institute.

Several of the gardens at schools in the county have been recipients of grants through VAAF's Farm



*Deputy Secretary Jolinda LaClair speaks to students in Montpelier.*

to School Grant Program, which provides Vermont schools with funds to integrate local foods in school cafeterias, classrooms and communities. The program encourages school districts to serve food to Vermont students that is as fresh and nutritious as possible, maximize the use of fresh, locally grown foods, educate students about healthy eating habits through nutrition education while making the connections between farming and the foods that students consume, increase the size and stability of farmers' direct sales market, and increase school meal participation by increasing the selection of foods available to students.

There are several ways schools can engage in Farm to School programming, including the establishment of a school garden. A Farm to School Planning Grant could help a school plan for a garden, including how the garden will be designed, as well as determine who will coordinate the efforts. Once a school has received an planning grant, they are eligible to apply for a Farm to School

Implementation Grant, which could fund infrastructure-related expenses. The program is administered in

close partnership with Vermont FEED (Food Education Every Day), and with the help of several other statewide and regional organizations, like Vermont Community Garden Network.

The 2015 Farm to School Grant Program is accepting applications through October 28th. Applications are available on the Agriculture.Vermont.Gov website, under the "Grants" tab on the top left of the page. If you have any further questions about the grant program or how VAAF can help support your Farm to School efforts, please email Ali Zipparo at alexandra.zipparo@state.vt.us or call at 802-505-1822.

### Editor's Note

#### What's the rush?

This time of year, many farmers are chopping corn, mowing hay, and hauling it all back to the farm with trucks and tractors. And that seems to bring out the worst in many motorists.

We Vermonters love living apart from the hustle and bustle of busy cities. The slow life appeals to us. But when it comes to slowing down on the road for farm vehicles, many drivers can't be bothered.

Farmers: thanks for being patient and taking extra precautions. It's up to you to keep a cool head and make safety your top priority! It's not easy, but we're counting on you.

Drivers: please try to give farmers some extra space. The folks driving those slow vehicles are your neighbors, just trying to make a living. Harvest time will be over soon enough. And thanks to farmers, you can enjoy the lovely farm views during your commute all year round.

For many, fast is the preferred pace. But there's much to be gained from taking the slow approach, both on the road, and in life! So take turn on the radio, take in the scenery, and enjoy life in the slow lane for a little while.

— Alison Kosakowski

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# It Was Another Successful Year for Vermont at The Big E

By Alison Kosakowski,  
VAAF

Vermont was once again well-represented at New England's largest agricultural fair, the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The 2014 fair was held Sept. 11-28.

It was another successful year for the vendors in the Vermont Building, located on the Avenue of the States. A popular Big E attraction, the Avenue of the States houses smaller-scale replicas of each of the six original New England Statehouses. These buildings feature vendors and exhibitors which exemplify the heritage, food, traditions, and products from each respective state. Similar to national embassies, the buildings on the Avenue of the States are owned by their respective jurisdictions.

Sales in the Vermont Building totaled over \$1.7 million dollars, breaking all prior building sales records.

"The Vermont brand is strong, and we have some exceptional companies represented," said Chuck Ross, Secretary of the Vermont Agency of

Agriculture. "These numbers are very impressive, but not entirely surprising. Our exhibitors are selling high quality, authentic Vermont products, which are in high demand."

"I am very proud of our vendors – they reflect very positively on our state and help enhance Vermont's reputation across New England," he added.

The Eastern States Exposition, home of The Big E, was founded by Joshua L. Brooks in 1916 when he convinced the National Dairy Show to hold its annual event on the grounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1917, the first Eastern States Exposition took place. Brooks' desire was to bring together all six New England states in one location to share ideas and improve regional agriculture.

The Vermont Building was built in 1926 at a cost of \$60,500, and it is owned by the State of Vermont, along with the land it sits on. Management of the Vermont Building is a team effort among three state agencies: Agriculture, Food and Markets; Buildings and General Services; and



## The 2014 Vermont Building Exhibitors:

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## Dairy Teams Excel

Vermont 4-H'ers recently participated in several dairy events at The Big E, including dairy judging,

quiz bowl and knowledge competitions. Several individuals placed high overall in these contests that were held throughout the run of the fair.

University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H sent two teams to the Big E to compete in the dairy judging contest, which consisted of judging several breeds of cattle, including providing oral reasons for placements for two classes. The scores of all four members of each team were combined to determine team rankings.

The Vermont A Team

included Tim Carson, Newbury; Morgan Conant, Randolph Center; Jordan Hubbell, Shoreham and Chelsea Young, Tinmouth.

This team was selected at the state 4-H dairy judging contest in 2013 and also competed last year at Eastern States. They placed fifth overall of the 10 teams, representing all six New England states.

Members of the Vermont B Team were Cole Goodhue, Fairfield; Megan Hill, New Haven; Maggie Kirby, East Montpelier and Alexis Quелlette, Weybridge. They earned a spot on the team by having the four highest overall scores at the state dairy judging contest this past June. This team came in third overall in team competition.

Three Vermont 4-H'ers finished in the top 15 for highest overall individual scores, which were based on a combined score for judging and oral reasons of several breed classes. Jordan Hubbell placed fourth, Megan Hill, fifth, and Maggie Kirby, twelfth.

The A Team ranked second in judging Milking Shorthorns and fourth in Holsteins. The B Team came in first for Holsteins, second for Brown Swiss and fourth for both Ayrshires and Jerseys.

For overall rankings for oral reasons, the A Team took third and the B Team, second place. Vermonters placing in the top 10 in individual oral reasons were

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# Agriculture Land Use Planning Guide Available For Local And Regional Planners

By Rachel Carter,  
*Farm to Plate*

A series of planning modules to help guide land use planners on such topics as farmland conservation, farm and property taxes, commercial composting, agritourism, food system planning, and local and state regulations have been developed by the Agriculture Land Use Planning Task Force—a project of Vermont’s Farm to Plate Initiative. Municipal officials, planning commissions, and agriculture advocates will be able to use the modules to guide land use planning for farmland, including ways to update zoning regulations that can sustain and spark more agricultural economic activity in

Vermont communities. The new guide will benefit farmers by enhancing farm viability opportunities and keeping farmland in active agricultural production for current and future generations—both specific goals of Vermont’s Farm to Plate Strategic Plan.

The Farm to Plate Strategic Plan is Vermont’s ten year plan to strengthen the working landscape, build the resilience of farms and food enterprises, improve environmental quality, and increase local food access for all Vermonters. Stakeholders from across Vermont’s farm and food sector are working together to collectively implement Vermont’s food system plan.

Two years ago the task force identified the need to update the well-known

planning guide, *Sustaining Agriculture*, published by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture in 1994. “As Vermont’s local food movement quickened the pace of agri-preneurial development, it became clear there was a need for an update to the original guide that expanded on the topics covered in the original 1994 print guide. The new modules demonstrate how the entire food system can be incorporated into town planning by addressing issues in agriculture that have to date not been extensively addressed like commercial composting and food system planning, while giving detailed guidance on historically important issues like farmland conservation, farmland and taxes, and land use regulations,” states Peg

Elmer, chair of the Farm to Plate Agriculture Land Use Planning Task Force and principal of Community-Resilience.org.

The Farm to Plate Agriculture Land Use Planning Task Force is comprised of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, Community-Resilience.org, Composting Association of Vermont, Lamoille County Planning Commission, Northeastern Vermont Development Association, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Vermont Natural Resources Council, and several land planning consultants.

“Development pressure continues to put farmland in danger of being converted

to non-agricultural uses and planners need to be equipped with the tools and knowledge to effect land-use patterns that strengthen and conserve Vermont’s agricultural resources,” says Jake Claro, Farm to Plate project manager. “Additionally, as farms diversify their operation, particularly events-based businesses like weddings or burger nights, local zoning regulations need to keep pace with these changes in a way that doesn’t stifle innovation, but adequately deals with public concerns.”

The new agriculture planning guide is available on the Farm to Plate website (the VT Food Atlas) at: <http://bit.ly/VTAgLandGuide>.

## Eastern States

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Megan Hill (fourth), Morgan Conant (seventh) and Maggie Kirby (eighth).

The state dairy quiz bowl team placed third in team competition with two Vermont 4-H’ers finishing in the top 10 of all contestants from all states. Maggie Kirby was third and Ben Maille of Shelburne, fifth.

Other team members were Tara Collins, Fairlee, and Andrew Seward, East Wallingford.

Maggie also came in seventh in the senior division of the dairy knowledge contest. In the junior division, Thomas Parker,

also from East Montpelier, took ninth place. All dairy contestants from all state delegations participated in this contest.

## Impressive Showing at Horse Events

Vermont 4-H club members competing at horse events proved again that they have what it takes to win.

For the third year in a row, Vermont took first place in both the 4-H horse judging and quiz bowl competitions, beating out teams from the five other New England states. Several 4-H’ers also earned top-place awards in individual competitions held Sept. 17-21.

Quiz bowl team members

included David Gringeri, West Haven; Emma Pearson, North Hero and Kaelyn Jenny and Alexis Walker, both from Essex Junction.

For the 4-H horse judging, the best four individual scores for competitors from each state were combined for a state score with Vermont having the highest overall score. Kaelyn placed in the top four along with Kira Clokey, Jericho; Betsy Coburn, Castleton and Cassidy Wyman, Cambridgeport. Betsy had the highest individual score of all delegates from all states.

In the general knowledge contest Kaelyn Jenny, Essex Junction, placed

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*Inside the Vermont Building at Eastern States*

## Agency of Ag Hosts HR Training for Farmers

By Louise Waterman, VAAFM

This fall, in an effort to promote a robust farm-based work force in Vermont, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets (VAAFM) will be hosting two Human Resources Management Trainings in Burlington and White River Junction to help Vermont agricultural producers build and hone strong employee management skills.

All good employers know their most valuable assets are not their livestock and equipment, but the people – the employees

— they entrust with the daily management, care, and the ultimate success of their business. However, placing the right people in the right positions at the right time can be easier said than done — especially for small businesses located in rural areas where Human Resources education and training opportunities can be hard to come by. Guided by the experience and expertise of Farm Credit East Business Consultants, workshop participants will:

- Learn hiring skills, leadership, supervising and coaching skills.
- Improve performance

feedback skills and learn new tools and systems to keep employees happy, informed and working productively together to achieve farm goals.

- See an increase in employee productivity due to improved communications.
- Complete or fine tune a farm business organizational chart, performance review worksheets with/on employees as well as written job descriptions and job protocols.
- Continue with their individual action plan to address HR management concerns on the farm

through program follow-up.

The Human Resources Training will be offered on two different dates at two convenient Vermont locations:

*Location 1:* Mon, Nov 10th  
8:30-4:00pm at the  
DoubleTree Hotel 1117  
Williston Rd, Burlington,  
VT 05403

*Location 2:* Wed, Nov 12th  
8:30-4:00pm at Yankee  
Farm Credit, 52 Farm Vu  
Drive, White River Jct.,  
VT 05001

*Cost:* \$30 Includes follow up

**RSVP by Nov. 1, 2014** to Louise Waterman VT Agency of Agriculture 802-373-3352 or [Louise.Waterman@state.vt.us](mailto:Louise.Waterman@state.vt.us). Please indicate location. Space is limited, call today.

These trainings are offered in collaboration with: VT Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, Farm Credit East consultants, Vermont Farm Bureau, Yankee Farm Credit, and Farm Credit Northeast Ag Enhancement.

For more information or to register for a training workshop, contact Louise Waterman at 802-373-3352 or [Louise.Waterman@state.vt.us](mailto:Louise.Waterman@state.vt.us)

## Grant Funding Available for Farm to School Programming

*Applications due 10/28*

By Ali Zipparo, VAAFM

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets has announced \$49,000 of available funding for Vermont schools interested in Farm to School programming. Any Vermont school, consortium of schools, or school district interested in a Farm to School grant can find more information and download applications at [www.agriculture.vermont.gov](http://www.agriculture.vermont.gov)

All Vermont Farm to School Program applications must be received

by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture no later than 4:30 pm on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

The state of Vermont has appropriated nearly \$775,000 over the past seven years to support Farm to School programming. Since its creation, the Vermont Farm to School grant program has awarded 70 schools or supervisory unions



throughout the state funds to support the integration local foods in school cafeterias, classrooms and communities.

“The grants support schools in their efforts to integrate food, farms and nutrition into their curriculum and provide access to healthy and local foods for all students,” said Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director of Vermont FEED (Food Education Every Day). “By connecting classrooms, cafeterias, and communities, students are engaged in creating a healthier and more sustainable school food culture.”

This grant program is

made possible by collaboration between the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Agency of Education, VT FEED (Food Education Every Day) and the Vermont Farm to School Network.

For more information about the Farm to School Grant program contact Ali Zipparo at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture at (802) 505-1822 or [alexandra.zipparo@state.vt.us](mailto:alexandra.zipparo@state.vt.us)

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# Agricultural Machinery, Equipment & Supplies: Taxable or Tax Exempt?

**W**hen purchasing agricultural machinery, equipment, and supplies, it may not be obvious to the seller or purchaser whether the item is subject to Vermont Sales Tax or whether it is exempt from tax. This fact sheet provides a brief series of questions that the Vermont Department of Taxes has created to help you determine whether an item is taxable or qualifies for the exemption for agricultural machinery, equipment, and supplies.

## Questions About Agricultural Machinery and Equipment

Please use the questions below to determine whether an item qualifies for the exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment.

**Note to purchaser:** This is a use-based exemption. The exemption is determined by how the machinery and equipment is actually used in an agricultural business. The item may be taxable if you do not use the item exactly as required by the questions stated here.

**Note to seller:** Please note that the burden of proving whether or not an exemption applies to the machinery and equipment being sold is on the person required to collect tax—the seller.

If the answer is “yes” to all of the questions stated below, the seller may accept an exemption certificate for agricultural machinery and equipment. You are not required to collect tax for the item as long as you obtain a fully completed and accurate

exemption certificate from the purchaser at the time of the transaction.

Please be aware that a seller is liable for unpaid sales tax if an exemption certificate is not obtained in good faith. For example, a seller is not relieved from tax liability if it commits fraud or solicits a purchaser to commit fraud by unlawfully claiming an exemption.

**1. Is it machinery or equipment?** Note that agricultural supplies are not machinery or equipment. Please see *Questions About Agricultural Supplies*.

**Yes:** Continue to question #2.

**No:** Stop! The exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment does not apply.

**2. Will it be used on a farm, orchard, nursery, or in a greenhouse or other similar structure used primarily for the raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities for sale?**

“Farm” means an enterprise using land and improvements for agricultural and horticultural production for the sale of tangible personal property. Operations for food processing, logging and lumbering, cheese making, stockyards and slaughterhouses, and pet or sport-animal breeding are not farms.

**Yes:** Continue to question #3.

**No:** The exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment does not apply.

**3. Will it be used in producing crops, dairy products, maple syrup, or raising livestock for sale?**

**Yes:** Continue to question #4.

**No:** Stop! The exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment does not apply.

**4. Will it be used to produce tangible personal property for sale?** Note that tangible personal property which is consumed for personal use or is given away is not considered to be “for sale.”

**Yes:** Continue to question #5 under Supplies

**No:** Stop! The exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment does not apply.

**5. Will it be used directly and exclusively in the production of tangible personal property for sale?**

“Directly and exclusively” means that the machinery or equipment is directly used to produce tangible personal property for sale for at least 96 percent of the time it is operated. Use of the machinery before or after production is not a qualifying use.

Maintenance, cleaning, and transportation are not considered to be part of production.

**Yes:** If all five questions are answered “yes,” the item being purchased is exempt from Vermont Sales Tax.

**No:** Stop! The exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment does not apply.

## Questions About Agricultural Supplies

Please use the questions below to determine whether an item qualifies for the exemption for agricultural supplies. Be sure to read the notes that follow the questions for further instruction.

**1. Does the item fall within one of the following categories of supplies: agriculture feeds, seed, plants, baler twine, silage bags, agricultural wrap, sheets of plastic for bunker covers, liming materials, breeding and other livestock, semen breeding fees, baby chicks, turkey poults, agriculture chemicals other than pesticides, veterinary supplies, and bedding?**

Fertilizers and pesticides are addressed below.

**Yes:** Continue to question #2.

**No:** Stop! The exemption for agricultural supplies does not apply.

**2. Is the item typically used in agriculture?** Items are not typically used for agriculture when they are more commonly used for non-farming activities. Examples: grass seed, flowering plants, and pet food.

**Yes:** The item is typically used in agriculture. The item is not subject to tax and may be purchased without an exemption certificate.

**No:** The item is not typically used in agriculture. See question #3 to determine if the item can be purchased with an exemption certificate.

**3. For items that are not typically used in agriculture, does the purchaser intend to use it for an agricultural purpose?**

“Agricultural purpose” means that the purchaser will use it to produce crops, farm products, or livestock for resale.

**Yes:** The item may be purchased with a complete and accurate exemption certificate.

**No:** The exemption for agricultural supplies does not apply.

Note for fertilizers and pesticides: Fertilizers and pesticides are only exempt if they are used to produce tangible personal property for sale on farms. Accordingly, an exemption certificate is required.

Please review the following list of examples of taxable protective gear—some clothing is exempt from sales tax but protective gear is not. The following items are sometimes used on farms and are taxable protective gear:

- breathing masks
- hearing protectors
- face shields
- helmets
- protective gloves
- safety belts
- goggles
- tool belts

*If you have questions about how to properly apply the Vermont Sales Tax on purchases of agricultural machinery, equipment, and supplies, contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-2551, option 3.*

# Plant Daffodils Now to Enjoy Next Spring

By Dr. Leonard Perry,  
Extension Professor  
University of Vermont

I love spring-flowering bulbs and, of these, daffodils are my favorite. Daffodils provide welcome and cheerful color after a long winter, require almost no care, are quite hardy, and are avoided by deer and most other mammals. Fall is the time to plant them for bloom next spring.

Daffodils can be grown in almost any garden, as long as it is not too wet. Even there, they can be grown in better-drained raised beds, or forced overwinter in pots. While they grow and bloom best in sun, they will tolerate part shade (4 to 6 hours of direct sun daily) from deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in winter).

Daffodils require some cold in order to bloom, but there are cultivars (cultivated varieties) requiring less cold for warmer climates. Or gardeners in such climates can “pre-cool” the bulbs prior to planting. Of course getting sufficient cold is not an issue in the north!

To “force” overwinter in pots, either in warmer climates or just to have some early spring blooms indoors, simply pot bulbs in the fall. Place three large bulbs in a pot six inches wide, with the bulb tips level with, or just above, the rim of the pot. Keep moist, but not wet, in the cool (around 40 degrees), such as in an old refrigerator or unheated garage. Keep there for about 10 to 12 weeks. Just don’t allow bulbs to



freeze. Remove from the cold after this period, water well as growth starts, and you should see leaves, then blooms in a few weeks.

When planting outdoors in the fall, as with most other spring-blooming bulbs, daffodils need about four to six weeks of warmer soil temperatures to establish roots. This means the ideal time to plant is late September to mid-October in the north, a bit later in milder climates. If you miss this period though, it is still best to plant bulbs in the fall rather than try to hold them until spring.

Plant with the bulb base about six inches deep below the soil surface. Daffodils lend themselves to informal plantings, and so individual holes randomly spaced. These may be made easily with bulb planting tools--metal tubes on a handle. Place either bulb fertilizer, or a source of phosphorus for root growth (rock phosphate is organic, superphosphate is not) in the holes prior to planting. Just use a small amount in each hole, perhaps a half teaspoonful, and then some soil so the bulb isn’t resting right on the fer-

tilizer. Avoid bone meal as it will attract skunks and other mammals which will dig up your bulbs!

Daffodils are a huge group, with about a dozen different classifications, depending on height and type of flowers. Flowers consist of outer petals (together called the “perianth”), and usually inner ones fused into a tube (called the “corona”). If the corona is equal to or longer than the petals, it is called a “trumpet.” If it is shorter, it is called a “cup.”

King Alfred was for years the standard yellow trumpet type. Others you’ll find more commonly now are Dutch Master, Golden Harvest, and Unsurpassable. These have the typical golden yellow flowers, compared to the all white flowers of Mount Hood, or the white petals and yellow trumpet of Las Vegas and Bravoure among others.

The cup daffodils are further divided into small and large cups. If the cups are at least one third the length of the petals, they are large cup types. In this group are Accent (white petals, pink cup), Fortissimo (yellow petals, red-orange cup), Ice

Follies (white petals, lemon yellow cup), and Carlton (yellow petals, yellow cup) for example. Small cup types include Barrett Browning (white petals, orange cup), Flower Record (white petals, yellow cup), and Ring of Fire (white petals, red cup).

Then there are the more exotic types such as the butterfly and double daffodils. Butterfly types are those with the corona split and perhaps ruffled in appearance. Berlin has yellow petals, orange center. Orangerie has white petals and orange center. Rosado has white petals, peach center. Sunnyside Up has white petals and light yellow center.

Double daffodils have double petals, double corona, or both. Golden Ducat (a version of King Alfred) is a gold example. Replete has white petals and orange center. Ice King has white flowers and yellow center. Manly is yellow throughout.

Daffodil is the correct common name according to the American Daffodil Society, with the name *Narcissus* referring to the scientific genus name. *Jonquil* correctly refers to one species of daffodil. Although most daffodils you’ll find are hybrids such as the examples above, there are individual species like the Jonquils that you may also consider.

One popular species is the Poet’s daffodil -- an heirloom species, having a very small yellow cup with red rim, and white petals. The *Triandrus* species has two or more hanging flowers per stem, with petals pointed backwards (reflexed) such as the

white *Thalia*. The fragrant flowers of *Jonquilla* daffodils don’t hang and are clustered, the petals aren’t reflexed, and leaves are cylindrical. *Jonquillas* include the dwarf (5 to 6 inches high) *Sun Dial* or *Sun Disc*.

If plants have only one flower per stem, with reflexed petals, this is a *Cyclamineus* type. They are often dwarf, such as the popular *Jetfire* with its yellow petals and red-orange corona, or the popular *Tete-a-Tete* with its golden yellow flowers, or *Jack Snipe* with white petals and contrasting yellow corona. *Geranium* is a popular *Tazetta* hybrid, with several flowers per stem, each white with red-orange cup.

If you thought daffodils were simply those yellow spring flowers, hopefully now you see the variety among the hundreds of cultivars (cultivated varieties) available. In fall you’ll find many for sale in garden stores and even some chain stores. Sign up for catalogs prior to spring for ordering even more variety than, through them or online.

Keep in mind when buying bulbs that they are graded according to size, and priced accordingly. If all you want is a mix to plant randomly in the landscape, or to “naturalize”, then cheaper bulbs will suffice. If you want a better show with more and larger flowers, especially of new hybrids, you’ll want to pay more for the larger bulbs. Consider planting daffodils an investment which will multiply with little, if any, further care for many years.

## A Reminder About Selling Eggs

By Henry Marckres, VAAFM

**M**any people in Vermont with home flocks of chickens sell their excess eggs from their homes, at farmers' markets, or in retail stores. In order to legally sell home-produced eggs in Vermont, the following 5 requirements must be met:

**Grade** – In order to be eligible for sale, all egg cartons must be labeled "Grade A". If raised responsibly, hygienically, and sold fresh, all home produced eggs should automatically meet Grade A egg standards, which require that eggs:

- Have a fairly small air cell, a reasonably firm white, and a yolk that moves slowly within the shell.

There is no official grading process required of home egg producers. Producers can candle their eggs to be sure they meet the standards above, but are safe to label eggs Grade A, even if they

do not candle them. Home egg producers should NOT label their eggs "ungraded". By Vermont law, eggs marked as "ungraded" can only be sold between egg dealers, and are not eligible for retail sale.

**Cartons** – New or used stock cartons may be used to sell eggs. If utilizing used egg cartons, cross out any code date or USDA Shield on the carton.

**Size** – If using large or extra-large cartons, most home producers should not have to weigh their eggs as most home produced eggs will meet the large/extra-large weight requirements. Exceptions include ban-

tam birds, which generally produce much smaller eggs.

**Condition** – Eggs must be clean and unbroken.

**Identification** – All egg cartons must clearly display the name and address of the egg producer. Producer information may be printed on a label and affixed to each carton, hand-written on each carton, or displayed on a 3x5 card in front of the eggs for sale.

If producers have questions about the sale of eggs in Vermont, contact Henry Marckres at 828-3458 or [henry.marckres@state.vt.us](mailto:henry.marckres@state.vt.us)



## Apple and Peach Crop Insurance Deadline Is November 20

By Pam Smith, UVM Extension

**V**ermont apple and peach growers have until November 20, 2014 to apply for crop insurance on next year's crop. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until November 20th to do so.

Crop insurance provides coverage against production losses due to damage caused by natural perils and adverse weather conditions such as hail, wind, frost, and drought. Your amount of coverage will be determined from your actual yields and the protection level you select. Protection levels for apples and peaches range for 50 to 75 percent of your average yield. Indemnity payments are made when actual production falls below the covered or guaranteed protection level. The loss production is multiplied by the applicable price election to determine the indemnity amount.

The price elections for 2015 will be \$18.00 per bushel for fresh apples and \$3.55 per bushel for processing apples. Other varieties, known as Apple Varietal Groups A, B, and C, are insurable for 2015 with different price elections for each group. See your crop insurance agent for apple varieties and prices applicable to each varietal group. Peach price elections are \$47.75 per bushel for fresh peaches, and \$6.25 for processing peaches.

Crop insurance coverage for apples is available in eight Vermont counties. On the other hand, the peach crop insurance policy is offered only for Windham County growers. If you grow apples or peaches in other counties, they may be insurable by written agreement through a crop insurance agent. Buy-Up NAP protection is available for all non-insurable crops through the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The deadline for fruit, berries and other perennials is also November 20.

Fruit producers should consider making crop insurance and NAP an essential part of their overall risk management plan for each crop to help protect their operations from financial loss. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov), contact their local crop insurance agent, or FSA county office as soon as possible.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/).

Contact Pam Smith at UVM Extension, [pamela.smith@uvm.edu](mailto:pamela.smith@uvm.edu) or 802-349-2966 with any questions.

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# Winter Squash: Versatile and Nutritious

By Dr. Leonard Perry,  
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**V**ersatile, variety, and nutritious are all adjectives that can be used for winter squash. Whether you grew your own, or buy them from local farmers and markets, consider putting some up for winter. With proper storage of squash, you'll benefit from their fresh flavors for months – often until next spring – as well as the nutrition of these vegetables.

Although winter squash has the same calories roughly as potatoes, it has more than twice the potassium. Winter squash provides various vitamins such as A, B6 and C, fiber, and minerals that may reduce the risk of certain cancers. These squash are a good source of anti-inflam-

matory nutrients needed for a strong immune system, such as omega 3s and beta-carotene.

Winter squash store well, such as in a cool room or basement, which stays around 50 to 55 degrees (F). Acorn squash can store three to four months, other winter squashes can last up to six months or more.

So just what are winter squash, and all the types you may find? They're one of the two major group of squashes, the other being summer squashes like yellow and zucchini. They're so named as they're harvested later—early fall around the time of first frost—and last well into and through winter. They're one of the few vegetables native to North America, and have been grown as one of the “three sisters” by native

peoples along with corn and beans.

Squashes are in the cucurbit family, related to cucumbers, melons, and gourds. Among the three main winter squash species, there are at least a dozen main types you may find.

**Acorn** are one of the most common winter squashes, medium size with an acorn shape, ridges, and dull green rind. Acorn squashes that have turned orange will have tough and fibrous flesh inside. It has a mild flavor, good for soups, baking, and stuffing.

**Buttercup** is similar in size to the acorn, only more squat with smooth dark green rind with some pale streaking. Some varieties may have a small bump on top, as it is a type of “turban” squash (see below). Its distinctive circular ridge on the bottom sets it apart from the similar “kabocha” squash (see below). Cooked, its flesh is mild and somewhat dry.

**Butternut** is another of the more commonly seen and used winter squashes, having a distinctive elongated pear shape – long neck and bulbous base – with tan rind. The flesh has a sweet and nutty flavor, and is bright yellow-orange. Similar to the acorn, roast it, mash it, or make into soup. It's easier to deal with cutting the neck from the base, and handling each separately. To remove the hard rind, use a vegetable peeler once it is roasted.

**Carnival squash** is a cross between Sweet Dumpling (see below) and acorn squashes, and is similar in

size and shape. It is light in color, white and yellow, with ridges. Use it similar to acorn or butternut squash.

**Delicata** is often called a “sweet potato squash” as it has a similar consistency when cooked, and similarly is sweet but more “earthy”. It is small, oblong, and pale yellow with green stripes. The thin skin makes it easily bruised, but also makes it edible. Use as you would a sweet potato, or simply cut in half, scoop out the seeds, and roast with olive oil and salt.

**Hubbard** is one of the larger squashes, noted for its size, teardrop shape, blue-gray rind and bumpy surface. It is good roasted, and sometimes is used as a vegetarian turkey substitute at Thanksgiving. The flesh has a pumpkin flavor.

**Kabocha** is a Japanese type of winter squash (this being the generic name for squash in Japanese), similar to the buttercup in appearance and coming in green or red. The deep yellow flesh is flaky but sweet, good roasted or baked with plenty of butter or oil.

Pumpkins are well-known, and come in sizes from tiny decorative ones to the giant ones you see at fairs and competitions. Keep in mind the ones for carving generally lack flavor, while the Sugar Pie ones have the sweet, pumpkin flavor good in pies, soups, or roasted. The squat and colorful French heirlooms are both sweet and ornamental.

**Red Kuri** is another Japanese squash, similar to

a small Hubbard only with a red-orange rind and so is sometimes called a red Hubbard. The yellow flesh has a flavor resembling chestnuts, and is good roasted or the squash split and stuffed.

**Spaghetti squash** is light yellow, large, and oblong. Once the flesh is cooked, run a fork through it to make long “strings” that resemble spaghetti. In fact it makes a healthy alternative to pasta, with a mild flavor. This, as well as the Acorn and Delicata are very closely related to the summer squashes, just different varieties of the same species.

**Sweet Dumpling** is one of the parents of Carnival squash, being compact, whitish-yellow with some green streaks, and pronounced ridges. Its taste resembles a sweet potato, and its flesh is edible. This could be used in place of sweet potato or pumpkin in recipes.

**Turban** is the larger group of which Buttercup is a member, noted for its pronounced “bump” on top resembling a turban or turk's cap – another name for it. Often these are quite colorful and can be used simply for decoration. Its sweet and mild flesh is good roasted, or in soup, and its outer rind can be used as the soup tureen.

There are many more types and cultivars of winter squash, including heirlooms. Experiment with some in this winter's cooking, and try growing some from seeds next year.

## For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Agrimark, Inc. to operate an aging and storage facility on Lower Newton Street in St. Albans, VT. If anyone has germane information as to why or why not this company should or should not be licensed those comments are to be sent to:

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets  
Dairy Section Office  
116 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2901

All written comments must be received by November 15, 2014.

At that time the Agency will make a determination as to whether a hearing will be held. If we determine that a hearing is necessary and you wish to attend please write to the above address attention Dairy Section.

## VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY NEWS



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## Reports From The Field

(S. Burlington) All my winter greens are planted and looking good. I had to deal with an unusually high number of imported cabbage moth this year. Otherwise there were no other pests to contend with. Last year I had a high level of flea beetles and Swede midge. This year I've had none of those. After such an extremely cold winter last year, I'm hopeful for a really good winter growing season given how all my crops still performed pretty well despite the cold.

(Rochester) We escaped a frost last week and are enjoying an Indian summer. The fall raspberries are responding well to warmer temperatures. As we anticipated, SWD slows down as we move into autumn (cool nights) allowing us to pick ahead of its damage. But it is dry--we are irrigating every day--and the fruit is not as sweet or juicy as it is when it rains.

(Burlington) Fall harvest is cruising along, with our big storage crops of potatoes, winter squash, and sweet potatoes coming in now and soon, largely

trouble-free save for some pink-eye problems on potatoes. Butternut is delightfully short of gummy stem blight. Onion crop is a near-total loss to leek moth, so be warned! We had a pretty good looking onion crop, pulled it in the third week in August, field cured for a week or so, then picked up into bulk bins. I'd noticed that we had summer leaf damage from leek moth, but never paid much attention after that, wagering (incorrectly) that they weren't affecting the bulbs. Fast-forward to post-harvest and after 3 weeks of bin curing, we began to top our yellows and noticed fluttering moths around the bins and exit holes in the necks and sides of 80-90% of the bulbs. They must have laid the eggs right as we were harvesting, and then the larvae developed in the field or in the bins. We lost 6,000-8,000 lbs of onions; ouch. Guess we'll be spraying or changing it up somehow next year. The early maturing cultivars we grow, 'Siskyou' for fresh use and 'Bridger' as an early yellow, seem to be out of the field in time to miss the next generation. Starting to sign people up for our winter CSA share which we've now extended through April and May. I sure will be glad to have something else to do in the spring. Interested to see how (or if) our storage crops behave with another month added onto their lives.

(Wolcott) We have still not had a frost at the top of the hill or in our orchard, but at the bottom of the hill all was cooked by a 29 degree frost. Plums and pears continue to ripen. Funny thing: all our planted apple trees have little or no crop this year, but all our wild apples are loaded with high quality fruit. I think this shows that we don't

know everything yet. We are hoping our baby ginger puts on some nice growth before it gets too cold. Grapes are sweet and full of flavor and our northern kiwis have never been better! Never seen so much red squirrel activity.

(Dummerston) It's strange to be setting up irrigation on my main field for the first time all year in late September. But I'd rather have a hot, dry fall than a cold, wet one. I was just looking at photos from 2 years ago when we got a foot of snow on Halloween. Finished planting the winter greens in the high tunnel 12 days later than last year. Hopefully this heat will speed them along. I had to keep the tomatoes going in there as long as possible to because the field tomatoes did so poorly this year; where was this hot, dry weather in July and August? We've been shoveling soil on top of all the carrots in the field because the upper part of their roots stick out of the ground in dry weather. I'm not sure why this is. Pumpkins and winter squash could have yielded better; they sustained some losses due to fungi and woodchucks. Right now all we're missing is the cold-sweetened leafy greens. But if I can irrigate enough to keep the spinach from bolting, cool weather will

come soon enough and we'll finish up the growing season nicely.

(Plainfield NH) Very dry here. Pretty hot also. The fall carrots are going to grow past type if it doesn't cool off pretty soon; it was 87 degrees three days after everybody around us got a frost.

Potato crop is 3/4 in; a light yield, but a good grade out of marketable spuds. We are happy because we battled blights and Erwinia in some of the whites and yukons. Bumper onion crop of all types; cured, topped and binned. Still out there are carrots, sweet potatoes, field tomatoes, cherries and some pretty tired cukes and summer squash. I don't believe they will be with us next week. Nor will the last of the sweet corn if the heat persists. Concerned about the leaf spot diseases on strawberries; trying a fall application of Oxidate and a protectant to knock back the inoculum in hopes of reducing pressure next spring. Projects are on hold as we limp into the last inning. Target date for closing our stand is Columbus Day weekend. Sales have been good this fall, no doubt the weather cooperated.

(Westminster West) Great weekend weather, too nice for customers to shop at the

Farmers' Market? Slowest day of the season for some weird reason. Harvest done here in all major categories; squash was huge crop, ripe and sweet! In 40 years I had only seen about 3 squash vine borers here, but this season I found about a dozen during harvest. Hopefully this doesn't mean a trend. Onions all in and cured, using a borrowed onion topper to clean the crop, that should save weeks of hand clipping! Doing field clean up and seeding cover crops and getting ready for garlic planting time. Fall carrots and beets look nice, a bit of rain will help. Sales are fine on the wholesale side although I can't give away peppers of any color, didn't people used to buy and eat peppers? Daikons are a new crop here after a 38 year hiatus, more people know what they are now and they do well. Fall tunnel raspberries are chugging along, only had one small outbreak of SWD and after a spray of Entrust they're gone. Huge sweet berries keep people coming back to our farm stand. As soon as we slow down processing orders we need to do maintenance on greenhouses before winter, ugh. Managing to keep crew working thru Oct. and then slow down. See you all at winter meetings; a happy and a bountiful harvest to all!

(Hinesburg) Other than a hard frost on the night of the 18th, the fall has been beautiful, albeit a little dry. Cabbages are actually getting too big. Lots of other fall crops coming in well. One strange change this year is our fall brassica roots (watermelon radish, turnips etc.) have extensive worm damage we have not had in the past. Almost 80% damaged compared with 10-15% in the past. But on

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MARKET REPORT

**Wholesale Prices**

September 16, 2014

Wholesale prices paid per dozen for Vermont Grade A brown eggs delivered to retail stores.

**Vermont Egg Prices:**

Jumbo . . . . .	\$2.30
X-Large . . . . .	\$1.70
Large . . . . .	\$1.65
Medium . . . . .	\$1.32

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**Northampton, MA • September 16, 2014**

All prices are per hundredweight on the hoof unless otherwise indicated.

Source: Northampton Cooperative Auction Association, Inc., [www.northamptonlivestockauction.homestead.com](http://www.northamptonlivestockauction.homestead.com)

Calves:	LOW	HIGH		Cows:	LOW	HIGH	
Good & Choice: 61-75 lbs	40.00	65.00	cwt	Canners	40.00	90.00	cwt
76-95 lbs	60.00	82.00	cwt	Cutters	94.00	110.00	cwt
96-105 lbs	40.00	70.00	cwt	Utility	112.00	121.00	cwt
106 lbs and up	65.00	78.00	cwt	Sows	none		cwt
Farm Calves	100.00	320.00	cwt	Hogs	none		cwt
Starter Calves	68.00	145.00	cwt	Boars	25.00		cwt
Feeder Calves	96.00	108.00	cwt	Shoats	none		cwt
Vealers	none		cwt	Feeder Pigs	50.00	77.50	each
Bulls	91.00	134.00	cwt	Lambs	150.00	250.00	cwt
Heifers	96.00	108.00	cwt	Sheep	65.00	140.00	cwt
Replacement Cows	none		each	Goats	60.00	375.00	each
Steers	82.00	158.00	cwt	Rabbits	2.00	8.00	each
				Hay (5 lots)	2.90	4.10	bale

**Addison County Commission Sales • Middlebury, VT • October 13, 2014**

Cattle: 106		Feeder Calves	
Calves: 200			
Slaughter Cows		Holstein Bulls	92-125 lbs. 80.00 280.00 cwt
Breakers 75 - 80% lean	110.00 114.00 cwt		80-90 lbs. 80.00 222.00 cwt
Boners 80 - 85% lean	102.00 110.50 cwt	Utility	
Lean 85 - 90% lean	92.00 95.50 cwt		70-120 lbs. 60.00 272.50 cwt
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- EnRosi 17-ft, 4-basket PTO tedder in excellent condition. \$1900. Grimm ground drive tedder, completely rebuilt: professionally sand-blasted and painted, new tines, belts and tires. \$1000.
- Located in Corinth. (603) 778-5276 or (802) 439-9132 (11/14)
- Ground-driven Pequea 50G manure spreader: 2 wheel; 50 bushel; Barely used! Selling because its too small. 518-645-2697 ash.kay.lee@gmail.com (11/14)
- MF 283 loader for sale-- only loader, bucket, hydraulic system and mounts; came off MF 236 fits other Masseys; great working condition; new
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- JD 24T baler no kicker, Kuhn Gfzsn gyro tedder, new idea side rack (no front wheel) Take all, price will be better 802-291-0543 (11/14)
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Angora Goats for Sale: Registered AAGBA and Unregistered, purebred bucks and does from 3 months old to mature adults Granville, NY Call Heidi in the evening at 518-642-2902. Prices starting at \$75.00, call for info. (11/14)

**Horse Equipment**

1980 Morgan Horse trailer, good condition, sound bot-

tom, no divider, storage space in front \$2000. New Idea Manure spreader with book, ground driven, very good shape been kept under cover. Set of new D Harnesses, used 3 time, 2 new bridles, no bits. 3 collars, pair new blankets, set of wool blankets, other blankets. Collar pads, back pads, other stuff. 2 sets shafts under cover \$200 a piece. 802-295-2910 (10/14)

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Call or e-mail for more information & prices. Pawlet, Vermont - Peter Helmetag 802.325.3131 or phelmetag@gmail.com (10/14)

Border Leicester and Romney Sheep are looking for a new home. Border Leicester yearling ram (\$300), yearling ewe (\$250) and ram lambs (\$200). White 4 year old Romney ram (\$350). White and natural colored Romney lambs (\$200). These are show sheep with valuable fleeces and fabulous breed characteristics. All are registered and have pedigree papers. They have been handled a lot and are halter trained. Call with an email address for pictures. 802-233-2640 (10/14)

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Sheep for Sale in Windham VT 2 1/2 year old Navajo churro mix ewes. 1 1/2 year old ram.

April lambs also available. \$100 each, obo. Call 802-342-8543(12/14)

**Sugaring Equipment**

2'6"x8' Leader Evaporator SS pans & stacks, retined \$2500. Sap storage containers 1- 50 barrel, 1 -20 barrel. Stock tanks different sizes (best offer) Assorted 5/16 sapline (memory line). 802-263-9393 (10/14)

4x14 Small Brothers arch and pans- 4x10 raised flue pan, 4x4 syrup pan. Stainless steel stack with cover. \$3000 obo, 1-802-254-2228 (10/14)

Leader SS kitchen/finishing pan (12" x 20") with two-burner gas stove. Includes syrup thermometer, brass draw-off

valve and two handles. Holds ten gallons. Cost \$400 new. Price \$275. Call Bob @ 802-885-3571 (11/14)

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Dump body with hoist complete to fit 1971 chevy 1 ton. 603-272-4903 (10/14)

Dairy cattle, heifers, beef, bulls, steers, sheep and goats. 413-441-3085 (10/14)

Dairy Breed Sheep Ram, Friesion preferred. 802-439-5478 (12/14)

**Vermont Vegetable and Berry News**

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the whole a great season; even the corn that got hit hard by the frost has some ears that have good flavor, so one more week of sweet corn for our CSA members.

(Waterbury Center) Fall high tunnel raspberries in full swing, little presence of SWD. Only one night of frost so far. Fall strawberries also in full swing, but TPB taking its toll.

(Brookfield) Howden pumpkins much larger than normal, it is hard to sell pumpkins over 20# so we have just set a price for bigger pumpkins. Much damage on pumpkins when young by turkeys; lots of holes, but found a place to sell them. Potatoes still hardening off not quite ready to dig. Blue Hubbard's not very big but many. Carrots and beets selling well in the stand.

(Craftsbury) Very successful blueberry season concluded on Labor Day followed by two weeks of gleaning. A dozen non-

profit groups, including five area schools and a college were able to pick an additional 750 pounds for their programs. Fruit was plump and healthy throughout summer. We are now planning for next year, getting ready to prune and laying in mulch for spring.

(Argyle NY) Working hard planting the three high tunnels with winter crops. Kale and chard seeded August 1 are mostly transplanted in, though some went to 4" pots due to delays of getting summer crops out. Our kale and chard are grown for bunching, not baby leaves. Direct seeding spinach, salad mix, and Asian greens over next 10 days in successions. Spinach top varieties for us are: Space, Pigeon, Raccoon (Gazelle also looks good and upright like Raccoon), Giant Winter, and Reflect. Trialing Ashley, Caledonia, Butterflay and Emperor. Red Kitten is superior over Red Deer. Salanova was seeded every week Aug. 30-Sept. 20 to transplant into tunnels, like last year. It does well but takes a while to mature so is good for late winter harvests but maybe a warmer winter

will help! Fall crops are being harvested but the weather hasn't pushed us too hard. Onions and shallots are among best ever with Cortland, Talon and Pontiac almost perfect but Patterson not great. Spring planted Forums not as good as the November planted Forum sets which performed great and are being ordered now from Johnny's. The onions were on trial mulches of black, white and paper and we thought those on white were as good or better and in a hotter summer it would be superior. Leeks huge. Cauliflower earliest ever with white and Cheddar large and nice. Sweet potatoes still in the ground, now with row cover to push them on a little though we learned last year to not row cover in summer as it reduces yields. Still looking for fall/winter helpers.

(Grand Isle) All the successive plantings of fall broccoli are maturing at the same time. Winter squash crop is the best yield and size that we have seen in years. We are in love with dahlia bulbs for cut flowers, but lost all the miniature

gladiolas to thrips this year. Hope springs eternal as we are already planning what we will do differently next year. We look forward to seeing farm folks at the winter conferences.

(Westfield) We picked our winter squash before the frost a good crop in all except for the butternut who will have need an extra two weeks to finish to ripen. We enjoy the warm weather event but if we are on the dry side, the kohlrabi and daikon have a hard time to size up. The strawberries under plastic are looking very good; we have to do one last passage to cut the runners and remove some crowns on Cabot as some plants have 7 to 8 of them.

**Don't Miss Crop Storage Workshops In October**

If you went to one of these last year you know that they are packed with useful information. This year the workshops will focus on long-term storage of crops for sale through the winter and into early spring, but will be relevant to many agricultural and food storage needs. Topics include: the

biological processes of crops in storage, storage characteristics of various crops, principles of energy and heat transfer basic heating and refrigeration, construction for utility and efficiency, maintaining temperature, airflow and humidity, sizing and design of storage systems. One workshop will be held from 9 to noon at the Middlebury Extension Office on Oct. 14 and it will be repeated at the Berlin Extension Office on Oct. 21. A condensed webinar will also be held on Oct. 15 from noon to 1:30 pm. For more info: <http://blog.uvm.edu/cwcallah/storageworkshop/> or contact Chris Callahan at 802-773-3349x277 or [chris.callahan@uvm.edu](mailto:chris.callahan@uvm.edu)

**FSMA Produce Safety Rule Revisions**

FDA has revised several parts of the draft rule to address concerns voiced by farmers and others. Here is a summary of the revisions. Comments on these are due to FDA by Dec. 15, 2014. [http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/factsheets/FSMA\\_Revisions\\_Produce\\_Safety\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/factsheets/FSMA_Revisions_Produce_Safety_Summary.pdf)

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**Eastern States**

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first, with Madison Wood, Kirby; Emma Pearson, North Hero; David Gringeri, West Haven; Alexis Walker, Essex Junction and Lexy Brooks, Whitehall, N.Y., taking fourth through eighth place, respectively.

Due to the large number of competitors, three divisions of English fitting and showmanship classes were held. Cassidy Wyman, Cambridgeport, and Alexis Walker, Essex Junction, both took first place in their respective classes. Placing second in their classes were Kira Clokey, Jericho; Betsy Coburn, Castleton and Kaelyn Jenny, Essex Junction.

In Western fitting and showmanship Holly Weglarz, Hartland, took

first and Katelyn Patenaude, Derby Line, finished third. Katelyn also won the Western equitation championship.

Other top placements include Betsy Coburn, Castleton (English equitation); Kaelyn Jenny, Essex Junction (English pleasure and English trail class); Kate Patenaude, Derby Line (Western pleasure); Catherine Thrasher, Rupert (Western equitation) and David Gringeri, West Haven (Western handiness);

Miranda Wright, St. Johnsbury, won first place in a special fitting and showmanship competition open to teen leaders. In addition to the 4-H'ers who competed as part of the 14-member Vermont delegation, five older 4-H'ers from Vermont attended Eastern States Exposition as teen leaders to assist with the

various events as well as compete in their own contests. In addition, Miranda received the Sportsmanship Award for Vermont.

All exhibitors also participated in the Team Challenge, in which four-member teams earned points for placements in various events. Only one 4-H'er from any given state was permitted on each team. Vermonters on the top three teams were Kyle Scott, Milton (first-place team); Catherine Thrasher, Rupert (second-place team) and David Gringeri, West Haven (third-place team).

The Mac MacDonald Award was

presented to Kaelyn Jenny of Essex Junction. This award, given in memory of a staunch supporter of this 4-H horse show, is awarded to the competitor with the highest combined scores from the general knowledge, judging and fitting and showmanship competitions. This is the third year in a row that a Vermont 4-H'er has earned this award.

To find out more about the UVM Extension 4-H H programs, contact Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension 4-H livestock educator, at (802) 656-5418 or toll-free at (800) 571-0668, ext. 2 (Vermont calls only).



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