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Vermont Cheese Takes Top ACS Honors, Again!

By Alison Kosakowski

The Vermont Cheese Council (VCC), an organization dedicated to the production and advancement of Vermont Cheese, announced that Vermont took home its second consecutive Best in Show first place designation, along with 36 ribbons from 16 cheesemakers at the 31st annual American Cheese Society competition in Sacramento, Calif. earlier this evening. The Best in Show First Place was awarded for Farms for City Kids Foundation/ Spring Brook Farm's Tarentaise Reserve cheese.

The American Cheese Society (ACS) is the leading organization supporting the understanding, appreciation and promotion of



Spring Brook Farm, shown above, took home the coveted "Best in Show" for its Tarentaise (photo via Spring Brook Farm)

farmstead, artisan and specialty cheeses produced in the Americas. Since its founding in 1983, ACS hosts North America's foremost annual educational conference and

world-renowned cheese judging and competition. This year's competition included 1,685 entries from 248 companies across North America.

A record number of Vermont

cheesemakers – 23 in total – submitted cheeses to be judged at the prestigious competition this year, due in part to the VCC's new sponsorship program. For the first time in its history, the VCC sponsored some Vermont cheesemakers' ACS entry fees to support their efforts in showcasing their cheese in a competition setting.

The coveted Best in Show designation, given to a Vermont cheese maker for its second consecutive year, was awarded to Farms for City Kids Foundation/ Spring Brook Farm's Tarentaise Reserve. Tarentaise, named after the French Valley which inspired it, is a semi-hard washed rind cow's milk cheese aged for up to 12 months in caves. Located in Reading, Spring

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THE VIEW FROM 116 STATE STREET

Over the past year, I have served as the president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), the organization which unites my counterparts from all 50 states and U.S. Territories. This September 10-13th, The Vermont Agency of Agriculture will host the 2014 annual NASDA conference in Burlington! This is an outstanding opportunity for us to showcase Vermont agriculture, and all we collectively do to make it great.

As you know very well, we are in the midst of a pivotal period for American Agriculture. Culturally, Americans are growing ever more interested in food and fiber. And yet, less than 2% of the population makes a living farming or ranching.

Given this divide, the opportunity for misunderstanding is immense. As agricultural professionals, it is our role to bridge this gap, to set aside differences, and to seek out common ground. We must work together to create a culture of what I like to refer to as "Ag Literacy," an appreciation and understanding of where food and fiber comes from, and how farming and ranching work.

During the course of the conference, I look forward to sharing some of our efforts to promote "Ag Literacy" here in Vermont. I am excited to share Vermont's community-based agriculture, from our proud tradition of "milk and maple" to our innovative and progressive "farm to institution" initiatives. We

have many reasons to be proud.

Over the course of the year, Vermont's agricultural community has supported me in my role as NASDA president, providing insights, feedback, and suggestions. My term will conclude at the end of the conference. As this time draws near, I'd like to thank all of you for sharing your insights and expertise. From FSMA, to water quality, to Farm Bill issues, to consumer protection, you've been an important part of helping shape national policy through NASDA.

Working together, we have the power to lead the industry towards new, collaborative, solutions. We also have the opportunity to help reconnect Americans to their agricultural roots.

I am very confident Vermont will help pave the way forward as Agriculture charts its course for the next century. We are a community of devoted agriculturalists, committed to innovation, sustainability, and our working landscape. Thank you for all you do.



Vermont Cheese

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Brook is part of Farms for City Kids Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides a stimulating outdoor classroom where urban youth explore new dimensions of learning as academics are integrated into everyday farm activities that practice and teach sustainability. Activities include milking the cows and caring for the cheeses at Spring Brook

Farm.

"Tonight saw a record win from Vermont at the American Cheese Society Awards," said Tom Bivins, Vermont Cheese Council executive director. "Sixteen of the 23 cheesemakers who submitted cheeses walked away with at least one ribbon. And for Vermont to take home a Best in Show for the second year in a row, truly clinches our standing of Vermont being home for many of the world's finest cheeses."

Grafton Village Cheese, Grafton:

Shepsog, first place; 2 Year Aged cheddar, third place; Queen of Quality Clothbound Cheddar, first place; Bear Hill, third place; Bull Hill, second place

Lazy Lady Farm, Westfield: La Petite Tomme, third place

Maplebrook Farm, Bennington:

Ricotta Alta, second place; Whole Milk Block Feta, second place

Plymouth Artisan Cheese, Plymouth:

Red White & Blue, second place

Sage Farm Goat Dairy, Stowe:

Belvidere, third place

Shelburne Farms, Shelburne:

Farmhouse 6 Month Cheddar, third place

Twig Farm, Cornwall: Mixed Drum, third place

Vermont Creamery, Websterville:

Bijou, first place; Bonne Bouche, second place; Coupole, second place; Torus (with Murray's Cheese), second place; Feta, first place; Cultured Butter with Sea Salt and Maple, second place;

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Winning Cheeses from Vermont

Farms for City Kids Foundation/

Spring Brook Farm, Reading:
Tarentaise Reserve, first place;
Tarentaise, first place; also BEST in Show first place for Tarentaise Reserve.

Big Picture Farm, Townshend:

Sonnet, third

Boston Post Dairy, Enosburg Falls:

Très Bonne, first place

Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Cabot:

Monterey Jack, first place; Cabot Sharp, second place; Farmhouse Reserve, second place; Light Cheddar, third place; Plain Greek Style Yogurt, second place; Salted Butter, second place; Unsalted Butter, third place

Cellars at Jasper Hill, Greensboro:

Harbison, first place; Alpha Tolman, second place

Consider Bardwell Farm, West

Pawlet: Rupert, first

Editor's Note

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So much for the lazy, hazy days of summer: the Agency is bustling as we prepare to host the NASDA annual conference in September. It is a busy time, but we are all looking forward to showcasing Vermont agriculture and delighting our guests from the 50 states.

Back home on the farm, the crew is busy chopping hay, as I toil here before the glowing computer screen, planning conference logistics. As the wife of a farmer, I can't complain much about my busy schedule – my days are brief in comparison.

We all play a part in Vermont's food system – though our roles may vary greatly. As we roll into harvest (and conference!) time, we will all reap what we've sown. May we each find ourselves in the midst of plenty, with abundance enough to share.

— Alison Kosakowski

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Vermont Ag Secretary Celebrates National Farmers' Market Week

By Alison Kosakowski,
VAAF

Vermont's Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Ross, joined Rutland County legislators at the Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market to kick-off National Farmer's Market Week on Saturday, August 2nd.

The market, located at 98 Merchant's Row in Rutland's Depot Park, is one of eighty farmers' markets across the state. Per capita, Vermont has more farmers' markets than any other state in the nation.

According to Ross, Vermont's thriving farmers' market community is a reflection of the values of Vermonters.

"Farmers' markets bring communities together, provide local, healthy food, create opportunity for farmers, and preserve the Working Landscape, which is why so many Vermonters are proud to support them," Ross said.

He also believes the markets play an important educational role.

"Farmers' markets connect consumers directly to the producers who



Secretary Ross browses the offerings at the Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market. Photo by Abbey Willard

grow and raise their food," said Secretary Ross. "This connection is critical to fostering what I often refer to as 'Ag Literacy,' an appreciation and understanding of where food comes from, and how farming works."

"Today, less than 2% of

our national population works on a farm," he continued. "Farmers' markets are one way we can ensure the other 98% remains connected to agriculture in these changing times."

Farmers' Market Week began in 2000 with a designation by the USDA, in

recognition of the important role markets play in developing local and regional food systems. Nationwide, the week is celebrated August 3-9.

Vermont's Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets partners closely

with the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) and the Vermont Farmers' Market Association (VTFMA) in supporting efforts to strengthen and grow the state's network of Farmers' Markets.

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Crème Fraiche, third place; Unsalted Cultured Butter, third place

Vermont Farmstead Cheese, S. Woodstock: Alehouse Cheddar, second
von Trapp Farmstead,

Waitsfield: Savage, third

For a comprehensive list of the 2014 American Cheese Society winners, visit CheeseJudging.org.

The state of Vermont, celebrated for its focus on farm-to-table lifestyle and Vermont-made products, including cheese, boasts more cheese companies per capita than any other state in the nation.

The 2013 ACS competition saw 11 Vermont cheesemakers awarded 30

ribbons, including Best of Show first and second place, by Cellars at Jasper Hill and Grafton Village Cheese, respectively.

The Vermont Cheese Council is a statewide membership based organization with 43 principal cheese producing members and over 100 associate members. The VCC is committed to promoting the advancement and quality of Vermont cheese through promotion, education and strong peer to peer support. The organization has been in existence since 1992. For more information, please contact: Tom Bivins, Executive Director at tom@vtcheese.com or call 802-451-8564 or visit the Vermont Cheese Council website at www.vtcheese.com.



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Safety Counts: Protecting What Matters

National Farm Safety Week: September 21 – 27, 2014

By George Cook,
UVM Extension

Each year since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. This recognition has been an annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council and has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the first document.

Farm safety is an ongoing challenge, but must be remain at the farmer's top priority. Agriculture ranks among the most hazardous

industries. Farmers are at very high risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries; and farming is one of the few industries in which family members (who often share the work and live on the premises) are also at risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries.

Nearly half of all tractors in the U.S. are older models without rollover protective structures (ROPS). Among those tractor operators who do have ROPS, many neglect to use the seat belt. When used together, ROPS and a seatbelt are 99% effective in preventing fatal or serious roll-over injuries. Take the time to protect yourself!



The Power Take-Off (PTO) shaft is an efficient means of transferring mechanical power between farm tractors and implements, but is also one of the oldest and most persistent hazards associated

with farm machinery. Most incidents involving PTO's result from clothing caught by an engaged but unguarded PTO stub. That's why it is critical to keep all components of PTO systems shielded and guarded. Disengage the PTO and shut off the tractor before dismounting to clean, repair, service, or adjust machinery. Never step over a PTO, running or still, always walk around tractors and machinery instead of stepping over a rotating shaft ...it is but 10 steps further! Your life is worth 10 steps!

Studies show that 7 in 10 farms go out of business

within a year of a fatal incident on the farm. Don't take chances with your life, with the life of your farm and with the lives of all those who depend on you.

Now is the time to take steps to making your farm a safer place to live, work and raise a family. At the end of the day, there's nothing more important than the health and safety of you and your employees. Honor National Farm Safety Week by taking some extra time to review your farm safety protocols "protect what matters!"

Vermont Was All Over The Menu At The Summer Fancy Food Show

By Nancy Brooks and
Billy St. Louis

Considering its small footprint on the map and its low population density, Vermont's large presence at the 2014 Summer Fancy Food Show was decidedly out of proportion to its size. With 28 exhibitors ranging from reputable brands such as Cabot Cheese, Lake Champlain Chocolates to up-and-comers like Olivia's Croutons and Leonardo's of Vermont; only New York, Massachusetts and Virginia have a bigger presence in the State Pavilion.

The Summer Fancy Food

Show — North America's largest specialty food and beverage marketplace— is an annual, signature event in the specialty food industry. As proof of Vermont's notoriety in the food industry, this year marks the second consecutive time that Vermont has garnered four SOFI Award Finalists from among its recognized cheese, snack and condiment sectors. Castleton Crackers, Wozz! Kitchen Creations, Tonewood and Vermont Creamery were among the 125 finalists selected by a national panel of specialty food professionals from 2,724 entries.

At the show, all the com-

panies that represented Vermont portrayed genuine food quality and authentic products as the typical "Vermont Brand." In fact, their presence in New York was showcased by family farms, sustainable agriculture and "farm to fork" lifestyles. It also demonstrated creative and health-inspired usage of Vermont-made flavors and Vermont-grown produce.

To highlight Vermonters' success and innovation in the food industry, the Vermont Specialty Foods Association and Vermont Agency of Agriculture anchored the state's presence at the show with an additional tasting booth in the State Pavilion.

Here, at Booth #5030, award-winning Vermont Chef Sean Buchanan prepared signature recipes and cheese pairings featuring an array of products, from artisan cheese to pure Vermont maple syrup.

Crouton Dusted Pork with Mustard Cream and Maple Dressing – featuring products from Vermont Creamery, Green Mountain Mustard, Olivia's Croutons and Drew's dressings and salsas; and

Maple BBQ Chicken Tacos with Smokin' Tomato Sour Cream – featuring products from Butternut Mountain Farm, Vermont Creamery, Vermont Harvest,

Cabot Cheese and Drew's dressings and salsas.

Chef Buchanan and representatives from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets also spoke to innovations in Vermont agriculture that have positioned Vermont as a food epicenter, catalyzing and accelerating the development of markets which sustain the working landscape that is highly valued by Vermonters and visitors alike. A trip through Vermont offers more than 400 food and farm experiences; build your culinary and tasting route at www.DiginVt.com.

Renovating Perennial Beds

Dr. Leonard Perry,
Extension Professor,
University of Vermont

One of the main problems I hear from perennial gardeners, and one I have myself, is perennial beds gone weedy. Or, as a friend likes to say, they've gone "natural" and reached their "goldenrod years". Where I used to have hundreds of perennials, all nicely organized and labeled in neatly edged beds, now I only see the hardiest survivors poking through goldenrods, nettles, grass growing in from the edges, and a whole host of other invaders. If life has had other priorities for you than keeping up with weeding, and your perennial bed has become overgrown with less desirable plants, it is time to think about renovation.

One option is just to live with your new beds and work with them. Actually, all the "wildflowers" that have seeded in, plus the remaining tough daylilies and phlox and such look pretty good—from a distance. I have hundreds of daffodils interplanted in these beds, so to totally dig up and renovate would destroy their spring effect created over years. To go with this option, you need to appreciate the "natural", seemingly unorganized and "messy" meadow effect. The diversity of plants actually is good ecologically as it harbors a host of beneficial insects, plants for native pollinators, and food for birds.



To work with such overgrown beds, I merely weed whack them to the ground in late fall so I can enjoy the cheery bulbs come spring. For such beds I then "edit" out the worst offenders in early summer as they start to take off, and I can tell what perennials I planted, and what perennials nature put there. For this, use a heavy-duty hoe, or perhaps perennial spade.

If you want to reclaim your beds though to their former organized glory, just with "your" perennials and not ones from nature, you can do a thorough weeding if they're not too far out of control. If it has been several years though, and they are beyond redemption, you'll need to renovate. This begins with assessing during summer what is there that you want to save, and marking them with stakes for digging the following spring. Peonies

are an exception—they should be dug in fall and either replanted in a holding area elsewhere, or potted and overwintering in a non-freezing location.

If you want to go about the renovation properly, take some pictures through the summer that you can study this winter. Measure the beds, and roughly draw them on graph paper so this winter you can plan your new plantings. Of course make a list of those perennials you'll be saving, so you know what you need to purchase this next season. Note how big they are, and if you'll be able to divide them.

I've found that if perennials are totally invaded by grass roots, or roots of invasive perennials (like the silver banner grass, goutweed, reed canary grass), it's best to just discard them and start over. Otherwise you'll need to divide up such perennials to

the smallest portions, sifting through their roots for any invasive roots. You'll be sure to miss some, as I have, and end up in a few years with the same weedy problems.

Fall is a good time for a soil test (kits are available from local Extension offices and some garden stores), so you know what nutrients to add next spring. If you need to add lime to the soil to make it less acid, fall is a good time as it takes a few months for this to work.

You also can begin in fall, after grass stops growing, edging the beds with edging tool (manual or electric) or even square-tipped spade. I often start by weed trimming the edges so I can see better where I'm edging, and doing so more easily and in straighter lines.

Once you've analyzed your beds during the growing season, and made your plans during winter, it's time

to go at the beds when you see growth starting in spring. If you have one or more very large beds, and you want to get the job done quickly or don't have lots of time, you might consider hiring a professional. Most state associations (such as greenworksvermont.org) have lists of certified professionals that have passed a rigorous test of their knowledge. Or, for large beds if reworking them yourself, unless you have lots of energy or help, consider tackling the bed in sections. This way it won't seem overwhelming.

First, dig out all those perennials you've decided to keep. Place in the shade under burlap or similar if replanting very soon, otherwise "heel them in" temporarily in another holding bed, or even in pots, until ready to replant.

The next step is the most time-consuming but essential—digging out all the rest of the plants, turning the bed with a fork to loosen it, then sifting the top several inches of soil for any weed rootlets. You can buy sifting screens, or make one simply with a wood frame about one foot wide and two feet long, with coarse hardware cloth wire mesh stapled to the bottom. Tilling the bed instead will simply rebury these weed roots, and divide them up so you have even more perennial weeds! Of course there will likely be weed seeds in your soil, but mulch later and weeding or a hoe will keep these under control.

For those plants you

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VT Dairy Industry Association Will Hold Annual Conference 9/16-17

By Julie Smith, UVM

The Fall Conference and Annual Meetings of the Vermont Dairy Industry Association (VDIA) and Vermont Feed Dealers Association are being held September 16th and 17th at The Stoweflake Mountain Resort and Conference Center in Stowe, Vt. Aspiring, active and retired producers, service providers, educators, regulators, legislators, and all other dairy industry members are invited. An outstanding lineup of speakers will inform and inspire participants regarding regulatory issues, consumer perceptions, and business excellence in the interests of supporting dairy industry success in the 21st century. The program begins at 9 A.M. on the 16th. Following a reception, the evening banquet begins at 7 P.M. On the 17th the program runs from 8:00 A.M. through lunch. The Vermont Dairy Farm of the Year will be part of the program on September 16th. A block of rooms is being held for



conference attendees at The Stoweflake Mountain Resort. For more information and registration, visit blog.uvm.edu/vdia/ or contact Alan Curler at 802.989.1369 or lilotter@gmavt.net. Registration with payment is requested by August 29th.

The mission of the VDIA is to promote excellence and innovation among the current and next generation of producers, processors, and partners of the dairy industry in Vermont. The VDIA, in partnership with other organizations, provides educational opportunities, scholarships, and networking opportunities; celebrates highest quality milk producers; and advocates for all aspects of Vermont's dairy industry with an eye to helping the next generation enter, embrace innovation and thrive in the dairy industry of tomorrow. The VDIA is a non-profit organization whose members are engaged in producing and processing milk or in regulating, servicing, or educating those who produce and process milk in Vermont's dairy industry. For more information about the VDIA, visit blog.uvm.edu/vdia/.

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remove and weed roots, don't dump them into nearby fields if you don't want them to take root in these areas, nor near waterways where they can colonize stream banks. Unless you have a really good and "hot" compost pile, don't dump roots there either as they can survive and reinfest other beds later.

Add any nutrients and gently rake them in. If you didn't get a chance to test the soil, you might just add an organic, balanced fertilizer (such as 5-3-4). An inch or two of compost (well-rotted, free of weed seeds) should be added, more if the soil is poor (sandy, clay). This helps soil microorganisms, improves water-holding as well as drainage, and provides some nutrients. Most perennials don't need much nutrition. Too much fertility can make them grow only lush foliage with few flowers.



Divide and replant any perennials you saved, and put in new ones. Beware of "gifts" from neighbors, and be careful with plant sales—know what you are buying. Often there you'll find those very invasive perennials that are so easy to divide. If you're unfamiliar with perennials, take along a reference book, catalog, or even plant app (increasingly there are ones for this) for a smartphone, or look them up online on such handheld devices.

Water in well (deeply less often is better than frequent sprinkling). Mulch with a couple inches of bark, shredded leaves (whole leaves can compact and keep air and water from the soil), pine straw, or similar. While some mulch is good, more is not better for many perennials that like to spread. Mulching these, such as yarrows, will kill them out over time and keep peonies from blooming. To avoid having to start over again, make sure to keep on top of weeds.

Spring and early summer is a key time to weed as much of the soil is bare (perennials are just starting to grow) and the light makes weed seeds germinate. A tip on using the hoe on weeds—just break them off near the surface. If you dig too deeply, you'll bring more weed seeds to the surface where the light will make them germinate. Since weeds need light to grow, and weed seeds to germinate, planting large perennials or making sure they cover the soil when mature, will minimize the weed pressure, as does mulch.

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Food Business Incubators Announce The Launch Of The Vermont Equipment Access Program

By Robin Morris, Mad River Food Hub

The Mad River Food Hub, the CAE Vermont Food Venture Center and the Vermont Community Loan Fund are pleased to announce a new equipment leasing program for food businesses and entrepreneurs.

The Vermont Value-Added Producer Equipment Access Program will help emerging food business by creating access to specialized equipment that will help them increase production and enhance product quality. Participants will have worked with a food business incubator for at least three months, have annual revenue of over \$20,000, be planning to use the equipment in Vermont and source ingredients from Vermont farms and producers.

The Equipment Access Program has been made possible by philanthropic support, in particular from the Castanea Foundation, High Meadows Fund, the Surdna Foundation, the John Merck Fund and the State of Vermont's Working Lands Enterprise Initiative.

"Food businesses face the challenge of scaling up their operations on a regular basis," says Robin Morris, owner and founder of the Mad River Food Hub in Waitsfield, VT. "This program will provide a solution for the clients of the food hub facilities by providing timely access to the critical equipment needed to pro-

duce more efficiently."

The Equipment Access Program is being launched in partnership with the Vermont Community Loan Fund, whose mission is to create opportunities for healthy communities and financial stability for all Vermonters. The Program will be a revolving lease fund, so that as funds are repaid, they will be used again to purchase a new piece of equipment for another food business.

"We expect the Equipment Access Program to grow and serve many working lands businesses," says Will Belongia, VCLF executive director. "The Loan

Fund is always looking for new opportunities to grow Vermont's food and farm economy. We're thrilled to partner with Vermont's two food incubator facilities as they provide technical assistance to these businesses."

"It is exciting that we can collaborate across the state," says Sarah Waring, executive director of the Center for an Agricultural Economy, which owns and operates the Vermont Food Venture Center in Hardwick. "Between Mad River Food Hub and the VT Food Venture Center, we have over 40 customers who are processing at our facility, and another 50 or so who

have been using our business advising programs. We definitely have the people to put this new equipment to work!"

Applications are available through the Mad River Food Hub and the CAE Vermont Food Venture Center. For information, contact Sarah Waring at the Center for an Agricultural Economy, or Robin Morris at the Mad River Food Hub. For more information on Vermont Community Loan Fund loans and grants, visit www.investinvermont.org.

The Vermont Community Loan Fund's mission is to create opportunities that

lead to healthy communities and financial stability for all Vermonters. Since our inception we've lent almost \$85 million to small businesses, affordable housing developers and community-based organizations that has created or preserved over 3,600 jobs; built or rehabilitated more than 3,200 affordable homes for Vermont's families, individuals and seniors; created or preserved quality care for over 2,800 children and their families and supported community organizations providing vital services to hundreds of thousands of Vermonters.

Registration Open For Master Composter Course

By Lisa Halvorsen, UVM Extension

The Vermont Master Composter course will be offered at 13 locations around the state on four consecutive Thursdays, beginning Sept. 18. The course will provide training to anyone interested in becoming a backyard composter by learning how to turn yard trimmings and vegetable scraps into "black gold." It is sponsored by the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener program with funding from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

Classes will meet from 6:15 to 9 p.m. at Vermont Interactive Technology sites in Bennington, Brattleboro, Johnson, Lyndonville, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, St. Albans, Springfield, White River Junction and Williston. Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 12. Some sites fill quickly, so early registration is recommended.

The \$40 fee includes an online course guide and additional materials. A printed guide and materials will be available for an extra \$10. To download the registration form or pay online, go to www.uvm.edu/mastergardener. To request a disability-related accommodation, call the UVM Extension Master Gardener Office at (802) 656-

9562 by Sept. 5. An e-mail confirmation of class site will be sent upon receipt of registration and payment. Directions to the sites are at www.vitlink.org/location.

Participants will learn about the biology of composting, worm composting, "recipe" design, compost use for disease control, site and container selection, the new Vermont Universal Recycling Law and how to manage the compost process including troubleshooting tips. Although the course is designed to provide instruction on composting in one's own backyard, individuals are encouraged to share their experience through talks, workshops and displays at fairs and field days, farmers' markets and other venues.

To become a certified Vermont Master Composter, a total of 20 volunteer hours, earned within a two-year period after completion of the course, are required. Graduates may complete these hours through school or community composting projects as well as by assisting with UVM Extension Master Gardener projects that include a composting component. Although separate programs, volunteer hours also may be applied to requirements for Extension Master Gardener certification.

For more information, contact the UVM Extension Master Gardener Office at (802) 656-9562 or mastergardener@uvm.edu.

FSA Issues Dairy Margin Protection Update

By Bob Paquin,
USDA Farm Service Agency

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) authorizes the Margin Protection Program for dairy producers (MPP-Dairy). This new voluntary risk management program replaces the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program which expires on September 1, 2014. MPP-Dairy offers protection to dairy producers when the difference (the margin) between the all-milk price and national average feed cost falls below a certain producer selected amount.

Eligible producers may purchase coverage for their dairy operations by paying an annual administrative fee of \$100, and a premium as applicable, for higher levels of coverage. Producers in the dairy operation will have to select a desired coverage level ranging from \$4.00 to \$8.00, in \$0.50 increments, and a desired coverage percentage level ranging from 25 to 90 percent, in 5 percent increments.

Producers in the dairy operation will also have to decide whether or not to participate in the MPP-Dairy Program or the Livestock Gross Margin program

administered by the Risk Management Agency, but will not be allowed to participate in both. However, FSA is working on a process to allow maximum flexibility for dairy producers to make that decision.

Dairy operations will establish their production history upon initial registration for the MPP-Dairy program. Production history will be established for a dairy operation based on the highest annual milk production marketed during the full calendar years of 2011, 2012, or 2013. New dairy operations in operation for less than a year will

either have their production established on their available full months marketed milk production extrapolated to a yearly amount or their estimated actual marketed milk production based on the actual herd size of the dairy operation relative to the national rolling herd average. Verification of the production records used to establish the production history for the dairy operation will be required. Payments under the program will be triggered when margins fall below their producer selected levels.

The regulations for MPP-Dairy are still being

developed. Please watch for additional information about this program as it becomes available.

The following schedule may be used for your planning purposes:

Producers should obtain milk marketings for calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Sept 2014: Decision Tool will be made available to help make coverage level decisions.

Fall 2014: When announced by FSA, enroll in 2014 and/or 2015 MPP-Dairy program.

Agency of Ag Launches Survey to Assess Wholesale and Institutional Markets

By Abbey Willard, VAAFM

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets is conducting a producer survey to better understand Vermont producers' interests and needs in serving institutional and wholesale markets. Our goal is to identify opportunities for producers to access wholesale and institutional markets. These markets include larger grocery stores, K-12 schools, universities and hospitals. In particular the survey looks to identify what markets producers currently serve, what capacity producers have to serve institutional and wholesale markets, and

what services and assistance producers would find most helpful to better serve these markets.

If you are a producer, we ask that you take 8-10 minutes to complete the survey below. If you are not a producer, but work with them, we kindly ask that you pass along this article so we might collect additional responses from Vermont's expansive agricultural community.

Find the producer survey link at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ProducerSurvey_VAAFM

Producer participation in this survey is critical to helping us understand the financial and logistical barriers that prevent producers from

successfully serving institutions and wholesale markets. Your participation is completely voluntary; however, know that we would greatly appreciate your contribution towards helping us better support Vermont's local food economy.

The results from this project will be shared at the state level with different food-focused community groups as well as larger statewide service providers, such as UVM Extension, NOFA-VT and VHCB's Farm & Forest Viability Program. Your responses will help these groups provide producers, like yourselves, with better technical assistance and help them select and organize

more appropriate workshops and more meaningful informational sessions. Please note that information specific to your business will NOT be shared with the public.

We recognize this request falls during the busy production season, but we would like to collect responses by

Monday September 15, 2014 so we can use the results to plan for this winter's workshop and assistance offerings.

If you have any questions about the survey or its results, please feel free to contact me at 802-272-2885 or abbey.willard@state.vt.us.



Fruits of Fall

By Dr. Leonard Perry,
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Fall is the time most fruits on woody plants, not just on fruit trees, mature and become most colorful. These come in various forms, types, and colors with names such as berries, pomes, and drupes. In addition, there are other attractive fruiting or seed structures on some landscape plants and vines. The following and more examples, along with photos, are given by Nancy Rose in an article from the publication (*Arnoldia*, volume 66:2) of the Arnold Arboretum in Boston—one of the most extensive and well-known collections of woody landscape plants.

Perhaps the most common tree fruit is the “pome”, as is common to members of the rose family such as apples, crabapples, mountain ash, pear, hawthorn, and coto-neaster. These have a central core surrounding several seeds and, similar to berries, don’t split when mature.

Although “berry” is commonly used to refer to any smaller, generally rounded and fleshy fruit, botanically it is a fruit that doesn’t split when mature (“indehiscent”), comes from a single female flower part (“pistil”), and has one or more seeds. Vines such as grapes and kiwi have berries, as do both shrub and vine honeysuckles. If you know the persimmon fruit, you may be surprised to learn it too is a berry—one of

the few from a large tree.

Other fruits we don’t normally think of as berries are those with a hard rind (“pepo”) such as watermelon, cucumber, squash, and pumpkin. You probably never thought of citrus fruits as berries, but they are a type (“hesperidium”) with leathery rind, and partitions between sections like parchment.

Similar to a berry is the “drupe”—a fruit with a single seed surrounded by a hard layer or central “pit” as in cherries, plums, and peaches. Many of our showy fall landscape plants have drupes for fruits, including viburnum, beautyberry, dogwoods, and hollies. While not grown in temperate climates, other common drupes include olive, mango, almond and coconut.

If you’ve ever seen fruits on roses you’ve seen their “hips”—a term just used for such rose fruits. These are often a colorful red or orange, and give a common name to the rugosa rose of “beach tomato” (it is often found growing along New England beaches). If you dissect rose hips you’ll find fused flower parts surrounding multiple small, dry fruits containing single seeds.

The fruit types so far are grouped as “simple” fruits—those with a single ripened ovary (base of the pistil) in a single flower. Some examples so far are of the botanical groups of simple fruits—fleshy or dry, and whether they split when mature (“dehiscent”) or not.



A scenic fall view at Shelburne Orchards, one of Vermont's most celebrated apple-picking destinations.

If a flower has several female parts (pistils) that form multiple small fruits, these are termed “aggregate” fruits.

Raspberries and blackberries are examples of an aggregate fruit of small drupes (drupelets). Magnolia produce aggregate fruit too, only larger and, when mature, each small simple fruit (in this case termed a “follicle”) in the bigger aggregate cluster opens to showcase a seed covered with a bright red fleshy coating. Other examples of follicles are found in many garden flowers such as milkweed, peony, larkspur, delphinium, and columbine. In follicles, the simple fruits split open along one seam.

When several flowers fuse together to form many fruits that appear as one, this is an example of a “multiple” fruit. The osage orange tree, fig, mulberry, and pineapple all produce such multiple fruits.

Then there are the other fruiting structures that are attractive in some landscape plants. They often are carried by wind, by animals, or just drop to disperse and to the create seedlings. Look at maples in fall and you’ll see their papery winged seeds that twirl through the wind like little propellers. These “samaras” are a fruit botanically described as a “winged achene”. This takes various forms from the paired wings in the maple, to one encir-

cling the fruit in elm, to a paddle-like wing in ash. Size and wing angle of samaras in maples is one means used to identify different species.

“Achenes” are very small fruits with one seed, usually found with many in a cluster. Sunflower seeds are achenes—the fruit of the largest plant family, the sunflower or daisy family. Other examples are the buttercup and sycamore tree.

Achenes are one type of dry, indehiscent (doesn’t split open when mature) fruit, as are “schizocarps”. In these, the fruits split open into sections, but the sections containing the seeds remain intact and don’t split open. You’ll see this fruiting type in plants of the carrot family including fennel, as well as in mallows.

Acorns are well-known to most humans, and to wildlife such as squirrels that use them for food. They are unique to oak trees, and are composed of a hard nut enclosed in a cup-like structure (called an “involucre”). Some of these cups are fringed as in the bur oak. Related are the chestnut fruits common on this plant and beech, with the nuts in a spiny cup. In hazelnut and filbert, fruits are in a leafy or tubular cup.

“Capsules” are those dry fruit structures that split open when mature (“dehiscent”), often into defined sections, to release many seeds. They are common on many landscape plants including golden rain tree,

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VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY NEWS



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Reports From The Field

(Rochester) We captured a few male SWD on 8/17, in both summer and fall raspberries and in early blueberries (Patriot). There were no captures in our later blueberries (Blue Ray and Jersey). Reports from New York State indicate that SWD numbers are not building rapidly so hopefully that will be the case here. We will apply Entrust asap and try to keep the population in check.

(Craftsbury) Blueberry season is in full swing with a bountiful and healthy harvest at our U-Pick. Greatly reduced Japanese beetle presence this year for no apparent reason. We do not spray. Berries are firm and unblemished. No bird or bear predation to date. Yield looks to be similar to two and three years ago, following last year's hot weather which accelerated ripening and shortened season.

(Elmore) We have storybook little round plum trees loaded with fruit; garlic is very small this year; pears are gathering size and blackberries are plump and good already. Huge

blueberry harvest, no SWD sightings. Black currants are harvested and frozen. We are trying to decide on a cider press.

(Ange-Gardien, Quebec) Cantaloupe and canary on harvest. Triploid coming soon. Butternut starting setting flowers on 12th node, I thought it was pretty late but fruits are there now. No major mildew problem on squash and pumpkins so far although this wet and cold temperature should start it. Garlic looks great, no drying problem. 5 rows on 1,2m bed, 15cm on the row on overfertilised bed, 1 hand weeding. That's the cheapest I could produce garlic for.

(Walden Heights) An odd year for harvesting. Presumably due to weather conditions this last month, the orchard is experiencing a bottleneck harvest. During the last 3 weeks we have been picking red, white and black currants, summer raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, gooseberries, and 7 apple varieties. During 'normal' years these are spread out over 2 months. No sign of spotted wing drosophila so far this season. Japanese beetles are higher in number, but have found little damage to target plantings since we leave a good many 'draw' plants. They prefer grapes, wild brambles and many herbaceous plants (aka weeds) to our cultivated plants, especially the tree fruits. It is evident that eradicating all competing vegetation is asking for trouble. A lower yield apple year, but fruits are nearly perfect.

(Warren) Still no major disasters. The biggest issue we are having this season is keeping up with harvesting and finding storage space. Shallots are the size of

onions and onions are the size of softballs. Really solid too. Tomatoes are cranking out of high tunnels and every last one is getting sold. High tunnel red peppers are in. I think that's my favorite crop. Potatoes are starting to die back and are looking really clean. Salad greens are still cranking along but it's getting harder and harder to find the time to seed them every week. Hoping to start seeding winter cover of oats and peas this week.

(Williston) We have had plenty of rain here in Northwestern VT. Slugs and snails are plentiful along with lots of weeds, and some mushroom growth in straw mulched rows. Downy mildew hit my basil; I need to pull it but basil in hoop house is clean so far. Fields will be seeded down to pea/oats/vetch for fall/winter cover crop. Japanese beetles still present but hand picking reduced their numbers. Farmers market sales are holding on but numbers of people are down. Value-added product sales are a bit slow but increase dramatically when doing demos. Regrowth has been good in herbs and I have not had to irrigate much. Eggplants are done in hoop house; put in some purple basil to see what happens. Garlic is all harvested and drying. Size was good but not outstanding like a few years ago. Cold weather this past winter did not seem to bother it, they mulched with straw. Cherry tomatoes have been producing great this season. I sprayed Dipel in early August at the first sign of frass and was amazed at how many hornworms there were in plants! Dipel was very effective! Winterbor kale transplants look great which will follow hoop house tomatoes in early September. I had powdery mildew in

tarragon and rosemary so sprayed Milstop. The next time I went to harvest the tarragon all the areas that had mildew were black. Not sure if I sprayed too heavy but last time I sprayed I used same dose. Rosemary was not affected and still had some mildew. Overall good season with sales just down a bit.

(Plainfield NH) We have dodged some pretty foul weather this summer that has pounded some others. The fairly moist summer favored our sandy soils, but in our fall cucurbits on some heavy ground we have suffered a crop failure. Onion crop is wonderful; tops on many varieties still upright and booking. I hope they die down soon before the summer help leaves. Late blight is not a problem here. Downy mildew on basil, hoppers in mums and new planting of beans, Erwinia in a couple of my potato varieties, PM on cucurbits-- signs of where we are in the season. A cool season has resulted in variable brix levels in the melons, but the set and overall quality are good. Corn has been great with good flavor and the cool temps have allowed us to keep up with it. Wrapping up blueberry harvest, and now the gargantuan task of summer pruning and beating back the weeds that got a foothold during harvest. Summer raspberries all pruned up and looking good; Autumn Britten and Caroline are coming in. SWD has not shown up in any appreciable numbers either in the Extension traps or the USDA sphere experiment. Historically we have not built high numbers until late September. Lucky, I guess. Sales good this summer, starting to flag a bit now as the schools ramp up and the tourists head back to work.

(Monkton) This is our first year with a high tunnel for tomatoes and I am loving it. Sprayed with copper when we heard late blight was in Mass. and so far it seems effective, though we do have Alternaria in our single bed of heirlooms and Sungolds. We spend a lot of time wiping the fruit before sale, but I think it's worth it. Onions are drying in the barn, and the garlic crop was stellar. Our Brassicas are heavily damaged by swede midge, which seems to move around. Fall cauliflower is so far unaffected, but kale of all varieties is suffering.

(Brookline) SWD are causing moderate damage, really time to take action. It's that time of year I fear. If we can dry out it would be nice. We have seen that light to moderate SWD damage for three plus weeks. This pest is rough on one's nerves. Late blight is not kicking our rears yet, but this continuous moisture mandates that we keep fungicide on the tomatoes and potatoes.

(New Haven) Late blight is trying to get a hold on the field, we have been spraying with OxiDate to control. Corn, peppers, eggplant, cukes, and summer squash all producing well. Melons crop is on target to be one of the best. Fall crops on target and looking good.

Update From The UVM Plant Diagnostic Clinic

by Ann Hazelrigg

Tomato: Late blight is widespread across VT in both fields and in high tunnels with high humidity. Septoria and early blight are there but of less concern. See the *New England Vegetable Management Guide* for fungicide options if you have healthy tomato or potato

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MARKET REPORT

Wholesale Prices

August 12, 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 \$1.28

Market is steady and supply is good.

You can find more reports online at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm>
 This is the web source for *USDA Market News*



Northampton, MA • August 19, 2014

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

Source: Northampton Cooperative Auction Association, Inc., www.northamptonlivestockauction.homestead.com

Calves:	LOW	HIGH		Cows:	LOW	HIGH	
Good & Choice: 61-75 lbs	20.00	74.00	cwt	Canners	34.00	96.00	cwt
76-95 lbs	49.00	70.00	cwt	Cutters	96.50	117.50	cwt
96-105 lbs	50.00	70.00	cwt	Utility	118.00	127.50	cwt
106 lbs and up	52.00	60.00	cwt	Sows	40.00	73.50	cwt
Farm Calves	100.00	350.00	cwt	Hogs	none		cwt
Starter Calves	none		cwt	Boars	26.00	35.00	cwt
Feeder Calves	110.00	147.50	cwt	Shoats	none		cwt
Vealers	none		cwt	Feeder Pigs	none		each
Bulls	91.00	134.00	cwt	Lambs	125.00	175.00	cwt
Heifers	117.50		cwt	Sheep	95.00	117.50	cwt
Replacement Cows	none		each	Goats	50.00	185.00	each
Steers	93.00	160.00	cwt	Rabbits	2.00	23.00	each
				Hay (3 lots)	4.40	5.20	bale

Addison County Commission Sales • Middlebury, VT • August 18, 2014

Cattle: 150		Feeder Calves	
Calves: 250			
Slaughter Cows		Holstein Bulls 92-125 lbs.	73.00 322.50 cwt
Breakers 75 - 80% lean	101.50 117.50 cwt	80-90 lbs.	70.00 222.50 cwt
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NOFA Certified Organic 2014 First Cut Wrapped Round Bales. Bales are 4' x 4' with 50% moisture content and weigh about 1500 pounds. Excellent quality and quantity. Call Buffalo Mountain Farm 802-472-9360 or 802-888-7881

ORANGE COUNTY

Excellent 2nd cut orchard, timothy and clover. Square bales in wagon on field in Corinth, \$4/bale. Early September. (802) 439-9132 (9/14)

General

Tennet 385 Sweeper with high lift, excellent condition. \$10,500. Fisher 8ft snowplow – power angle \$1500. Frontmount sawrig with blade to fit John Deere or Farmall tractors \$450. Hydraulic sweepster to fit skid-stir. Side brushes with hopper. Extra complete set of brushes. Used 4 times like new \$3500. 100 ton Hydraulic Jack – has low and high speed - \$400. 6 yd Quick hitch – John Deere bucket. Like new \$6500 603-543-3616 (8/14)

Kverneland round bale wrapper \$3500 BO. Tanaka Motor goof for Ice Auger \$35. 10 Steel post 7 ft \$10 each BO. 100 Sap buckets cover and

spouts \$3.50 set. Antique Grapple Hay fork \$25. Horse drawn plow \$110. 802-895-2833 (8/14)

Pine Boards - 400 board feet. Stored inside. Each board is sticked. Boards planed and sanded. 5 boards 14 inches wide and 123 inches long; 15 boards 17 inches wide and 195 inches long. \$1,000 or Best Offer. Orwell, VT 802-948-2211 (8/14)

BCS Precision Garden Cultivator - 9" wide - Freestanding. Adjustable wheels \$120 or BO; Woods #720 Rotary Cutter (Brush Hog) – Like New, used once for 5 hours. No longer need. Retail \$4,259, asking \$3,200 or BO; Sickle Bar Mower for BCS Two-Wheel Tractor -53 inches, Never Used. \$1,000, or BO. Orwell, VT 802-948-2211. (8/14)

BEEF - Barbeque season will be here soon and here is a tremendous opportunity. A black 75% Blonde d'Aquitaine bullock ready to finish for this season. Blonde's are noted for length of body, meaning more premium cuts, and lean product. Take him home, finish feed for a couple of months and harvest. \$1.90 /pound live, FOB farm Plainfield VT. Paddock Farms, beefbypfb@yahoo.com or 802/426-4086, leave message including contact and best time. Thank you. (8/14)

The Capital City Farmers Market is committed to a high ratio of agricultural vendors to craft and food vendors in its market mix. The market is well represented by produce, vegetable, perennial, and flower starts, meat, cheese and dairy, and maple syrup but we are seeking additional agricultural growers for products such as grains, beans, fruit (except for apples and blueberries), and other specialty crops. We prioritize growers from Washington County or neighboring counties and require the producer to attend at least half of the markets signed up for. Please call Carolyn Grodinsky at 223-2958 if you are interested in

vending this season or next year. (9/14)

Pine Boards (for flooring or other projects) - 14" and 17" boards. 400 board feet. Stored inside and each board is sticked. Boards planed and sanded. 5 boards 14 inches wide and 123 inches long; 15 boards 17 inches wide and 195 inches long. \$1,000 or Best Offer; Woods #720 Rotary Cutter (Brush Hog) – Like New, used once for five hours. No longer need. Retail \$4,259, asking \$3,200 or Best Offer; Sickle Bar Mower for BCS Two-Wheel Tractor -53 inches, Never Used. \$1,000 or Best Offer. Orwell, VT 802-948-2211. (9/14)

DR Field and Brush Mower. 17H Kawasaki engine, wide cut, heavy duty brush blade & reg. blade, tire chains, parts manual, instruction booklet included. Well maintained. Great machine. \$1500.00. Williston. 872-0709. (10/14)

Goats

Lazy Lady Farm has 3 reg. alpine bucks for sale just in time for breeding season. \$400 each. Also we will be offering 10 bred doelings this year. \$500 each. They will be bred in Dec and will be preg checked before selling. We have a CAE free herd and are on DHIA testing. Great bloodlines and production. We have a 2200 lb. herd average. Write to laini@lazyladyfarm.com for a list of the doelings. And visit our website for more info on the farm and the goats. lazyladyfarm.com (9/14)

20 open dairy goats herd reduction. I lost my buck but they are ready to breed. Closed herd. 802-309-9209 (10/14)

Cute Angora goat kids for sale. Beautiful white mohair on the hoof. Great personalities, healthy, ready to wean in early August. \$300 registered/ select individuals available unregistered \$200. 3 year old buck, beautiful curls, ready for work. \$350 registered. Bluefaced Leicester ewe lambs. Long white wool, excellent for

spinning soft, draping yarns. Well built, healthy twins. \$300 registered, \$200 unregistered. Stonestrow Farm, Wallingford, VT. 802-446-3325 katsmith@vermontel.net (10/14)

Looking for farmer with an extra farm building that could be converted to raise ducks. 4000 sqft or more (elec & water) For more info, Email: christophevermont@gmail.com or call: 802-4974549 (10/14)

Nigerian Dwarfs: Full grown wethers (2) and does (2), horns intact. Pet quality, best for grazing, not meat or breeding. Excellent foragers and brush clearers. Easy keepers. Herd reduction, prefer to sell in pairs or together to loving home. \$75 per wether, \$100 per doe. Group/pair purchase discount. Contact Michelle at goodenough-forme@comcast.net (10/14)

Horses & Other Equine

Curly mare 14.3 hands double registered Bay feet, wormed regularly was broke as a 3 year old but been brood mare \$800 or trade for hay, rabbit equipment. Leave message 802-476-3331 (8/14)

Miniature curly colts both AMHR registered yearlings. One black, one chestnut very nice colts \$500 each or trade for hay purebred Boer or Doe goat 802-476-3331. (8/14)

Horse Equipment

Horse equipment – 1980 Morgan Trailer in good shape. Bottom is solid, been under coated used very little in the winter 2 or 3 years. 802-295-2910 \$2000. (8/14)

1980 Morgan Horse trailer, good condition, sound bottom, 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)

6 wall mount horse hay feeders \$25 each 802-263-9393 (10/14)

Sheep

LAMBS FOR SALE - REGISTERED ICELANDIC FLOCK; excellent pedigrees' Lambs born between April 11 and 27. We have a variety of colors and patterns available this year. white, black, Badgerfaced, moulfoun (black and brown), starting at \$150.00. Some are available with their moms if taken prior to weaning. (can be viewed at FaceBook - Bonnehagen Farm.) contact - call 802-694-1602 or bonnehagenfarm@gmail.com (8/14)

4 year old Ewe Romery x with ram lamb 5 mt. Tunnis x \$200 pair. 802-728-6077 (9/14)

Katahdin Lambs for Sale; Registered Katahdin Ewe and Ram Lambs for Sale: Excellent for breeding. Born March 2014. Variety of colors. Healthy, antibiotic free, grass fed lambs raised o family farm. Reg Ewes and Rams- 250.00 Ea. Still a few grade lambs that can be raised for meat-200.00. Call 802-928-4190 or email: katahdins@mill-pond-farm.com (9/14)

Sheep for Sale: Small spinning flock dispersal. Eleven Romneys, (wethers & ewes). Mostly gray with 3 whites. Coated year round. Coats can go with sheep. Great fleeces. One ewe won Champion Covered Colored Fleece in 2013 SAFF in



CLASSIFIEDS

Greenwich, NY. One or all available. Looking for good home. Best offer. Wells, VT 802-325-6210. (9/14)

North Country Cheviot breeding ewes & rams for sale. Lambs, yearlings, & up. All purebred.

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)

Sugaring Equipment

4x14 Small Brothers arch and pans- 4x10 raised flue pan, 4x4 syrup pan. Stainless steel stack with cover. \$3000 obo, 1-802-254-2228 (9/14)

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)

Swine

Piglets - male/casterated 802-282-3254 (10/14)

Wanted

Horse drawn stage coach - 603-543-3616. (8/14)

Hay Field Wanted To Rent: We are looking to rent a field(s) for haying in the Franklin County or surrounding area (ie: Georgia, Milton, Fairfield, St. Albans, Fairfax, Swanton, etc.) Call 802-782-8833. (9/14)

Need someone to spray paint/tar a dairy barn room in Chittenden County. (802) 238-5781. (9/14)

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)

Farm & Farmland

Farm for Sale in Hinesburg - 214 acres - includes 60 acres tillable and 60 acres pasture. House and barn. Restricted by conservation easement and option to purchase at ag value. Vermont Land Trust seeks buyers who will farm commercially. \$310,000. Contact Jon Ramsay at (802) 533-7705 or jramsay@vlt.org or www.vlt.org/lafreniere (8/14)

42 acres Weatherfield Vt. 70' barn 2 1/2 stories, 3 cow stanchions. 2 bedroom house. Wood & central heat. Cathedral ceiling. Hard wood floors. Fruit trees, blueberry bushes open fields-stone walls - maple orchard - hardwood - lg garden. 2 miles from I-91. Great for young couple. Privacy. 802-674-5044 \$325,000. (9/14)

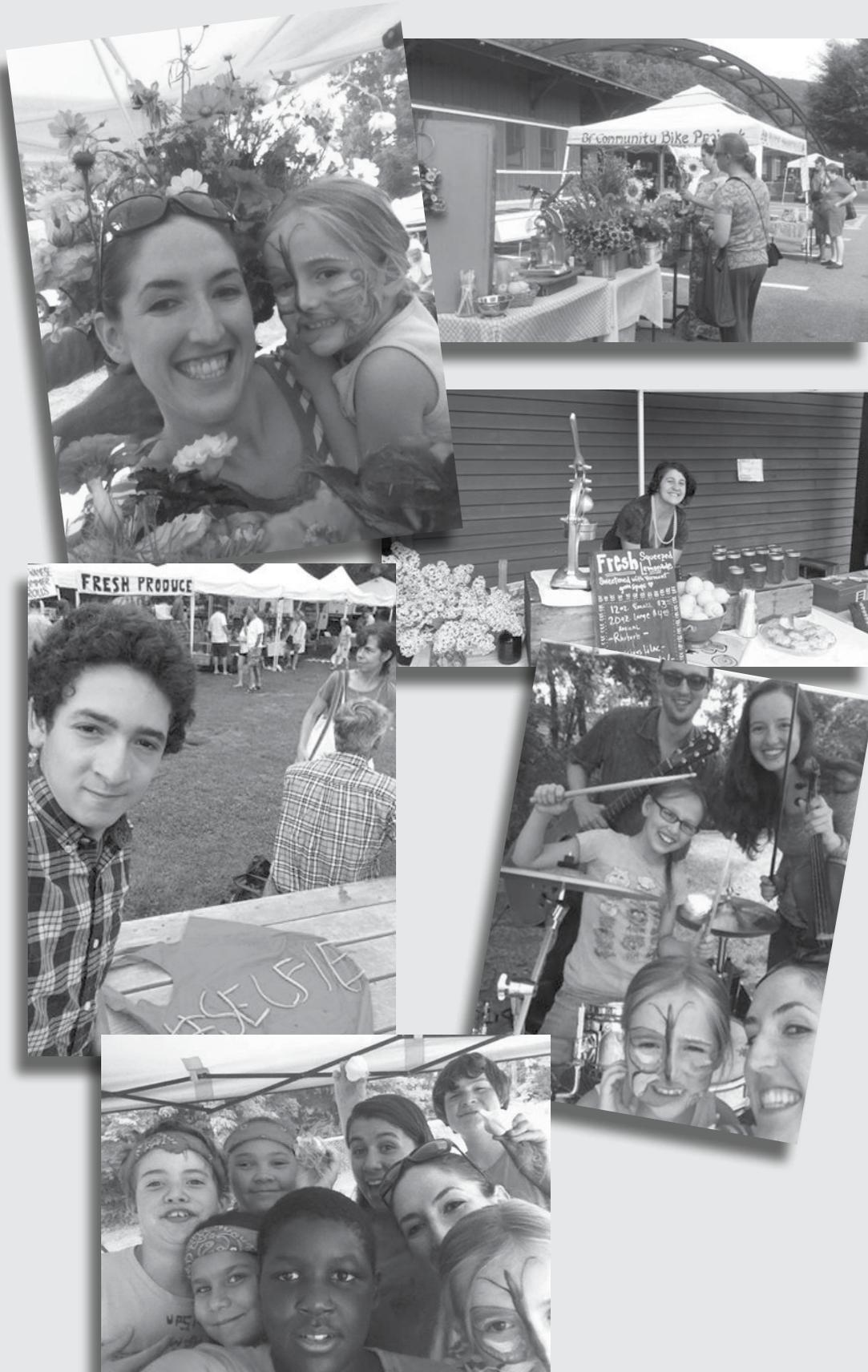
Farm for Sale in Fayston, VT - 283 acres - 30 acres open, remainder managed woodland. 1850s house, cattle barn, shed. Land protected by conservation easement and option to purchase at ag value. Vermont Land Trust seeks buyers to use the land productively for agriculture and forestry. \$225,000. Contact Liza Walker at (802) 496-3690 or liza@vlt.org or www.vlt.org/tenney (10/14)

Farm for Sale - St Johnsbury, VT - 35 acres with 26 tillable. House, dairy barn, ag buildings. \$160,000. Restricted by conservation easement and option to purchase at ag value. Vermont Land Trust seeks buyers who will farm commercially. Contact Jon Ramsay at (802) 533-7705 or jramsay@vlt.org or www.vlt.org/patenaude (10/14)

VTFMA Holds Contest to Capture the Best Market "Selfie"

In celebration of National Farmers' Market Week, The Vermont Farmers' Market Association invited the public to participate in a unique contest. Participants were asked to take a "selfie" (a self-portrait shot on a cell phone camera, uploaded to social media) showing what they love most about Farmers' Markets.

Below are a few entries from the first ever VTFMA Farmers' Market Week Selfie Contest. One thing is clear: Farmers' Markets can be lots of fun!



The Fruits of Fall

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horsechestnut, and catalpa trees, and the summersweet shrub. Portulaca and poppy are a couple of flowers with capsules.

Even if you don't know the official name of "pod", you know this fruit by its most common example—beans, and other members of the large legume family, such as peas. This fruit type often splits along two seams, and may be formed from a modified, folded leaf. Some examples of woody landscape plants with pods are honey locust, black locust, redbud, Kentucky coffee tree, and wisteria. Kidney-shaped

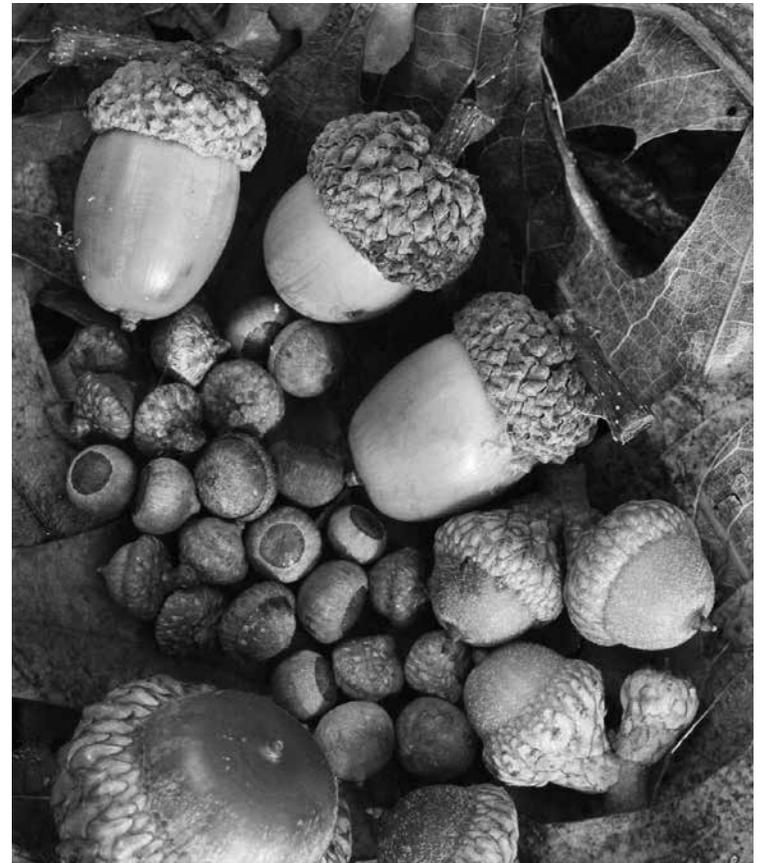
or coiled pods are found in clovers.

All these fruit types are found on "deciduous" plants, or those that drop their leaves in winter. A very few deciduous trees (such as bald cypress and larch) produce "cones" in which seeds are borne on surfaces of scales. Most cones are produced on evergreens in temperate climates, though, as you may recognize in spruces and pines. Such cone-bearing trees are called "gymnosperms," meaning "naked seeds," referring to the seeds not enclosed in a fruit structure.

When choosing landscape plants, consider ones with attractive fall fruits even if

you don't remember all the botanical terms. Many of these fruits persist into winter, providing colorful visual interest during an otherwise bleak time. Many provide food for birds and other wildlife, to help them survive the winter.

Yet, on the other hand, watch the placement of some fruiting trees. While a crabapple may be attractive in a border, or an apple tree in an orchard, its fruit dropping onto paved surfaces may be a nuisance. Avoid plants with fruits that spread into the wild and are invasive, such as buckthorn, bush honeysuckle, burning bush, and barberry.



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plants you want to protect: <https://nevegetable.org/crops>

Potatoes: If you do have late blight, best to mow/cut plants then let potatoes suberize for a week or two before harvesting.

Eggplant: two cases of Verticillium wilt diagnosed. Symptoms look like the plant is scorched and not getting enough water. Cut open the stem under the skin and look for browning. Rotate. <https://extension.umass.edu/vegetable/diseases/verticillium-wilt-0>

Basil: Downy mildew is widespread. It looks like nutritional deficiency on upper side of leaf and dirt on the underside.

Carrots: Alternaria leaf blight causing "flagging" (yellowed leaves) on some plantings. If you look carefully, under that yellowed top you will see a small lesion/spot on the petiole that will ultimately girdle the top. Significant harvesting losses can occur when 10-20 % of the leaf

area of the crop is blighted. Yield losses also occur when blighted leaves retard root growth. Spores can also wash down and infect carrots. Use protectant fungicides at first sign to protect the plants. An Israeli study found copper hydroxide was effective in reducing the disease by about half compared to control. They also found that early initiation of spray program was important regardless of material being applied. More info: http://vegetablemndonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Carrot_LeafBlt.htm

Beets: Leaf spotting fungal diseases on the rise with wet weather. The same guidelines apply for spraying the beets as the carrots. Early preventative sprays would have the most effect. Plow down crops as soon as they are finished to slow spread. <https://extension.umass.edu/vegetable/articles/cercospora-leaf-spot-swiss-chard-beets-and-spinach>

Cucurbits: Saw zucchini plants infected with *Phytophthora capsici* that had wiped out the entire field. This is an aggressive



pathogen that rears its ugly head when there is 24 hours of soil saturation. The pathogen can also attack pepper and to a lesser extent, tomato and potato. Scout fields for symptoms routinely, especially after major rain storms. Include any areas where water did not drain well and near the end of irrigation pipe. When symptoms are localized in a small area of a field, disking the area is worthwhile. Begin with a border of healthy-appearing crop around the affected area. Clean equipment (and boots) between fields. Long term management includes rotations, improvement of soil drainage and use

of raised beds especially in heavy soils. Fungicides are minimally effective and should only be used in conjunction with cultural controls. http://vegetablemndonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Cucurbit_Phytoph2.htm

Cucurbit powdery mildew is present but not too bad in Chittenden county. Conditions favoring infection include a dense plant canopy, low light intensity, high nitrogen fertilization, relative humidity >50%, and 68-80° F. Cucurbit downy mildew still listed as 'minimal risk' for NE so far.

Plectosporium blight is on the rise on zucchini and pumpkins. Lesions are <1/4 inch and white. On vines, petioles and leaf veins, the lesions tend to be diamond-shaped; on fruit and leaves lesions are usually round. The lesions increase in number and coalesce until most of the vines and leaf petioles turn white, become brittle and the foliage dies. On fruit, the pathogen causes white, tan, or silver russeting which can merge to form a continuous dry,

scabby surface. Rotation, preventative fungicides provide good control. There are no resistant varieties. <https://extension.umass.edu/vegetable/diseases/plectosporium-blight>

Sweet Corn: low pressure from corn earworm this year. European corn borer counts are high in Chittenden county signaling peak flight. Expect the caterpillar counts in tassels to go up over the next couple of weeks as the second generation caterpillars hatch and feed, so keep scouting pre-silk blocks.

Upcoming Events

See: <http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/?Page=meetlist.html>

Aug. 27 – Tractors, Tools, and Tricks for Mechanical Cultivation, Diggers Mirth Collective Farm, Burlington. From 2-5 pm.

Sept. 4 – Greenhouse Energy Extravaganza, Claussen's Greenhouses, Colchester. 9:30-3:30. Space is limited and advance registration by August 22 is required.

Exploring the Goals of Farm to Plate: Nutrient Management

by Rachel Carter, VT Farm to Plate

Vermont Farm to Plate is the statewide initiative legislatively directed to increase economic development and jobs in Vermont's farm and food sector and improve access to healthy local food for all Vermonters. A ten year plan to strengthen the working landscape, build the resilience of farms and food enterprises, improve environmental quality, and increase healthy, local food access for all Vermonters is being implemented by over 300 farm and food sector organizations from across the state.

There are almost 30 groups connected to Farm to Plate with projects aimed at reaching the 25 Farm to Plate goals which range from dairy viability and farm profitability issues to farm production expenses and land in agriculture to energy efficiency and access to capital. Farm to Plate goals are also being addressed by the individual businesses, organizations, agencies, and institutions working towards strengthening Vermont's food system.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is working to implement the Universal Recycling law, which

aligns with the Farm to Plate goal that addresses nutrient management.

Passed in 2012, Universal Recycling bans disposal of recyclables beginning July 1, 2015; yard and wood debris beginning July 1, 2016; and food scraps in phases beginning July 1, 2014 with the largest generators, and culminating in a full ban July 1, 2020 (more info at www.recycle.vermont.gov).

The Farm to Plate nutrient management goal aims to divert organic materials from farms and food scraps away from landfills and waterways and to be used to produce compost, fertilizer, animal feed, feedstock for anaerobic digesters, and other agricultural products.

The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is also active on the Farm to Plate Food Cycle Coalition which helps ANR staff stay informed about how to connect the law to the food system and develop outreach materials for farmers and food enterprises that informs them of the opportunities that are emerging as the law is implemented.

The Farm to Plate Food Cycle Coalition is a diverse group of stakeholders including ANR, the Composting Association of Vermont,

solid waste districts, food rescue groups, and composting companies who are working to increase organics diversion in response to Farm to Plate and Universal Recycling. The vision of the Coalition is to divert food and organic materials that would otherwise be wasted and redirect them to support our local food

system through food rescue, composting, animal feed utilization and energy production.

Making sure your farm/food business is listed for free on the VT Food Atlas: www.vtfoodatlas.com. For information, contact Erica Campbell, 802-828-3745, farm2plate@vsjf.org or Jake Claro, 802-828-5669, jake@vsjf.org.



Rescued food at the Vermont Foodbank Community Kitchen Academy is processed and distributed throughout the state (courtesy Vermont Foodbank)

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