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US Senator Patrick Leahy Celebrates Expansion of Farm to School Programming

By Hannah Reid, VAAFM

Thanks to a 2013 USDA Farm to School grant, a full-time Farm to School Program Coordinator, and the efforts of many dedicated food service providers, parents and local farmers, the lunch menus at Milton Elementary School look (and taste) more like fine restaurant dining than standard cafeteria fare these days. The menu for Monday, May 11, which included sloppy joes made with Vermont-raised beef, Grand Isle-grown potatoes, mixed greens salad with strawberries, and marinated fiddleheads was no exception. However, Monday's lunch menu was made exceptional by the special guests who enjoyed it alongside Milton students in the school



Hannah Reid

United States Senator Patrick Leahy joins Milton Elementary School Students for a locally-sourced lunch.

cafeteria, including United States Senator Patrick Leahy, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross, and Vermont Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe.

Held up as a model of Farm to School programming success by First Lady Michelle Obama and twice invited to the White House the Milton Town School District

Elementary School was a fitting backdrop for Senator Leahy's introduction of the new Farm to School Act of 2015. The new act is an expansion of the existing Farm to School Program that was authored by Senator Leahy (using Vermont Farm to School Programs as a blueprint) and championed as a key component of the Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Since the passage of the Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act in 2010, the federal Farm to School Grant Program has allocated \$5 million to farm to school initiatives across the

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THE VIEW FROM 116 STATE STREET

It's a Team Effort

Each year, the State of Vermont recognizes public employees who go above and beyond in service to Vermonters. Jeff Comstock, of the Agency's Ag Resource Management section, is among this year's honorees. Jeff has worked for the State for 30 years.

In addition to the important role he plays here in our state, he also represents Vermont on a national level through his involvement with the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO). He has served on the AAPCO Board of Directors for seven years, culminating in a recent term as President. As a working committee chair he was instrumental in the creation and design of the "pesticides of interest tracking system" (POINTS), a database used by all states to track pesticide water quality issues. The data also allows US EPA to make better pesticide registration decisions.

In March, he was awarded a



Secretary of Administration Justin Johnson and Governor Peter Shumlin honor the Agency of Agriculture's Jeff Comstock

Bronze Medal by the U.S. EPA for "outstanding contributions to the development of the FY2015-2017 FIFRA Grant Guidance, including the electronic template for work plans and reporting". (FIFRA = Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act). The Bronze medal is the third highest honor award given by the EPA.

This award is recognition for the dedication, innovation and problem solving Jeff Comstock has brought to his work in Vermont, and nationally, during his career with the State of Vermont. I am proud of the work Jeff is doing for our state, and honored to work alongside him in service

to Vermonters and the Working Landscape.

The mission of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAFAM) is to facilitate, support and encourage the growth and viability of agriculture in Vermont while protecting the working landscape, human health, animal health, plant health, consumers and the environment. It is a team effort, and Jeff is a fine example of our mission in action.

Editor's Note

Summer weekends are precious and few, especially here in Vermont. As you begin to make plans for the warm and wonderful months ahead, I'd like to encourage you to save the date for the Vermont Cheesemakers Festival, July 19th at Shelburne Farms. Named one of the "Top 10 Summer Food Festivals in the Nation," by Fodors Travel, the festival includes cooking demonstrations, workshops, tastings, and exhibits from more than 100 Vermont cheesemakers and artisan food producers. The festival has also been hailed by the *New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and *USA Today*.

www.vtcheesefest.com



Vermont Cheesemakers Festival at Shelburne Farms

And if you really love cheese, you are in luck, because this year the American Cheese Society is holding its annual conference July 29 – Aug. 1 this year in Providence Rhode Island. Hop in the car and in less than four hours, you can sample the best cheeses from across the country. Vermont is quickly developing a reputation as the premier cheese destination in the country, and, fittingly, Vermont cheeses will be featured prominently at the conference. The Vermont Cheese Council will be hosting the opening reception, as well as a pancake breakfast for attendees (a nod to another signature Vermont product, maple syrup!). It's hard to tear myself away from Vermont in the summer, but this is one event that I don't want to miss. www.cheesesociety.org

The dairy industry not only generates \$2.2 billion dollars for the state annually, it produces world class cheese and puts us on the map. So, mark your calendars, and enjoy some cheese this summer. It's good for our economy, but perhaps more importantly, absolutely delicious.

— Alison Kosakowski

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Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets Announces Open Application Period for Mobile Flash Freeze Unit

Mobile Flash Freeze Unit will be transferred to a successful applicant at no cost

By Kristina Sweet, VAAFM

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFM) will conduct a no cost transfer of its mobile flash freeze unit to an eligible Vermont-based entity this July. VAAFM will award the unit through a competitive review process informed by industry, nonprofit and government stakeholders.

Eligible applicants include nonprofits, municipalities, development corporations, and state agencies. Due to restrictions on the funding used to build the unit, for profit businesses are not eligible to apply. The unit shall remain in Vermont to promote sustainable economic development and serve small and emerging agricultural businesses. Interested parties must submit an application by June 22, 2015.

VAAFM will publish a request for proposals (RFP) on June 1, 2015 followed by an open house to show the unit. For a copy of the RFP or information about the open house, visit <http://bit.ly/vtflashfreeze> after June 1

or contact Kristina Sweet at the address above.

VAAFM acquired the flash freeze unit—one of the nation's first mobile individual quick freeze (IQF) units—in 2008 with grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Vermont Department of Tourism & Marketing. Originally valued at approximately \$40,000, the unit sits inside an 8 x 18' trailer and is designed to freeze berries, although it can also be used for other types of processed (blanched, chopped and/or bagged) or unprocessed (whole) produce.

After its initial construction, VAAFM staff transported the unit for use on farms throughout Vermont, including Blueberry Ridge (North Troy), Cerridwen Farm at Green Mountain College (Poultney), Champlain Orchards (Shoreham), and Pete's Greens (Craftsbury Center). From 2011 to 2013, the unit was leased to Green Mountain College (GMC), which partnered with Rutland Area Farm and Food Link and the Poultney-



Above: Exterior view.

Right: Interior view.

Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District to conduct a pilot study of the unit as a stationary resource paired with a commercial kitchen and develop best practices for its future use.

Visit <http://bit.ly/vtflash-freeze> for more information about the mobile flash quick freeze unit.



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Farm to Plate: YOU are Invited

By Rachel Carter,
VT Farm to Plate



Recently, I overheard several farmers referencing Farm to Plate as a government program. This is incorrect and I wanted to help clear up some misconceptions and also invite Vermont farmers and producers to consider getting involved.

The overarching purpose of Farm to Plate is to create more farm and food industry jobs, beef up the statewide agricultural economy, and make local food accessible to Vermonters of all incomes.

Farm to Plate isn't a program, it's Vermont's statewide food system plan to relocalize where our

food comes from, how it is produced, and how it reaches our plates so that those decisions are made by Vermonters. Vermont is the first state in New England to have a food system plan and we work with the other New England states to plan for a regional food system in the coming decades. States like Iowa, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, and Washington have food system plans, but they all actually look to Vermont to learn how to most effectively implement

a state food system plan.

How do we do it? The way Vermont gets most everything else done – by collaborating, partnering, sharing, and working together. Farmers, producers, food hubs, non-profit organizations, businesses, colleges, and eleven State of Vermont government agencies are ALL working together to implement Vermont's Farm to Plate Strategic Plan.

How will we know if Farm to Plate is successful? When local food becomes

mainstream for all Vermonters! We invite farmers, producers, and other service providers to consider attending and upcoming meeting to share your voice and perspective. Contact Stephanie Smith at 802-828-5670 for more information. Learn more at www.VTFarmtoPlate.com.

Consumer Education and Marketing Working Group

Wednesday, June 10
from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at
203 Bridge Street in Richmond

Learn how to increase local food sales at Vermont's via retail, restaurants, institutions and direct sales and get involved with a statewide local food campaign.

Farmland Access/ Stewardship and Production/Processing Working Groups

Monday, June 22
from 9:30 am-1:00 pm
(location tbd in Addison)

Hear from farmers who have been working with land conservation programs and water quality practices.

Aggregation and Distribution Working Group

Wednesday, June 24
from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
(location tbd in Brattleboro)

Local food companies from the region will speak about both the challenges of growing a distribution company, as well as the management of inventory, safety and logistics.

2015 Maple Grading School Will Be Held June 16-17

By Hannah Reid, VAAFM

The first International Maple Grading School training of 2015 will be held on June 16th and 17th at the University of Vermont Cooperative Extension's Berlin County Office in Berlin, Vermont. This unique educational event is designed specifically for maple producers, bulk syrup buyers, state inspectors and other professionals who would like to learn how to accurately grade maple syrup, effectively manage quality control, or judge maple product entries at fairs and contests. Using intensive, hands-on training

techniques, The International Maple Grading School will provide participants with a strong scientific knowledge base with which to grade and judge maple products with confidence.

The International Maple Syrup Institute Maple Grading School began as the New England Maple Grading School and was the brainchild of Henry Marckres, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets; Sumner Dole, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension; and Kathy Hopkins, University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Armed with a grant from the

Maine Agricultural Center and support from Leader Evaporator, the International Maple Syrup Institute and the Maple Digest, the first school was delivered in 2004 in Lancaster, NH. It was intended to be a one-time presentation but because of continuing demand it has been held annually and has been adopted by the International Maple Syrup Institute as a signature event offered in accordance with the IMSI mission to protect the quality and integrity of maple products. Its location has moved around to make it more accessible to producers across North America.

The registration fee of

\$135 per person includes refreshments, lunches, reference materials and a take home maple grading kit. For further information contact Kathy Hopkins, Phone 207-474-9622, 207-474-0374 or email: khopkins@maine.edu or go to <http://extension.umaine.edu/maple-grading->

school/

The International Maple Grading School is sponsored by the International Maple Syrup Institute, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

Did you know Vermont is the largest maple producing state in the USA? We produce 42% of the nation's syrup.



Pets & Pesticides: Take Precautions!

A Public Service Announcement from the National Pesticide Information Center

May is National Pet Month. Whether spraying for insects indoors, controlling weeds on your lawn, or actually applying a spot-on product to your pet directly – animals have lots of opportunities to contact pesticides. Here are some precautions you can take to reduce their risk.

Here are some tips to reduce risk when using pesticides around pets:

- Remove pets from the area before you begin applying pesticides.
- Remove all pet toys, chew bones, food bowls and bedding from the area as well.
- Always read and follow the pesticide label directions before using any pesticide.
- Keep pets away from treated areas until the



pesticide is completely dry and the area has been well ventilated. The label may contain more specific instructions.

- Cover fish tanks to prevent liquid and vapors from entering the tank. If you use foggers (bug bombs), always turn off fish tank pumps during the application.
- Pesticide baits are often prepared with food

ingredients that can be attractive to pets. If you use rat, mouse or gopher baits or baits for slugs and snails, place the baits in locations where your pet cannot reach them. Pets often dig up baits that were buried.

- Pets can be poisoned by eating poisoned prey. This is known as secondary (or relay) poisoning. Consider selecting a bait product with lower potential for secondary poisoning. Call NPIC to compare products.
- Granular lawn products may require keeping the pets off the treated area for 24 hours or longer while the granules dissolve and the treated area dries. Check the label for specific instructions.
- If you hire a pest control company or lawn service,



talk to them about the products they are using and the potential risk to your pets.

Pet Poisoning: Sometimes even careful use of a pesticide can cause harm to a sensitive, ill, or injured animal. If you suspect your pet has been exposed to a pesticide and you need assistance, call your veterinarian, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, or the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) (1-800-858-7378).

If your pet is having difficulty breathing, is bleeding, having tremors, seizures, convulsions, or is unconscious, contact a veterinarian or animal poison

control center immediately. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center can be contacted at 1-888-426-4435. A consultation fee may apply.

If you suspect that a pesticide made your pet sick, report the incident to the either the Vermont Agency of Agriculture or National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC), both of whom operate under a cooperative agreement with EPA. If your veterinarian diagnosed pesticide illness in your pet, he or she is invited to report the incident in NPIC's Veterinary Incident Reporting Portal at <http://pi.ace.orst.edu/vetrep/>

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Did you know Vermont dairy farmers produce more than 321 million gallons of milk annually?



The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative Announces over \$1 Million in Grants to 36 Vermont Businesses and Service Providers

Today, the Working Lands Enterprise Board announced this year's 36 grant recipients – 24 agriculture and 12 forestry projects – for just over \$1 million in both Working Lands and Local Food Market Development grant funding. These projects impact every county in Vermont, and leverage an additional \$1.8 million in matching funds. Investments were made to 26 working lands enterprises and 10 service providers for projects that increase production, expand markets, develop innovative technologies, improve water quality, and train the workforce that Vermont's businesses need to succeed.

Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets Chuck Ross, Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Community Development Lucy Leriche, and Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation Michael Snyder joined the selected grantees and other program stakeholders at Maple Wind Farm in Richmond to celebrate this year's grant recipients and the success of the program to date.

"These grants fund critical leverage points in the supply chain," said Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross. "They remove pinch points and open up commerce so that the economy can grow."

Now in its third year of grant making, the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative



Mike Snyder, Commissioner of Forest, Parks, and Recreation, Chuck Ross, Secretary of Agriculture, Lucy Leriche, Deputy Commerce Secretary, and WL Board member Eleanor Leger present Meeting Place Pastures of Cornwall with a \$13,902 grant for grazing infrastructure, forage, and fertility improvements to provide custom grazing services.

has invested over \$3 million into Vermont's working landscape, leveraging close to \$4 million in matching funds. As of December 2014, 23 completed projects resulted in 25 new jobs and a 25% average increase in total product output. Additionally, 91% of these grantees increased their capacity to fulfill new contracts.

Eleanor Leger, Working Lands Enterprise Board Member and owner of Eden Ice Cider, reflected: "This Board's focus on investing in early and growth stage businesses can take an innovative idea, match it with technical assistance and create an opportunity for sustainable business outcomes which would not have otherwise been possible."

The Working Lands

Enterprise Initiative, Act 142, is administered by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets in partnership with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board is an impact investment organization whose mission is to grow the economies, cultures, and communities of Vermont's working landscape by making essential, catalytic investments in critical leverage points of the Vermont farm and forest economy, from individual enterprises to industry sectors.

This year Local Food Market Development grant funds, focused on

increasing institutional and wholesale market access, were made available through the Working Lands grant process to increase overall

program efficiency and impact. These funds aim to increase the quantity of local food available in Vermont institutions by supporting the development of institutional markets and helping ready producers to meet these market demands.

A brief description of each funded project is below. More information on the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative and funded projects can be found at VermontWorkingLands.com.

I. Enterprise Investment Recipients

Enterprise Investments are one of three areas of the Working Lands Initiative, with grants ranging from \$3,000 - \$20,000 for small and emerging agriculture, forestry, and forest products enterprises. The Enterprise Investment area received 59 applications for a total request of \$923,404 in

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funds, and invested \$273,844 in 20 projects (6 forestry projects and 14 agriculture projects), which leveraged \$250,000 in matching funds.

14 Agriculture Grant Recipients

ADDISON COUNTY

- Meeting Place Pastures, Cornwall – \$13,902 for grazing infrastructure, forage, and fertility improvements to provide custom grazing services

CALEDONIA COUNTY

- Kingdom Creamery of Vermont, East Hardwick |\$15,872 to purchase a fluid milk bottling line, packaging, and marketing collateral
- Tamarlane Farm, Lyndonville – \$20,000 for the installation of an aerated static pile system for the composting facility
- Walden Heights Nursery, Walden – \$12,600 to expand production and distribution of cider and juices by purchasing and installing a pasteurizer

CHITTENDEN COUNTY

- Bread and Butter Farm, Shelburne – \$7,250 to build a washpack and processing kitchen for vegetable production, on farm events, and educational programs

ESSEX COUNTY

- Peaslee's Vermont Potatoes, Guildhall – \$20,000 for facility upgrades to meet Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification

LAMOILLE COUNTY

- Sandiwood Farm, Wolcott – \$9,950 to build a production greenhouse designed for events

ORANGE COUNTY

- Shire Beef, LLC, Vershire – \$7,100 to purchase a compost tea brewing set and a skid-based pickup truck transportable sprayer to increase soil biological activity and retained carbon

ORLEANS COUNTY

- Vermont Hay Company, Orleans – \$10,000 for working capital and a used trailer

RUTLAND COUNTY

- Laughing Child Farm, Pawlet – \$20,000 for a sweet potato curing and storage facility to cure, store, and wash organic sweet potatoes

WASHINGTON COUNTY

- Ploughgate Creamery, Fayston – \$20,000 for renovations to begin dairy operations

WINDHAM COUNTY

- Wild Carrot Farm, Brattleboro – \$12,375 for production and sales facility to help meet the growing needs of a modern horse-powered farm

WINDSOR COUNTY

- Green Mountain Sugar House, Ludlow – \$15,872 to build a remote sap and pump house
- Windgate Farm, West Windsor – \$10,000 to build facilities to develop a beef finishing program

6 Forestry Grant Recipients

ADDISON COUNTY

- Vermont Tree Goods, Bristol – \$20,000 for equipment in a new production facility that utilizes an innovative sawmill design to create product from salvage/cull grade logs

CALEDONIA COUNTY

- Vermont Table Company, East Burke – \$8,922 for an Epilog Laser Engraving Machine to bring engraving in-house

ESSEX COUNTY

- Timber Gardens, LLC, East Haven – \$20,000 to purchase a firewood processor

LAMOILLE COUNTY

- Torrani Studio Craft, LLC, Eden Mills – \$5,000 for machinery to expand its cookware product line

WASHINGTON COUNTY

- Ogelby Woodworks, Waterbury – \$5,000 for equipment to open an independent shop
- Vermont Wildwoods, Marshfield – \$20,000 for creation of the first commercial wood spalting chamber

II. Service Provider Investment Recipients

The Working Lands Enterprise Board received a total of 41 Service Provider Letters of Intent for a total of \$ 1,932,633; 32 Agriculture, 8 Forestry/Forest Products, 1 Ag and Forestry. The Board invited back and received 13 full applications for a total request of \$617,196.22 in funds. The Board approved funding for 10 projects from 5 counties for a total of \$418,716 in grants (6 agriculture projects and 4 forestry projects), leveraging almost \$300,000 in matching funds.



Sandiwood Farm, Wolcott

6 Agriculture Grant Recipients

STATEWIDE IMPACT

- Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) of Vermont, Richmond – \$38,361 for collaboration that will grow new farmers in Vermont by expanding two agricultural workforce development programs
- Intervale Center, Burlington – \$20,130 to develop and implement workshops and technical assistance for farmers seeking land to lease or purchase
- University of Vermont Extension, Burlington – \$40,593 for development of commercial elderberry production, including an enterprise feasibility analysis, a grower coop feasibility assessment and on farm training workshops
- Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association, South Royalton – \$22,500 for marketing assistance to modern and web based consumers, including conference workshops, webinars, and one-on-one technical assistance

CHITTENDEN COUNTY

- Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition, Middlebury – \$33,219 to start a pilot program working with individual farmers to develop and carry out Crop Management Implementation Plans
- University of Vermont Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Burlington – \$21,049 to help new Americans establish market presence with a comprehensive market survey, farmer-buyer meetings, marketing education, and educational resources for buyers and farmers

4 Forestry Grant Recipients

STATEWIDE IMPACT

- Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Montpelier – \$100,000 to strengthen the business acumen of forest sector entrepreneurs by engagement in business development workshops, and in-depth, one-on-one business advising and coaching
- Cold Hollow Career Center, Enosburg – \$53,244 to build operator capacity for use with cut-to-length (CTL) harvesting system in Vermont's northern forest by purchasing simulator systems and exposing students around Vermont to these systems through hands-on training
- Vermont State Colleges and Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, Randolph – \$39,700 to provide concentrated learning experiences focused on innovative engineering
- Vermont Wood Manufacturers Association, Rutland – \$50,000 for innovation assistance and workforce development for wood manufacturers by use of communications and one-on-one assistance to help enhance the industry's competitiveness in the global marketplace

III. Capital and Infrastructure Investment Recipients

The Working Lands Enterprise Board received a total of 32 Capital and Infrastructure Letters of Intent for a total of \$1,070,537; 25 Agriculture and 7 Forestry/Forest Products.

Of the 32 letters of intent, the Board invited back and received 10 Capital and Infrastructure Investment area applications with a total request of \$626,314 in funds. The Board approved funding for 6 projects from 5 counties for a total of \$317,400 in grants (4 agriculture projects and 2 forestry projects), leveraging over \$1.3 million in matching funds.

4 Agriculture Grant Recipients

CALEDONIA COUNTY

- Vermont Soy, Hardwick – \$25,000 to purchase an automated tofu tray sealing unit to ensure a safer food product by minimizing the potential for contaminants in the packaging process

CHITTENDEN

- Maple Wind Farm, Richmond – \$67,400 for upgrades including a blast chiller for poultry, increased freezer capacity, processing equipment, and for a small retail building for their agri-tourism operation

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- Scott Magnan's Custom Service, St. Albans – \$25,000 for equipment expansion for agriculture and soil health by planting no-till crops by upgrading a John Deere planter, and purchasing a Vertical tillage tank mounted manure injector that would be new to the region

WINDHAM

- Harlow Farm, Westminster – \$50,000 for the purchase of a vacuum cooler, upgrading loading docks, creation of additional storage, and additional ice making capacity to improve shipping and storage

2 Forestry Grant Recipients

WASHINGTON COUNTY

- Vermont Greenwood Resources, Co., Waterbury – \$75,000 to add chipping capacity and to develop a pulpwood concentration yard to capture additional value from harvested wood products
- Winterwood Timber Frames, LLC, East Montpelier – \$75,000 for infrastructure upgrades for a bioregional wood building-material product line, including two dehumidifying kilns, a three phase power grid, an outdoor wood-waste burning boiler system and signage for the showroom

Shrinking Your Lawn

By Dr. Leonard Perry,
Horticulture Professor
University of Vermont

If you have a lawn, have you ever considered shrinking it? You can still have a lawn for recreation and beauty, perhaps just less of it. Less grass to mow means less time on, or behind, a mower; less fossil fuels consumed; less fertilizer and watering to keep lawns at their peak; and, with proper alternatives, a landscape more conducive to wildlife. In her book *Beautiful No-Mow Lawns*, author Evelyn Hadden provides dozens of ways to not only shrink your lawn, but to have alternatives instead.

Consider only mowing where you go. This might be along drives, paths, or near patios and garden beds. Particularly if you have large lawn areas, mow regularly only in such areas. The rest of the area can still be mowed, just perhaps a couple times a year with a brush mower. By doing this you greatly reduce your mowing yet, with mown grass around high traffic areas, you still have some lawns. The impression to viewers is that the unmown areas are being managed, and not left unkempt.

If you have “fragments”—small areas between walks and buildings for instance—consider if lawn is really needed there, or if a flower bed or groundcover would be better. If you have groupings of shrubs or trees that you mow around, could they

be combined into a large mulched bed instead? If you have slopes, particularly ones difficult to mow or to maintain with healthy grass, would perennial groundcovers (including spring-flowering bulbs interplanted), or spreading shrubs (such as junipers, Russian cypress, or cotoneaster) work there instead?

Although lawns are plants, and so provide some “ecosystem services” such as producing carbon dioxide and preventing soil erosion, there are other landscape plants and features that provide even more. Trees, chosen and placed properly, can provide shade in summer and wind protection in winter. They provide enormous numbers of insects to feed birds, habitat for birds, and are essential as noted author Doug



Tallamy explains (www.bringingnaturehome.net).

To capture water runoff in heavy rains and snow melting in spring, consider replacing some lawn near paved areas with either rain gardens or swales. A swale is simply a linear rain garden, such as along a road or parking lot. These are areas that have plantings that tolerate such wet events, and help water infiltrate the soil rather

than run-off.

If you are near the shoreline of any body of water, replace a buffer strip there of at least six to eight feet wide of grass with plantings. These help decrease erosion, provide wildlife habitat, and help to filter pollutants such as fertilizers from washing into these water features.

A popular trend in gardening is create “garden rooms” outdoors—more

intimate spaces separated by plantings such as borders or hedges, even by attractive solid fencing or planted trellises. These are especially useful for small landscapes. Consider transforming some lawn areas into such spaces. Think of small lawn areas as outdoor area rugs, rather than the wall-to-wall carpet of grass we so often see in landscapes. Use lawn as paths through the garden.

By using hedges around such garden rooms, four to 10 feet high, you’ll be providing a nesting habitat for many songbirds. Plant fruiting shrubs, both for you and birds, such as highbush blueberries, clove currants, or bush cherries. These have other seasonal interest, too, besides just the fruiting.

If you have children, consider creating a non-lawn

For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Erl’e LaBounty & Eliza La Rocca, 63A- Munsill Ave, Bristol, VT- 05443 to sell, process, package and transport milk and milk products in the State of Vermont. 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 June 15, 2015.

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.

For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Balanced Rock Corp D.B.A Coolidge Hwy Gift, 1238- US Rt. 5, E. Dummerston, VT- 05346 to sell and process milk product in the State of Vermont. 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:

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garden space for them. You could use an organic mulch under and around playsets, install a sandbox or similar, or just create some gardens to play in such as arches or tunnels with vines, or a “room” with sunflower walls.

Already mentioned for slopes and small areas are lawn substitutes, such as groundcovers or spreading shrubs. Groundcovers also are a better choice than grass for shaded areas, such as those getting less than six to eight hours a day of direct sun. By using at least some native groundcovers, you’ll provide plants more adapted to local growing conditions and native pollinators.

Some native perennial groundcovers spread (but not aggressively, as do pachysandra, vinca, carpet bugle and other introduced perennials), others grow in clumps so can be planted in masses. With some, such as foamflower (Tiarella), they can spread or clump depending on “cultivar” (cultivated variety). Spreaders include green-

and-gold (Chrysogonum), barren strawberry (Waldsteinia), Solomon’s Seal (Polygonatum), and the little-known Meehan’s mint (Meehania). The latter is worth searching out at specialty perennial nurseries, or online, as it can take full shade and has nice blue flowers in late spring.

For clump-forming native perennials to mass in shade, consider coralbells (Heuchera), ferns such as the Christmas fern (Polystichum acrostichoides), or wild ginger (Asarum canadense). Many more groundcover and perennial options for sun or shade, including their descriptions and cultural needs, can be found either in the book above, or the author’s website (www.leslawn.com). In particular for sun, consider clovers in masses. The low white clover, or taller (to 18 inches high) red clover, both enrich the soil with nitrogen, and are loved by bees.

If you don’t need a traditional turfgrass lawn to walk

or play on, consider replacing some or all with a “freedom lawn.” This is one composed of low ornamental grasses, or

plants with blade shapes that give the effect of a lawn, that doesn’t need mowing. Some online sources sell a no-mow

lawn seed mix, composed of different varieties of fescue grass for sun or part shade.

Free Training Offered For Forest Pest First Detectors

By Gwen Kozlowski, Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program



Vermont’s Forest Pest First Detector Program will provide free training on June 13 in Montpelier for volunteers interested in scouting for three invasive insects—the Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer and hemlock woolly adelgid—in their communities.

Training will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the National Life Insurance Company, 1 National Life Drive, in Montpelier. The rain date is June 14. University of Vermont Extension; Vermont Department of Forests, Parks

and Recreation; Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service have partnered to offer this program.

To register, contact Gwen Kozlowski, volunteer coordinator at the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program, at (802) 656-6646 or gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu by June 9. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate,

please contact her by June 1. Continuing education credits are available.

Prior to the in-person training day, individuals must complete seven online modules. Training will cover pest biology and identification, survey protocol and tools for sample collection and communications, including how to work with the media and respond to calls from the public about insect pests. Individuals are expected to be able to identify common tree species.

Certified Forest Pest First Detectors must commit to a minimum of two hours per month for one year to respond to screening calls about insect pests, visit sites to collect pest samples and act as a local liaison between their community and federal and state partners. They will receive a toolkit containing a manual, sample-collecting supplies and other tools and reference materials. They also will have access to the National Plant Diagnostic Network’s resources and may participate in additional trainings and research projects.

Early detection of these invasive pests will help minimize economic and ecological damage to forests and prevent populations from becoming established in the state. First Detector volunteers are on the front line of defense against pest infestations.

For more information, visit www.vtinvasives.org/first-detectors.

For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Daniel G. Nephew, 45- Atwood Road, West Chazy NY- 12992 to sell and transport milk and milk products in the State of Vermont. 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 June 25, 2015.

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.

For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Brian J. Bousquet, 2787- Morse Brook Road, Putney, VT- 05346 to sell, process and package cheese in the State of Vermont. 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 July 15, 2015.

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

(Shelburne/South Burlington) Despite the cold winter and the low harvests in February and March, the spinach yields ended up being equal to past years. We are just finishing ripping out the winter spinach now, later than usual, but the plants were still producing so much we chose to keep them in. We had no major spinach disease issues this winter and yields across all varieties were very similar. We really liked all varieties: Space, Raccoon, Corvair, Winter Bloomsdale. Kale also really rebounded and we just finished ripping out those plants. So, despite the rough winter, things have bounced back and the greenhouses are producing well and on track.

(Guilford) We had hoop house structure failure in high winds when we finally took our son away for April vacation and then bear destroyed hives (first visit in 15 years). We're solid two weeks behind. We've seen a notable/measurable increase in damaging winds across our main field in last 5 years after 40 years of growing - climate change? Got new strawberries in the ground just this week and the next day there were leaves up across the field. Amazing! Early strawberries fruit set; others full bloom - going to be an early year...freeze predicted for tomorrow though, fun for the whole family... off to a weird start and will be nice to get back into a groove. At least markets have been good and we have our health and humor and great birds this year appreciating our

little paradise of flowers and fruit. But hope to hear VVBG advice on woodchuck eradication.

(Craftsbury) Completed first mowing of blueberry orchard and then had a "mulching bee" fueled by neighbors and volunteers. Great turn out and lots of enthusiasm for the upcoming season. Survey of field reveals, as always, lots of browsing by deer but also lots of buds and blossoms.

(Westminster West) Memorial Day and we have had only about 1 inch of rain in last 6 weeks. I don't remember a spring this dry ever. Been running drips to the garlic field which allows me to fertilizer thru anyways and the garlic looks great. There was some loss over the winter due to extreme cold which never used to be a problem but now it is. Greenhouse tomatoes sizing up quick and winter squash plugs ready to go out to field, whenever I get the beds made. Greenhouse flats and pots keeps on growing despite our attempts to control the growth. Trucks out delivering 5 days a week and can barely keep up. It's really hard to run two different business: Produce and Greenhouse. They really conflict time wise this time of year. Hardly any bugs or disease issues in greenhouse this year, which is very nice. Here comes the crew, back to work!

(S. Royalton) I've never seen this before, it dropped 5 degrees in 30 minutes from 3:30 to 4 in the morning. We went from no dew and a slight breeze to an instant freeze. Damage everywhere but could have been worse as a rising sun saved us. Dry, dry, dry with low RH and sun; my sandy loam requires daily water to get transplants started. This makes three dry springs in a row for us. Farming gets harder every year, not because of my age but the weather is nuts.

(Huntington) Looking at a monthly precipitation map for New England, we are in one of the only swaths that has seen adequate rainfall; I hadn't realized that we were beneficiaries of such good fortune. It looks worse and worse the farther south and east one looks

on the map. Even with "normal" precipitation, 3 of our first 5 spinach seedlings has gone into relatively dry ground. Surprisingly, our 800 ft. elevation mountain valley location did not get frosted during Friday night's cold front, though a few acres of row cover were deployed on newly transplanted winter squash as insurance. Our squash plants went in a few days before I would have preferred, with the cool, dry wind of this week causing severe windburn on the older (leggy) leaves. The young leaves and buds are looking fine, but I will be interested to see what the mortality rate is in the field. Greenhouse eggplant is in a house adjacent to last year's potato field, so we saw our first CPB last week. It sure has been good bare-fallowing weather.

(Plainfield) Greenhouse retail sales solid. Flea beetles under control in kale with one Entrust spray. Good soil moisture on sandy soils, due to some timely rains, some irrigation and lots of OM turned in over the years. Greenhouse tomatoes getting settled. Peppers and winter squash to go out this coming week. Finally got some hybrid green kale seed (FEDCO has Darkibor.) Letting my fall raspberries make a summer xrop as an experiment. No sign of cane borer yet.

(Shrewsbury) Numerous blueberry branch lesions were diagnosed by Ann Hazelrigg last fall as hail damage from the May 2014 storm. At the time, small broken branches, destroyed leaves and blossoms were found everywhere. However, this spring we experienced much more branch die back than usual due to multiple branch lesions combined with a bitter winter. Medium sized dead branch clusters were removed from most older bushes. The plus side is that many of these older bushes needed thinning this spring anyway. Thanks to Ann for her expert diagnosis and insights.

(Marlboro) Lucked out the other night and we were spared the frost: low of 33. Half of the blueberries are in full blossom and hardy transplants are all in. We've never seen it so dry in the spring, though. Have had less than 0.2" of rain all of

May. We've been spending way more time than we'd like watering, setting up irrigation and getting existing irrigation up and running. Some of the tender vegetable transplants are going in this week. They are ready and I am tired of babysitting them. The new "glass house" is cranking out spinach, mesclun and kale allowing us to open the farm stand several weeks earlier than usual. It was built using windows which had lost their seal and came through the winter just fine. Cane borer is quite bad in the Prelude raspberries this year. I know I'm weeding them later than usual, so perhaps I haven't noticed other years and their vigor makes up for it.

(Dummerston) No frost here from the recent cold snaps. Lots of time spent covering though, not to mention irrigating. Cyclamen mites in the strawberries. I'll be trying Cucumeris predatory mites to control them. Rats got into every bag of ProGro in the toolshed: need some predators for them. CSA sales are catching up. With luck it might even fill up by the first pick-up. Cute goat babies hopping around the farm always helps.

(Plainfield NH) Scattered showers since snowmelt have not provided adequate moisture to plant, so we are irrigating like we haven't done in a good many years, both prior to planting and mulch laying as well as after. It stretches our labor force and is a huge added expense. What would a good solid inch of water be worth right now if we could buy it? Certainly many thousands of dollars. We have survived the past four frost events and look forward to getting some sleep. Much is in the ground and covered, bare ground corn is up, strawberries at maybe 40% bloom. Lots of winter kill. The first in years it has actually killed peach trees. Despite the snow cover, the blues and summer raspberries took significant hits as well. Some injury also due to voles, who seemed to frolic under the snow, but not widespread damage by them. Hoping the increasing number of raptors along the river will be well fed this summer. Greenhouse sales are off to a strong start for baskets,

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MARKET REPORT

Wholesale Prices

May 2015

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

Vermont Egg Prices:

Jumbo	\$2.45
X-Large	\$1.75
Large	\$1.67
Medium	\$1.29

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**



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Addison County Commission Sales — East Middlebury, VT

Livestock Auction Report for May 4, 2015

	Cattle	Calves
This Week:	130	188
Last Week:	138	220

Compared to last Monday's sale, slaughter cows sold \$2.00-\$3.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter cattle supply included 127 cows and 3 bulls. All prices quoted per cwt.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

	% Lean	Avg. Dressing	High Dressing	Low Dressing	Very Low
Premium White	65-75	1177	122.50	—	—
Breakers	75-80	113.50-114.50	118.00	106.50-110.00	—
Boners	80-85	105.00-109.00	114.00-118.00	100.50-102.50	—
Lean	85-90	99.50-102.00	113.00-116.50	92.00-95.00	—

SLAUGHTER BULLS: 1490-1580lbs: 128.00-136.00

CALVES: When compared to last sale, Holstein bull calves sold \$10.00-\$20.00 higher with good demand. All prices per cwt.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES:

Number 1: 100-120lbs: 425.00-500.00; 90-100lbs: 450.00-480.00; 80-90lbs: 420.00; 70-80lbs: not tested.

Number 2: 100-120lbs: 90-100lbs 402.50-470.00; 80-90lbs: 370.00-407.50; 70-80lbs: not tested.

Number 3: 100-120lbs: 300.00-307.50; 90-100lbs: 217.50-310.00; 80-90lbs: 200.00-287.50; 70-80lbs: 150.00-160.00.

Utility: 100-120lbs: 190.00-350.00; 90-100lbs: 75.00-325.00; 80-90lbs: 102.00-337.50; 70-80lbs: 66.00-122.50.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: 98lbs: @250.00

Price and grade information is reported by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture-USDA Market News Service. While market reports reflect the majority of livestock sold at each sale, there are instances where animals do not fit reporting categories and are not included in this report.

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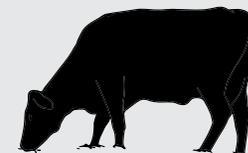
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JD 230 25' wing fold disc Harrows good condition \$5000 OBO. Brillion 12" seeder with transport wheels need some work \$1500 OBO. 802-223-1370 or 802-272-3478 (8/5)

Duetz Fahr KH 400, Tedder 13ft. 1 side broken, but many good parts \$100 802-592-3088 (8/15)

Complete Circular Sawmill: #1 Lane steel carriage and track - Glover Feed - log turner - live deck with stop and load - Miner 3 saw edger - sawdust blower - powered by 671 Detroit. \$25,000 802-824-5228/802-824-5037 (8/15)

2005 JD 457 silage special twine only. 1988 NH 316 baler with thrower. JD 246 corn planter, JD #8mower, new idea 3pt fertilizer spreader (413) 458-3424 (8/15)

2005 John Deere 2210 Compact Utility Tractor, 3cyl 23hp diesel, 62" JD mid mount mower deck, 3pt hitch JD 647 4' rototiller, 1100 hrs, runs great, always kept indoors, \$9,000 Hathaway Farm, Rutland 802-775-2624 ihathaway@hathawayfarm.com (8/15)

10 ton trail boss tilt bed trailer. In very goo dcondition \$6000 OBO. 6 ton cam tilt bed trailer in very good condition \$3600 OBO 802-542-9315 (8/15)

New Holland #790 Chopper with Wide Grass Head and 2 row corn head. There is also a preserve applicator \$5500.00 802-472-5022 (8/15)

Rossi 17'tedder in excellent condition \$1700. Grimm ground-drive tedder, completely rebuilt: sand blasted, painted, new tires, tines & belt, \$1000. 802-439-9132 (8/15)

Horse drawn hay loader #7 & #9 McDeering Mowers. Grimm Tedders Big #4 -JD Mowers 603-738-3839 (8/15)

New Hollard 892 Chopper both hay and two row corn heads. International NO 56 ailo blower short hopper with auger feed. 802-372-4513 (8/15)

14T NH baler w/ extra baler parts,new knotter,power take-off driven, \$2500, NH cutter/crimper, 7ft., rolls decent, 2 extra cutter bars, \$1400, Farmhand side delivery rake,

5 wheel, w/extra parts, \$800. All decent shape. 802-875-3659, evenings best. (8/15)

NI 3639 Man Sprdr..\$3800. JD 1350 Disc Mow..\$5500. Duetz Fahr Rnd Baler..\$5200. JD 530 Disc Mower..\$9500. Miller Pro 1100 Rotary Rake..\$3600. JD 260 Disc Mow..\$3800. Kuhn Knight 8114 Man Sprdr..\$10,000 JD 131 Front Disc Mow..\$8500. JD 915 Disc Mower..\$6400. 802-376-5262 www.youngs-milkywayfarm.com (8/15)

For Sale: New Holland BR7060 round baler with bale processor and net wrap. New condition only 2,400 bales. Asking \$24,500. New Idea 5212 discbine in good condition. Asking \$6,000. Ag-Wrap ECO 4-5 bale wrapper. Asking \$4,500. Call Dave 802 318-3208(8/15)

Meadow Brook horse cart for sale. Excellent condition and ready to enjoy. \$600 Leather harness also available. Call Julie 802 324-5563 or email lanes@snowfarm.com (8/15)

Diesel generator, 8KW run, 10KW peak. Brand new with less than one hour on it. I bought it to use as automatic backup power and it won't work for that purpose. 802-316-7815 (8/15)

IH three-bottom moldboard trip plow in very good condition with matching coulters. No welds and field ready. 750.00. Pics on request. Please call 802-424-6567. (8/15)

KM Vicon 281 Case Hay Mower. Needs minor welding work but in very good condition. \$3500. Call 802-582-9026. (8/15)

12.4x24 tractor tire, good condition \$100 obo. 2 milking machine pails (no covers), 80# and 65# \$400 obo, will separate. Bedding chopper, with new motor that needs to be installed, \$100 obo. 802-433-5870, (8/15)

Richardson 700 side dump wagon on flotation tires-operates like new-oiled and under cover \$11,000.00. Gehl CB 865 Chopper and 2 heads, 1000 PTO Tandems



Electric controls Good shape \$7500.00. Bale Basket Good Shape \$2500.00 Fairlee 802-333-4840 (8/15)

2 TITAN Industrial Lug Tractor tires, size 17.5L - 24, Mounted on Case/IH rims. Tires have very little wear and are loaded. Asking \$750.00 each or \$1,300 for the pair. Call Mike at 802-247-2898, please, no calls after 6:00 p.m. (8/15)

Allied Grain Chute/Auger For Sale. 802-782-8833 (8/15)

Farm & Farmland

21 acres tillable cropland and permanent pasture for sale or rent. Has been in sod for 30 plus years and could be certified organic. Many uses possible. On a dead end road with big skyline views and would make a great home site. Northfield 802-485-7434 (6/15)

10 acres for lease in Brandon near Woods Lane. Formerly in winter rye and soybeans. Not organic until 8/16. Looking for long term lease for no spray or organic management. Phone 802-453-6997 (7/15)

General

Polaris Sportsman X2 500 EFT 2007 Winch, cover 150 miles, kept inside \$4700.00 802-728-6077 (8/15)

Garland Stove 6 burner vintage 1960's great for canning vegetables or syrup. Oven needs new thermo couple \$300 802-592-3088 (8/15)

Border Collie puppies. 5 female and 2 male. 5 black and white and 2 red and white. They will have there first round of shots before they go. We have both parents. \$400.00 each Terry Bruce 802-342-0612.

Hay, Feed & Forage

First cutting, never wet, 35# bales, \$3 per bale. About 50 bales available. East Thetford. 802-785-4247(6/15)

Organic first cut hay for sale, small square bales, never wet, \$3.50 at the barn, Monkton, Last Resort Farm 453-2847 (6/15)

Organic dry round bales, 1st cut. Franklin county Georgia Vt. 802-524-9453. (8/15)

ADDISON COUNTY

Organic first cut hay for sale, small square bales, never wet, \$3.50 at the barn, Monkton, Last Resort Farm 453-2847 (6/15)

5' rototiller \$1200, Farm 3 pt winch \$250, 15' rotary hoe \$500, 4' Dr road grader, used once \$200. 802-767-3327 (6/15)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Hay and Straw and or organic, Large or small square bales. Whole or processed by bales. at Farm we load on direct delivery by trailer load. 802-849-6266 (5/15)

ORLEANS COUNTY

Canadian hay for sale, big squares, round bales, straw available for more information call 802-323-3275. (6/15)

Good quality 1st & 2nd cut conventional square bales. 802-988-2959 or 802-279-2832. (6/15)

Horses & Other Equine

2 Purebred "Le Cheval Cagation" blood mares. 1 started under saddle \$2000 each 802-767-3327 (6/15)

Draft horse equipment for sale. Pioneer forecart, \$800. Pioneer forecart with logging arch, \$1500, Pequa 80 bushel

ground driven spreader, \$3500, I&J one row draft cultivator, \$1200. (802) 434-7732 (8/15)

Percheron draft pair for sale. These boys need a job! Gelding pair 8 & 9 year old, hard working and willing. \$5000 for the pair includes D-Ring harness set. Used for logging, tilling, cultivating, and manure spreading (802) 434-7732 (8/15)

Horse Equipment

Tranis sled – holds 14 average size adults. Very good shape, kept under cover \$800. New Idear Manure spreader under cover, good condition. Tractor hitch can be used with horses with forecart. \$800. 1988 Horse trailer very good shape. No more use for it. \$1,000. Used for 2 draft horses 1900 lbs each with harnesses on. No divider. 3 collars 26"-28" collar pads, back pad, blanket. 1 pair new blankets. 2 sets bells go around collar \$25 -

\$150. 802-295-2910 (6/15)

Poultry & Rabbits

20 Black Sex Link pullets born October 1st, starting to lay for \$15 each. 12, 2 year old hens \$4 each. (802) 325-3312 (6/15)

Retirement Sale - Mille Flleurs, Seremas, Buff Orpingtons and fan -tailed pigeons for sale. Call 802-694-1602 or email - bonnehagenfarm@gmail.com. (7/15)

Sheep

Border Leicester ewes and lambs for sale \$100 -\$150 each. 802-592-3320. (6/15)

Dorset ram lambs. Born 12/25/14. Weaned and ready to go. From robust flock cultivated for good growth on pasture, parasite resistance and good mothering. \$200 each. Call 229-4096 (7/15)

ICELANDIC Sheep - RETIREMENT SALE- Entire remaining herd: 9 bred ewes,

3 white yearling ewes, and 3 rams (2 white and a spotted). See pedigree on CLRC electronic herd book-member # 5353585. Make an offer. View sheep on Facebook - Bonnehagen Farm. 802-694-1602 or bonnehagenfarm@gmail.com (7/15)

Sheep flock of 4 Ewes, 1 Ram Tunis Breed, 3 yrs old \$1200.00 802-728-6077 (8/15)

Katahdin ewe with 2 ewe lambs. Purebred not registered. Katahdins are hair sheep- no shearing & 25% more energy for meat = great flavor and finish size. Boost, start a flock with great health and genetics. \$700 for 3. 802-274-7826. (8/15)

Sugaring Equipment

Sap buckets \$5 a set. 5x4 front pan \$350. 802-933-6840 (5/15)

2 maple syrup signs, some pipe-

line and wire, stove pip cover, large size, old sap spouts and more, \$100. (6/15)

Swine

Four piglets of a heritage breed for April or early May. chas-call2@fairpoint.net or 802-564-3769 (6/15)

Wanted

I am looking for a PT7 mower/conditioner in usable condition or for parts. 802-244-8580. (6/15)

Yearling beef cattle for grass-fed grazing: 550-850 lbs, healthy, grain-free, no or little antibiotics, no hormones. May 2015 delivery or pickup. Open to any beef breed or beef cross. Will buy as few as 1, as many as 20+. 802-585-6236. (6/15)

3 bottom plow, grain drill, manure spreader, backhoe for John Deere 5085E. Todd Hardie, Greensboro. todd@thornhillfarmvermont.com,

802.324.0354 (6/15)

Reg. Polled Hereford bull, breeding age. Lull Brook Farm, phone 802-436-2068. (7/15)

3 bottom plow, grain drill, manure spreader, backhoe for John Deere 5085 tractor and field wagon. 802-533-9325. (7/15)

Tractor chains 50% or less worn to fit a 16.9 x 38 tire. A Disc plow. Used 3 pt hitch backhoe used, reasonably priced. John Deere 14T complete PTO set-up to buy or make trade for motor. 802-759-2421 Leave a message (7/15)

Dairy cattle, heifers, beef cattle, bulls, steers, veal, calves, sheep 413-441-3085 (7/15)

Two row disc style (as opposed to shovel style) corn planter in good condition with additional plates for corn and various beans 802-316-7815 (8/15)

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transplants and ornamentals; no doubt bolstered by pleasant weather of late.

(Salisbury NH) Dry, hot and windy, then cold: close to a frost. Put shade cloth on thinking the temps were way too high, then immediately the next day the temperature dropped. Might have to re-order onions, as could not irrigate. They look like almost a total loss. Leeks faring better as we had drip for them. Peas are struggling in dry, hot weather. Cukes and Partenon zucchini in hoop house look great. Beans, potatoes and corn are up. Asparagus beetles are terrible.

(Dresden ME) First corn transplants in with another 20,000 to transplant in next couple weeks. We set up irrigation over two weeks ago and have been watering our onion transplants (in

silver mulch) with rain-birds on three inch pipe. Thinking of using 6 inch pipe if this week's storms don't produce ample rain for stale seed bedding our mid-season fields. Seeding is late on winter squash, pumpkins and gourds going in our mid-temp house early this week. Third planting of beans and peas this week. Just finished a prelim rebuild on our horse-drawn 1930's McCormick Deering Cultivator. We plan to use this on single row and two row crops on 36 inch beds with a combination of knives and finger weeders. Early spring fallows on our winter squash and potato ground have been working well to reduce chickweed, lambsquarters and shepherd's purse which germinated early in the spring. Planned cover crops are a combination of Japanese millet, sun hemp, and sunflower. This will be grazed by the draft horses in late July and early August when the pastures slow. We

had our first whole farm meeting two weeks ago and are working to establish systems of communication for employee and farm needs. We couldn't be more excited to be working with such a solid and engaged team.

(Little Compton RI) Of all our problems the wind continues to challenge us daily! 55 mph gusts and super dry wind really taking its toll this year. For the first time ever, I am pulling a crew member off planting and bed prep to just manage



constant water needs: what a spring, and cold to boot. Really liking Dragoon and Breen small lettuces that can be planted real tight and give a great bang for the buck and bed space. I am still on the fence about Salanova.

(Argyle NY) Never seen such crazy spring weather! We only had 3/10 inch of rain since snowmelt and the irrigation pond is very low with daily water going on all fields. It has been easier getting crops seeded and cultivated without heavy rains but really want rain. Most crops doing well though flea beetles have come out so the 25gram netting (Biothrips) has been in use for several weeks on the arugula. It works much better for us than row cover. Our high tunnel crops of spinach, kale, chard, lettuce, salad mix and radishes are done or nearly done with summer crops transitioned in. Onions were just planted out on white plastic

(Biotelo), which we found to be beneficial over the black last year. We have been blessed with a great crew this year.

Summer Veg And Berry Farm Workshops

NOFA-VT has worked with the VVBGA to organize these events. Dates and locations are listed at <http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/?Page=meetlist.html>. Links with details to follow soon.

Soil Fertility Survey

UVM Extension wants to better serve your soil fertility information needs. We've compiled a brief survey to get your input and to help us understand what practices and amendments growers across the state and the region are currently using. We'd be grateful if you take the survey soon. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/soilfert>

Ticks that can spread Lyme disease live in Vermont

To prevent tick bites:

- Stay on hiking trails. Avoid walking through high grass and bushy areas.
- Use insect repellents that are labeled for ticks, but do not apply them to infants. Follow the directions on the label.
- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts to minimize skin exposure to ticks.
- Wear light colored clothing so that it is easier to see ticks, and tuck your pants into your socks.
- Check yourself, your children, and your pets for ticks daily and remove any ticks promptly. A tick may look like nothing more than a new freckle or speck of dirt.

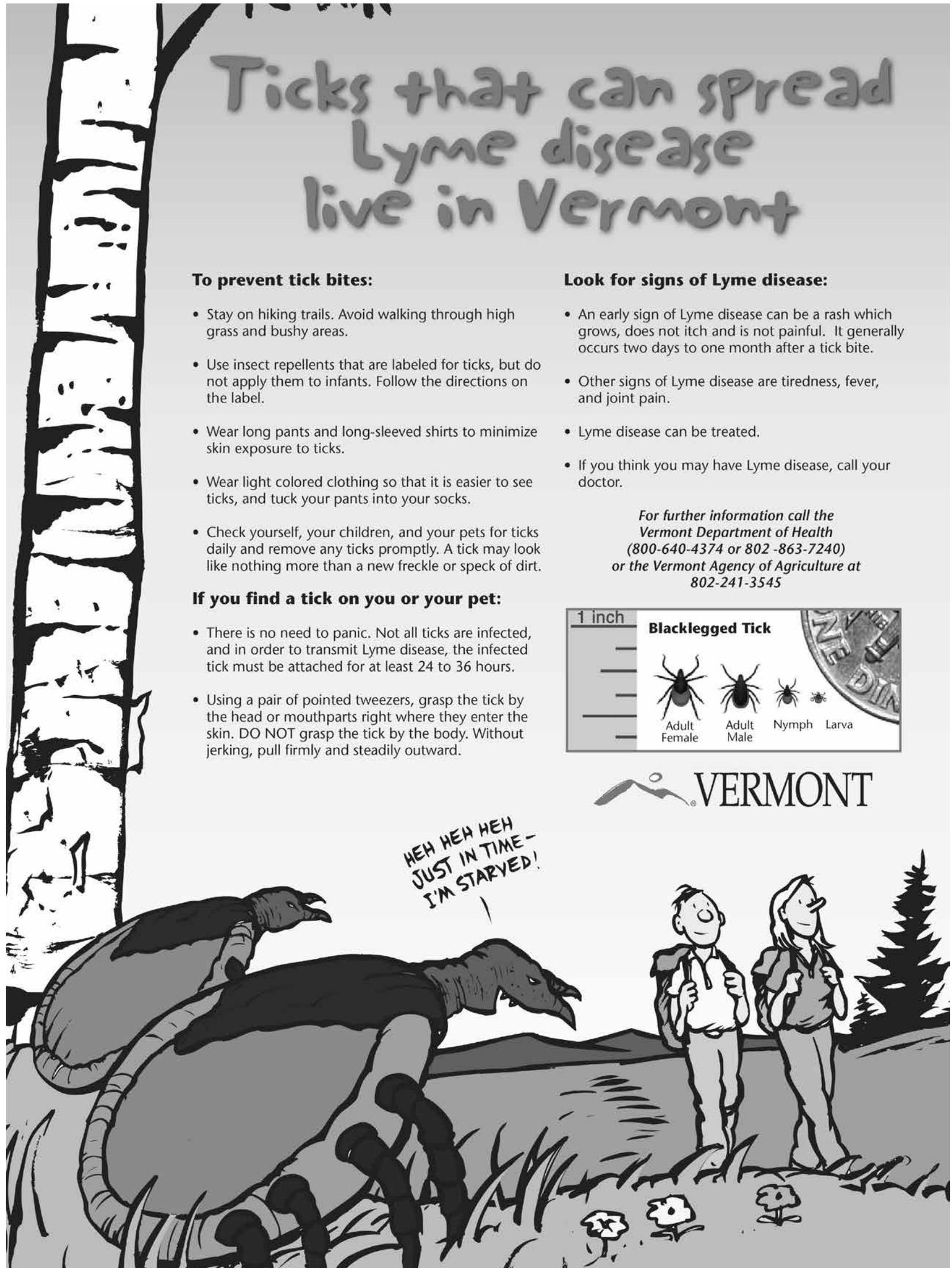
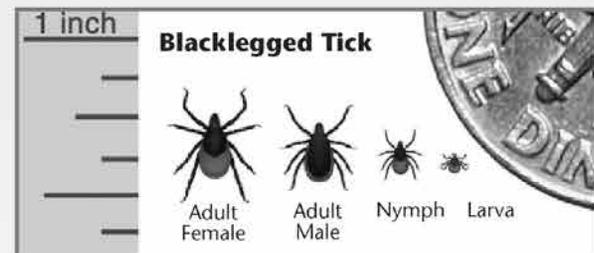
If you find a tick on you or your pet:

- There is no need to panic. Not all ticks are infected, and in order to transmit Lyme disease, the infected tick must be attached for at least 24 to 36 hours.
- Using a pair of pointed tweezers, grasp the tick by the head or mouthparts right where they enter the skin. DO NOT grasp the tick by the body. Without jerking, pull firmly and steadily outward.

Look for signs of Lyme disease:

- An early sign of Lyme disease can be a rash which grows, does not itch and is not painful. It generally occurs two days to one month after a tick bite.
- Other signs of Lyme disease are tiredness, fever, and joint pain.
- Lyme disease can be treated.
- If you think you may have Lyme disease, call your doctor.

For further information call the Vermont Department of Health (800-640-4374 or 802-863-7240) or the Vermont Agency of Agriculture at 802-241-3545



Farm to School

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country, including \$300,000 awarded to three Vermont grantees - the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets (VAAF), Milton School District, and Vermont-FEED (Food Education Every Day).

In addition to increasing annual mandatory funding for Farm to School Programs from \$5 million to \$15 million, Leahy's Farm to School Act of 2015 aims to:

- Fully include preschools, summer food service program sites, and after school programs in the USDA Farm to School Grant Program (F2S);
- Improve program participation from



VT Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross and Grand Isle Farmer Greg Soll enjoy a Farm to School meal at Milton Elementary.

beginning, veteran, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers; and

- Increase access among tribal schools to farm-fresh and traditional foods, especially from tribal producers.

valuable understanding and appreciation of where our food comes from, while also influencing healthful eating habits."

Additional speakers at the press conference included

Addressing a small crowd of Milton students and staff, state officials, and leaders in Vermont's local food movement at the pre-lunch press conference, Leahy said, "At a time when obesity rates among our kids continues to rise, we need to do more to educate families and their children about the value of healthy, nutritious lifestyles and choices. One of the best places to do that is in our schools, where we know students form the foundations of lifelong eating habits."

The senator's sentiments were reinforced by Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross, who said: "Farm to School Programs are an investment in agricultural literacy, local economies, and community stewardship which can connect us to a

Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe, Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director for VT-FEED, Steve Marinelli, Milton Town School District Food Coordinator, and Milton Superintendent John Barone. Also in attendance were Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets Staff, Agency of Education Nutrition Staff, Vermont Department of Health Staff, local farmer/producer Greg Soll of Soll Farm in Grand Isle (provider of the lunch menu's fresh potatoes), as well as representatives from Hunger Free Vermont, SNA-VT, and the Burlington Food Project.

Milton Elementary School is just one of roughly 100 schools throughout the state of Vermont currently participating in grant-funded farm to school programs that are helping students and their communities make the vital connections between education, health, and agriculture.



Steve Marinelli, Milton Town School District Food Director

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