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State Leaders Gather to Celebrate Farm to School Awareness Month

By Ali Zipparo, VAAFM

On Wednesday, Oct. 7th, state leaders gathered together at Sustainability Academy in Burlington to recognize Farm to School Awareness Month, a statewide celebration of the Farm to School (FTS) Program that connects thousands of Vermont students with fresh, healthy, local foods every year. Among the celebrants were Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross, Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe, Health Commissioner Harry Chen, Burlington Schools Superintendent Yaw Obeng, Vermont state legislators, as well as representatives from the office of Senator Leahy, and other important Farm to School stakeholders.

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Secretary Chuck Ross announced more than \$50,000 in funding available to all Vermont schools for the purpose of developing or expanding Farm to School programming for

Vermont students in 2016.

Vermont is a national leader in Farm to School programming; our schools spend a larger percentage of their food budgets on locally sourced

Secretary Ross enjoys a taste of kale pesto, served by Sustainability Academy students.

foods than any other state.

“Farm to School programs are a vital tool we can use to promote agricultural literacy in schools so that, from an early age, students understand the value of nutrition, develop healthy eating habits, and appreciate where their food comes from,” said Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Ross. “Farm to School programming helps build a culture of ‘Ag Literacy’ in our schools and communities. These programs are an essential part of building the connection between agriculture and the next generation

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“Accepted Agricultural Practices” to Be Rewritten

As part of Act 64, the “Accepted Agricultural Practices” (AAPs) will be rewritten to a higher level of performance and renamed the “Required Agricultural Practices” (RAPs). Between now and the end of the year, we will be holding

meetings across the state to seek your input about the proposed new rules. This is your chance to share your feedback with us, and help shape the new rules which will govern ag practices in our state.

We are hosting a series of regional meetings, as outlined in the graphic

below. We urge you to get engaged in this process – attend a meeting, review the proposed RAPs online, and speak with your friends and fellow farmers about the RAPs. We need your input to ensure these rules will be workable for farmers, the environment, the ag industry, and

our communities.

If you have questions about the process, please call us at 802-828-1619. Please make every effort to attend your regional meeting! Hope to see you there.

Charles R. Ross



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REQUIRED AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

(RAPs, FORMERLY AAPs)

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Visit our website to find out more about the proposed RAPs including what size and type of farm they could affect, how to submit comments, and more.

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November 17, 2015
2–4 pm

St. Albans Historical Society
November 17, 2015
9–11 am

American Legion
in Middlebury
November 19, 2015
9–11 am

Rutland Free Library
(Fox Room)
November 19, 2015
2–4 pm

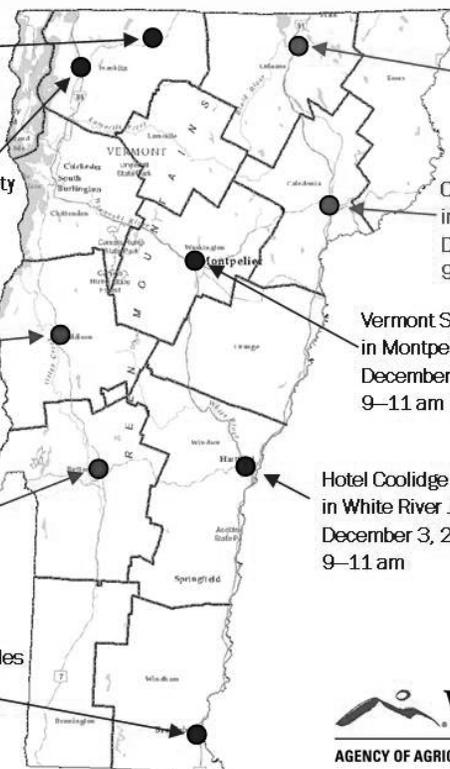
Fraternal Order of the Eagles
in Brattleboro
December 3, 2015
2–4 pm

Eastside Restaurant
in Newport
December 8, 2015
2–4 pm

Comfort Inn and Suites
in St. Johnsbury
December 8, 2015
9–11 am

Vermont State House (Room 11)
in Montpelier
December 10, 2015
9–11 am

Hotel Coolidge
in White River Junction
December 3, 2015
9–11 am



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— Alison Kosakowski

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Revised Food Security Section of Vermont's Farm to Plate Food System Plan Released

By Rachel Carter,
Vermont Farm to Plate

One in eight Vermonters struggle with hunger and 13.2% of Vermont households are food insecure, having difficulty during some time of the year to provide food for their family due to a lack of resources. September is Hunger Action Month, when the national Feeding America network of food banks call on Americans to take action to fight hunger in their community.

One of the goals of Vermont's statewide Farm to Plate food system plan is to ensure all Vermonters have access to fresh, nutritionally balanced food that they can afford.

The updated Food Security section of the Farm to Plate Strategic Plan reviews food security trends and challenges in Vermont and New England. An in-depth analysis identifies opportunities for federal food programs, community food security programs, and Vermont's charitable food system to improve the health and well-being of food insecure Vermonters.



The section explores how food access programs can address food security while considering how Vermonters access food; the extent to which food is available; how food is prepared, cooked, and stored; and the stability of Vermont's food system.

"Food access challenges in Vermont are all too real for too many families and the revised Food Security section sheds light both on the extent of the problem and provides specific recommendations about what more could be done to address the issue," states Rachel Schattman, co-author of the updated Food Security section and former local food program coordinator at UVM Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture/PhD candidate, UVM Dept. of Plant and Soil Science.

Originally released in 2011, the updated section was prepared by Schattman and UVM Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture colleagues, Virginia Nickerson and Linda Berlin (also co-chair of the Farm to Plate Food Access Cross-

cutting Team). Both the Food Access Cross-cutting Team and Scott Sawyer at the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund served as editors of the updated Food Security section.

People who work in Vermont's charitable food system and community based food programs and organizations, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Vermont Agency of Health and Human Services (including Vermont Dept. of Health and Vermont Dept. of Children and Families), members of the Farm to Plate Food Access Cross-cutting Team and entire Farm to Plate Network can all utilize this revised section as they work to address food security challenges in Vermont.

"The Vermont Foodbank works with a wide range of partners and farms to provide 10 million pounds of food to 153,000 Vermonters in need of assistance every year. Food insecurity affects children, seniors, people with disabilities, and working families who earn less than a livable wage despite full time work. We rescue a lot of edible and nutritious food from grocery stores

as well as farms during the harvest season. The goals and strategies being advanced by the Farm to Plate Network are helping to ensure that the bounty of Vermont's growing food system reaches all Vermonters and we value being a member of the Network." shares Chris

Meehan, chief community impact officer at the Vermont Foodbank and member of the Food Access Cross-cutting Team.

The updated Food Security Section is available online at www.vtfarmtoplate.com.



Reminder: Dispose of Pesticides Properly!

By Annie Macmillan, VAAFM

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture's Pesticide Disposal Program funds the free collection and disposal of unusable, unwanted, or cancelled agricultural and commercial grade pesticides used by residents, farmers, small businesses and public agencies. Pesticides are chemicals that kill pests, including animals, plants, molds and insects. Examples include insect sprays, flea products, mothballs, rodent poisons, weed killers, and wood preservatives. Fertilizers are not pesticides and may be disposed of in the regular trash. Weed and feed products however are pesticides and should be disposed of through the program.

Pesticides are collected free of charge in conjunction with Vermont's Solid Waste Districts and several municipalities across the state during their Household Hazardous Waste. A map of Solid Waste Districts across the state is found here: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/swmdlist.htm>

The goal of this program is to properly dispose of unused or unusable pesticides to prevent human and animal exposure, prevent use of cancelled pesticides on crops and to eliminate the potential source of contamination to the environment.

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Vermont Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council Releases Humane Handling Best Practice Guidelines

By Dr. Kristin Haas, VAAFM

The Vermont Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council is pleased to announce the availability of important bilingual educational materials, for use by Vermont's cattle industry members, intended to help ensure the humane handling and transport of calves and cattle within Vermont. The release of these materials is the culmination of a year-long initiative undertaken by the Council that was supported by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Farm to Plate Network, and many other individuals and agricultural organizations within Vermont and New England.

Given the variety of livestock movements that happen across the state on a daily basis, the Council recognized the need for comprehensive best practices guidelines to enhance the care of calves and cattle on Vermont farms and roadways. The Council contracted with Erika Voogd of Voogd Consulting, Inc. to create the educational materials, which are available in multiple formats to suit a variety of needs and audiences. The content was reviewed by several national and international animal welfare and transport experts, including Dr. Temple Grandin.

"Vermont's humane handling laws and



regulations mandate the minimal acceptable standards in the State, and the members of the Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council recognized the benefit of providing Vermonters with a gold standard to which we hope everyone will aspire," according to Agency of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Diane Bothfeld, Chair of the Council. "We are pleased to be able to enhance the Vermont brand by providing this important information to a wide audience, and we will work diligently to ensure that these materials get into the hands of those Vermonters who can benefit from them the most."

The educational materials are comprised of best management practices related to on-farm care of calves and cattle; proper selection of animals to transport; proper handling of calves and cattle during

loading, transport and unloading; preparation of the transport vehicle; extreme weather considerations; and best practices for drivers.

The Vermont Legislature authorized the formation of the Vermont Livestock Care

Standards Advisory Council in 2009. Comprised of 14 appointed members, the Council is tasked with advising the Secretary of Agriculture and the legislative committees on agriculture on issues relating

The Council recognized the need for comprehensive best practices guidelines to enhance the care of calves and cattle on Vermont farms and roadways.

to livestock well-being in the state of Vermont. The Council is also authorized to engage in educational and outreach initiatives meant to improve the welfare of Vermont's livestock animals, and it is under this charge that the current best management practice materials have been created.

For more information on the Vermont Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council, please visit: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal_health/animal_welfare/lcsac. To access electronic copies of the educational materials on calf and cattle transport, please visit: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal_health/animal_welfare/Cattle-Calf-Transport-Recommendations

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USDA Grant Received to Continue Market Access Development for Vermont Farmers & Producers

By Reg Godin, VAAFM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (VAAFM) will receive a \$92,200 matching grant from the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) to enhance domestic export opportunities and market channels for Vermont agricultural products. Out of a total \$1,005,906 in FSMIP funding awarded to 15 different projects in this 2015 application period, the state of Vermont received the third largest grant at \$92,200.

VAAFM, in collaboration with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (VACCD), Vermont Specialty Foods Association (VSFA), Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association (VMSMA), Vermont Fresh Network, and University of Vermont Extension will utilize FSMIP funding to connect rural Vermont farmers and producers with regional and national markets in order to increase out-of-state sales. Through research, stakeholder engagement and education, the grant project will address some of the barriers facing Vermont businesses seeking increased market access for their products, including:

- Supply chain relationships
- In and out-of-state distribution channels
- Statewide marketing & branding

- Buyer connections
- E-commerce

This 2015 FSMIP grant is the second of its kind awarded to the VAAFM in the last three years, allowing the agency to provide a continuum of tools and services to Vermont businesses. The previous FSMIP grant, awarded in 2013, focused on developing Vermont's Agritourism industry, which not only draws out-of-state visitors to Vermont and drives economic development, but also plays an important role in promoting agricultural literacy. VAAFM and its partners, Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing (VDTM), University of Vermont Extension, Shelburne Farms, and DigInVT utilized 2013 FSMIP funding to help Vermont farms amplify the economic impacts and mitigate risks of agricultural and culinary tourism.

2013 Project initiatives included:

- Ten agritourism workshops serving 509 participants, including 168 Vermont farmers.
- Of participating VT farmers, 78% reported a positive impact on profitability, 76% reported an increase in visitors, and 41% reported adding jobs to their business.
- Promotional campaigns in key regional markets (Boston, New York, mid-Atlantic) encouraging visitors to experience Vermont's authentic agritourism offerings.

- Development of free educational videos regarding best practices for inviting visitors onto farms — available for viewing on UVM's Vermont Agritourism Collaborative website.
 - Development of free sign templates designed to promote safety of people and animals during farm tours - available for free download at Vermont Agritourism Collaborative.
- "Vermont has seen an explosion in farm and food businesses over the last decade and these FSMIP grants help to ensure that Vermont businesses have reliable markets for their products, both inside and

outside our state," according to the Vermont's Agriculture Secretary, Chuck Ross.

"The joint efforts between the Agency of Agriculture, statewide agricultural organizations and VDTM have reaped a significant award for the future of Vermont agritourism," Megan Smith, Commissioner of VDTM said. "Especially when compared to the grants received by larger states, this funding is yet another testament that Vermont is a leader in this field."

In addition to USDA FSMIP grants, the VAAFM oversees a number of additional resources and funding opportunities dedicated to increasing

market access for Vermont producers, including the Trade Show Assistance Grant, part of the VAAFM's Domestic Export Program, which can allocate up to \$25,000 to Vermont producers of agriculture and wood products to attend out-of-state trade shows. (Limit \$2,000 per business.) The beginning of the open application period for grants will be announced in mid-October, 2015.

For more information about VAAFM Business Development and Market Access programs and resources, please visit: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/producer_partner_resources

SAVE THE DATE

FDA Public Meeting in New England: Food Safety Modernization Act Final Rules

Hosted by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

**Monday, December 14
9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**Latchis Theatre
50 Main Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301**

Join FDA Subject Matter Experts for an overview of three final Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Rules—Produce Safety, Preventive Controls for Human Food & Preventive Controls for Animal Food—and ask your questions about rule requirements and who must comply.

This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Contact Kristina Sweet at (802) 522-7811 or email kristina.sweet@vermont.gov for more information. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/3SV3F> for updates.

Helping Plants Prepare For Winter

By: Dr. Leonard Perry,
Horticulture Professor
University of Vermont

Outdoors, a major change is taking place. Your trees and shrubs are preparing for winter. By January most of them will be able to withstand temperatures of 20 to 30 degrees (F) below zero. Some could tolerate even colder temperatures. Knowing how plants prepare for winter, you can manage plant choices and their culture for better overwintering success.

However, these same plants would be killed now if the temperature suddenly dropped that low. That's because something happens inside plants that allows them to prepare for winter and become dormant. This is termed "acclimation"—the development of cold hardiness or "hardening off." A sedum plant that may be killed by freezing soil temperatures in September, may withstand soils below zero degrees (F) in January.

But first, plants must stop growth. Growth slows for most plants as the days shorten (actually it is the lengthening nights) and grow colder. Scientists have found that short days and cold temperatures trigger the development of cold hardiness. Some believe it is the former daylength, which is stable from year to year, that triggers the first stage of dormancy and that cold triggers the true or subsequent deeper dormancy stage, sometimes called



"mid-winter dormancy".

When a plant becomes dormant, cellular components change and processes slow, allowing them to withstand lower temperatures. You may see this deep dormancy termed "endo dormancy", referring to these internal ("endo") changes. Since freezing water can burst cells, some water leaves cells during acclimation. Sugars and other protective chemicals, similar to antifreeze, with lower freezing points are increased. So it makes sense that you don't want plants to enter winter waterlogged. On the other hand, you want them to not be stressed from prolonged drought periods. Ideal is to make sure that plants have sufficient water in the fall, but keep them on the dry side if possible.

Plants have a maximum level of cold they'll tolerate, this varying genetically by species and even cultivar (cultivated variety). Even within a species, the amount of cold tolerated may be determined by location or "provenance". A rhododendron from the south may be much less hardy than the same species

from the north.

Plants parts can vary as well in the amount of cold they'll tolerate. This is the reason some years you may have leaves but not flowers on forsythia, flowers buds generally being less hardy than leaf buds. Or peach trees may live in an area and may leaf out, but have no flowers. Since roots are in the ground, which stays much warmer than the air, they usually tolerate less cold

than the tops of plants. So the popular Japanese pachysandra groundcover, in winter, has evergreen tops hardy to -30 degrees (F) while the roots only survive in soils down to 15 degrees.

Once a plant is dormant, it tracks the winter progress through "chilling units", the number of hours not below freezing but that are at a certain level above freezing—often 40 to 50 degrees (F), ranging between 500 and 2000 hours depending on the

plant. (Sugar maple requires about 2000 hours.) After this chilling, they enter a lighter stage of dormancy or "eco dormancy" ("eco" meaning external) just as they experience during fall acclimation. In this "standby mode" they can respond to specific periods and degrees of warming (varying by plant), as with the warming in spring or a prolonged "winter thaw" period. In this spring period of "deacclimation" buds are much less hardy, so may be damaged by subsequent severe cold (as happened in March 2015 in Vermont).

To help plants prepare for best winter survival, you should avoid practices that stimulate late summer growth of trees and shrubs. For example, nitrogen fertilization in August or early

September may encourage a late flush of stems that can't turn off their growth before frosts. Herbaceous perennials are the opposite—good fertility right into fall, stimulating vigor and storage of more food for winter, often helps them survive better and regrow more vigorous next spring. We've seen this time and again in our cold climate hardiness research with perennials.

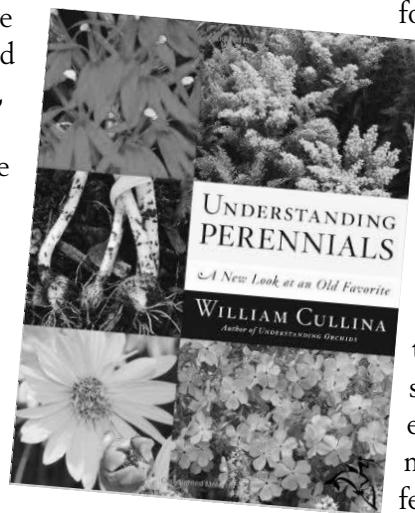
Fertilizer and lime applied (according to soil

test results) in October or November, when temperatures are cooler and days are shorter, will not stimulate top growth until spring. Roots take up the nutrients and store them in the roots and stems. While it is best to lime in the fall—most lime takes some months to change the soil acidity—it is best to wait until growth resumes in spring to fertilize if not done by mid fall.

For shade trees and shrubs, a surface broadcast application of readily-soluble or slow release, high nitrogen fertilizer over the whole root zone is probably the most effective and easiest means of applying fertilizer. Other methods are liquid injection feeding, the poke and pour method (divvying up fertilizer into holes drilled into the soil in concentric circles around the base of the tree), or placing fertilizer pills, packets, or spikes in the root zone.

If the soil already contains adequate phosphorus and potassium (as in a well-fertilized lawn), nitrogen is often the only element needed to enhance growth. Follow recommendations from your soil test. It is illegal in Vermont and in some other areas to apply phosphorus to lawn areas, unless recommended by a soil test, as this can end up in and pollute waterways. For the same reason, you should use a fertilizer with water insoluble nitrogen. A rule of thumb is to apply three pounds of nitrogen

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New Date For Public Hearing on Proposed Revised Decision Regarding Best Management Practices for Farms in the Missisquoi Bay Basin

By Jim Leland, VAAFM

On October 7, 2015, Vermont's Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Ross, in consultation with the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), reissued a Notice of Public Hearing to provide the public additional and sufficient opportunity to comment on the proposed Revised Secretary's Decision for the CLF's petition to require mandatory agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the Missisquoi Bay Basin. **The new date for the public hearing is November 12, 2015.**

The proposed Revised Secretary's Decision, which is subject to public input, is one element of the frame-

work negotiated between the Agency and CLF to settle the pending court litigation related to the Missisquoi Basin.

It had come to the Secretary's attention that the proposed timing of the originally scheduled public hearing placed a burden on farmers during a busy time of the harvest season. To allow for as much public input from farmers as possible, the decision was made to reissue the Notice of Public Hearing for November 12. Rescheduling the hearing allows more notice to farmers and affected citizens and greater opportunity for comment and input.

The rescheduled public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015, in St. Albans City,

from 1 PM until 3 PM, at the American Legion, 100 Parah Drive. Written comment will also be accepted until 4:30 PM November 23, 2015.

The full Notice of Public Hearing, the proposed Revised Secretary's Decision, and the draft Stipulation of the Parties for Remand, which contain background and additional explanatory information, can be accessed

at <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/news-events/clf-petition> with additional information available below.

Questions about the public hearing process and any written comments may be directed to:
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116 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620
(802)-828-3478

...or e-mailed to: AGR.MissisquoiBMP@vermont.gov

The full text of the petition, including CLF's rationale for its request, can be accessed at: <http://www.clf.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/CLF-Missisquoi-Bay-Ag-BMP-Petition-FINAL-.pdf>



For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Farrell Distributing Corp. of South Burlington, Vermont 05403 to sell and transport milk 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 November 15th, 2015.

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Vermont Agency of Agriculture Grants Over \$255K to Benefit Specialty Crop Producers

Six Vermont Agricultural Organizations Will Receive 2015 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Funds

By Kristina Sweet, VAAFM

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFM) announces grants totaling \$255,475 for eight projects to benefit Vermont fruit, vegetable, hops, maple, and added-value producers and increase consumer access to locally produced food. These grants, funded through the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP), were awarded to six agricultural organizations to undertake a range of research, education, promotion, and program-building projects. The grants will leverage an additional \$300,000 in matching funds.

"Specialty Crop Block Grants are integral to maintaining a safe, sustainable, and secure food supply and to enhancing the Vermont brand," said Agriculture Secretary Chuck Ross. "These funds will enable the Agency of Ag and our statewide partners to make strategic investments in research, infrastructure, and education to improve on-farm efficiency and safety, develop new marketing tools, open distribution channels to Vermont producers, and promote farm profitability. We are grateful to our Congressional delegation for their continued support of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, which helps to boost Vermont's agricultural economy



and sustain our working landscape."

University of Vermont Extension Agronomist Heather Darby is one of this year's grantees and has received prior funding to study sustainable methods of pest control in specialty crops and to develop a mobile hop harvester—projects that have had a wide impact in Vermont and beyond. "Farmers from all over world have utilized our online Vermont Hops Project materials," said Darby. "And our hop harvester design has been adopted by six different farms and businesses from several provinces and states outside of Vermont. The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is a huge asset to our research projects and will allow us to continue to share new knowledge with farmers both inside and outside of Vermont."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service awards

Specialty Crop Block Grants to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories. In Vermont, VAAFM administers these funds to enhance the competitiveness of Vermont and regionally-grown

specialty crops, defined as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture)."

VAAFM awards SCBGP funds through a competitive review process guided by

industry, nonprofit and government stakeholders. An independent stakeholder advisory committee identified economic impact across Vermont's working landscape, environmental stewardship, and farm viability as funding goals for 2015. A proposal review committee selected the following projects out of fourteen applications representing total funding requests of over \$550,000:

- **University of Vermont Extension Northwest Crops & Soils Program** to evaluate the efficacy of biostimulants and biofungicides for downy and powdery mildew in specialty crops (\$33,485)

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per 1,000 square feet, as from 30 pounds of 10-0-10 fertilizer.

Do not use lawn fertilizers containing herbicides within the spread of trees. Otherwise, the herbicide will be taken up by the tree and kill it, just as it kills broad-leaved weeds. For established plants, most professionals recommend to mulch late, just before snow fall. This allows the soil to cool, and plants to harden off sooner. The exceptions to late mulching are bulb beds, including those for garlic, and newly planted

perennials. Mulching these sooner will keep the soil warmer longer, allowing for more root growth in fall. You want them well-rooted so they don't "heave" out of the ground in spring, a phenomenon known as "frost heaving". Roots will continue to grow until the soil temperature drops below about 40 degrees (F)—usually early to mid November in Vermont.

You can learn more about winter hardiness, particularly in perennial plants, in *Understanding Perennials, A New Look at an Old Favorite*, by William Cullina. This readable reference covers many other aspects of perennial anatomy, growth and factors affecting them such as soil—a mini course in these topics written for the lay reader.



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- **The Intervale Center** to develop the supply chain for Vermont-grown organic mesclun and frozen berries (\$5,057)
- **The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)** to build demand for fruits

- and vegetables in Vermont schools (\$35,500)
- **The Vermont Tree Fruit Growers Association** to utilize State Information Centers to promote direct marketing of Vermont apples, cider and wines (\$10,000)
- **University of Vermont Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture**

- to pilot post-harvest management teams for the produce industry and conduct produce safety workshops to help farmers prepare for Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) implementation (\$58,177)
- **University of Vermont Proctor Maple Research Center** to enhance the

- competitiveness and economic sustainability of the maple industry (\$13,151)
- **The Vermont Agency of Agriculture's Business Development Team** to promote Vermont specialty crops in Japan (\$25,000)
- **The Vermont Agency of Agriculture's Produce**

Safety Team to build a Vermont state produce safety and market access program (\$75,108)
 To view the USDA-AMS press release announcing SCBGP awards nationally, visit <http://1.usa.gov/1P0qdJZ>.
 To learn more about the Vermont SCBGP, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3uzFm>.

Vermont Weekly Farmers Market Report

For week ending Sunday October 4, 2015

Commodity	Produce			Meats/Proteins		
	Not Certified Organic			Certified Organic		
	Low	High	Average	Low	High	Average
Apples (per lb)	\$1.00	\$2.50	\$1.58	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$3.00
Basil (bunch)	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.88	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$2.54
Beets (per bunch)	\$0.75	\$3.00	\$2.04	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$2.67
Broccoli (per pound)	\$1.98	\$3.00	\$2.43	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.33
Cabbage (per pound)	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$1.72	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$1.97
Carrots (per pound)	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.79	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.20
Chard (per bunch)	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.17
Corn (Dozen)	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$4.67	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$6.50
Cucumbers (each)	\$0.33	\$1.50	\$0.83	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$1.17
Eggplant (per pound)	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$2.83	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
Garlic (per pound)	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$10.63	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$11.75
Green Beans (per pound)	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.13	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$3.25
Kale (per bunch)	\$1.50	\$3.50	\$2.40	\$2.00	\$32.50	\$6.38
Lettuce (per head)	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$1.98	\$1.25	\$3.00	\$2.13
Onions (per pound)	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Parsley (bunch)	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.75
Peppers (per pound)	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$3.30	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.75
Variety 1: Green	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.38	\$2.00	\$5.75	\$4.21
Variety 2: Red	\$1.98	\$1.98	\$1.98	\$3.00	\$5.75	\$4.65
Variety 4: Sweet (each)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$-	\$-	\$-
Variety 5: Yellow	\$1.98	\$1.98	\$1.98	\$3.00	\$5.75	\$4.65
Variety 6: Bananna (each)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$-	\$-	\$-
Potatoes (per pound)	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$1.94
Variety 1: Red	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$1.88	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.33
Variety 2: White	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$1.88	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.33
Variety 3: New	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$1.63	\$-	\$-	\$-
Pumpkins (per pound)	\$0.69	\$1.50	\$1.05	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.25
Radishes (per bunch)	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.54
Raspberries (per pint)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$3.50	\$12.00	\$6.13
Spinach (per bunch)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.50
Summer Squash (per pound)	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$2.75
Tomatoes (per pound)	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$3.33	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Variety 1: Cherry - per pint	\$1.00	\$3.95	\$2.48	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$4.13
Variety 2: Heirloom	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
Variety 3: Slicers	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$2.83
Winter Squash (per pound)	\$0.85	\$2.00	\$1.26	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.44
Zucchini (per pound)	\$1.98	\$2.00	\$1.99	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$2.75

Commodity	Meats/Proteins		
	Low	High	Average
Lamb Chops	\$16.50	\$20.00	\$18.25
Rack of Lamb	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50
Leg of Lamb	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Ground Lamb	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$9.67
Ground Beef	\$5.50	\$8.80	\$7.35
Ribeye	\$11.00	\$23.50	\$17.42
Sirloin	\$6.50	\$17.25	\$12.82
Round Roast	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$8.40
Chuck Roast	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$8.12
Strip Steak	\$12.00	\$13.99	\$12.90
Skirt Steak	\$5.50	\$13.99	\$9.62
Tenderloins	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$18.00
Eggs (dozen)	\$3.00	\$5.75	\$4.65
Whole Chickens	\$2.75	\$4.95	\$4.18
Ground Pork	\$7.55	\$8.00	\$7.89
Pork Chops	\$5.50	\$17.99	\$11.05
Pork Loin	\$10.99	\$18.99	\$13.66
Pork Tenderloin	\$11.85	\$20.00	\$16.77
Shoulder Roast	\$7.99	\$11.00	\$8.76
Ham	\$7.00	\$8.99	\$7.79
Baby Back Ribs	\$7.00	\$10.99	\$8.90

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Market Comments

SEASONALITY:

Crops are starting to thin out as we come into the fall season, where some markets are coming to an end.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Weather has been good for most markets. Gradually getting cooler and cooler, some experiencing rain.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is a down a little bit, which some vendors say is partially due to other fall events going on in the communities.

VENDOR COMMENTS:

Vendors noted that they had less produce this week than previous. Also that sales are generally average or just below. This was the last week for most of our markets, therefore the last week of reporting.

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Reports From The Field

(Plainfield) Winding down. Cover crops just germinating. Garlic in. Putting some serious fertility into the greenhouses; compost and lime. Seeding spinach and arugula mainly. More rutabagas, cabbage, and daikon to harvest; selling well. Hope to finish while the weather stays decent. Endless kale. Butternut did fine, but the buttercup family did not make much size. Saying goodbye and thanks to many crew members. Glad that there are still folks to do this work and do it well.

(Tunbridge) One of the best falls I can remember. We only had to cover some lettuces and chicory, which was a relief since we have no help. Finally let the last beans go, after picking them for a month. The greens all look nice with the dry weather keeping molds and rot away. Red peppers galore. Onions, winter squash in; yields and quality very high. Still some potatoes, storage carrots, and beets to dig. Garlic is not planted. Been pressing lots of apples. Markets on Saturdays have been strong with the good weather. Brussels sprouts really rallying in the end after being too dry attracting flea beetles then too wet causing spots and having to side dress with Pro-gro. Now they are perfect looking. Beautiful fall broccoli and cabbage. Lots of clean-up ahead.

(Westminster West) Finally got cover crops on squash and onion fields. Still have much more veggies to harvest so probably won't get a chance to cover crop those fields

for the winter, a shame. All crops selling very well thru wholesale channels, and the farmers' market is doing better than ever due to a more aggressive pricing structure we have taken. Preparing the field for garlic planting any day now. Building the raised beds with plastic mulch tomorrow and will plant soon after. An interesting note: we always rush to get the large onion crop dried and harvested as soon as we can, but last two years I have found many onions left behind, either under the plastic mulch or just lost in the field, a full month or more left on the ground in all sorts of weather, some never even pulled out and they are in great shape, fully dried, no rot of any kind. So, it makes me wonder about onions and drying techniques and maybe worth more research. Still keeping a crew busy, probably thru end of month and then lots of greenhouse repairs and maintenance.

(Plainfield NH) This was a very generous fall, with warm temps and dry weather. We are finishing potato digging; have yet to dig the carrots. The farmstand closed, which will enable us to catch up on projects if good weather continues. Finally finishing pruning the summer raspberries. Cutting back perennials and winter-readying them. Re-covering and cleaning out greenhouses. Need to get soil samples taken, and maybe get to pruning blueberries which have been neglected a couple of years. Hedgerows seem to grow as fast as lambsquarters, will work on cutting back the fields if winter permits. Biggest new invasive nasty weed for us is the solanum horsenettle. This nasty fellow appears late June, has a taproot as tough and deep as trees and grows like gangbusters in July, August and early September when you have no time to deal with it. Spines make it impossible to pull without leather gloves and the PYO people don't like it much either. I saw it eastern New York cornfields 20 years ago; now it's our problem along the river, probably coming to a farm near you.

(Salisbury NH) Tomatoes in the unheated hoop house had problems with watery spots and some complete 'melt downs.' Jasper

cherry tomatoes are still hanging on and tasting sweet. Our eggplants, once they finally sized up, have been producing like crazy and absolutely no blemishes. Have sold a lot but need to reduce number of plants next year. Peppers were smaller than usual this year. Not many people seem to pick the lunch box size, they want large peppers for stuffing. Had a problem keeping hot versus sweet red peppers separated so ended up warning people "it might be hot!" Last big storm we got 6.5" of rain. Our hills drain well so not many water problems. Finally got all the transplants into the hoop house. We've had two mild frosts that didn't seem to hurt anything in the fields. Brussels sprouts are barely getting to picking size. Crop way behind past several years even though we transplanted same time as previous years. Beets had a lot of scab. We knew potatoes were susceptible but hadn't ever had a problem with beets. Onions still have too much green on them. Our first batch mostly died due to dry weather so had to replant which made us late in sizing up. Had some compost from local dealer and had it tested. Was surprised to see a fairly high level of aluminum. We always find getting anything off farm has problems: chamomile from straw/mulch, weeds galore from manure. Better to close our ecosystem. Overall sales have been good and hope to stretch out season until end of November.

(Argyle NY) What a great, warm autumn we had. It gave us a chance to get root cellared crops harvested at a more leisurely pace and get all field work, cover-cropping, and clean-up done. Our sweet potato crop is 3 times what it was last year; big, beautiful, and just finished curing at 90 degrees for 5 days with some of the winter squash, also a good crop. The broccoli and cauliflower has all been coming in earlier than ever before but the Brussels sprouts are behind; not sure why as they are next to each other. We still have kohlrabi, cabbage, rutabagas, turnips, radishes, celeriac, leeks and some beets to get harvested and packed in the root cellar. We prepped the garlic area today with raised beds

(no plastic) and we will plant it with a waterwheel in the morning before rains come, then cover the whole area with straw with our bale-chopper machine. All three high tunnels are fully planted for winter except 2 sections that will get the spinach transplants still in the greenhouse, while the 2 rows of cherry tomatoes still produce well for us in the tunnel. Farmers' markets have remained strong this fall and we move to the winter sites Nov 7.

Pumpkin and Winter Squash Storage

(Adapted from UMass Vegetable Program)

Take care to avoid chilling injury, which occurs when squash or pumpkin is exposed to temperatures below 50°F in the field or in storage. Injury increases as temperature decreases and/or length of chilling time increases. Chilling injury is of particular concern with squash intended for storage because it increases the likelihood of breakdown. If squash has been exposed to chilling injury it should be marketed first and put in long-term storage.

Ideally, pumpkins should be harvested when fully mature, with a deep orange color and hardened rind. However, as long as pumpkins have started to turn color, they will ripen off the vine if held under the proper conditions in a well-ventilated barn or greenhouse. The best temperatures for ripening are 80-85 degrees Fahrenheit with a relative humidity of 80-85%. Night temperatures should not drop below the sixties. Even if pumpkins are ripe, a period of curing for about 10 days can improve storage life by helping fruit skin harden and healing wounds.

Pumpkins should be stored in a cool, dry place. Ideal temperatures are between 50° and 60° F and relative humidity of 50 - 70%. Higher humidity allows condensation on the fruit with risk of disease, and lower humidity can cause dehydration. Higher

MARKET REPORT

Wholesale Prices

October 2015

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

Vermont Egg Prices:

Jumbo	\$3.00
X-Large	\$2.75
Large	\$2.50
Medium	\$2.25

Market is steady and supply is good.

You can find more reports online at

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm>

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Addison County Commission Sales — East Middlebury, VT

Livestock Auction Report for October 8, 2015

	Cattle	Calves
This Week:	166	174
Last Week:	138	255

Compared to last sale, slaughter cows sold lower with good demand. Slaughter cattle supply included 166 cows and 1 bulls. All prices quoted per cwt.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

	% Lean	Avg. Dressing	High Dressing	Low Dressing	Very Low
Premium White	65-75	—	—	—	—
Breakers	75-80	78.00-81.50	80.00 – 84.50	72.00-75.00	—
Boners	80-85	74.00-77.00	82.00-88.00	71.50-73.00	—
Lean	85-90	70.50-75.00	73.00-77.50	66.00-70.50	63.00– 70.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: 1310 lbs @102.00

CALVES: When compared to last sale Holstein bull calves sold lower with good demand. All prices per cwt.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES:

Number 1: 100-120lbs 190.00-210.00; 90-100lbs 180.00-210.00; 80-90lbs 180.00-200.00; 70-80lbs not tested.

Number 2: 100-120lbs 150.00-190.00; 90-100lbs 170.00-207.50; 80-90lbs 160.00-177.50; 70-80lbs 150.00-170.00.

Number 3: 100-120lbs not tested; 90-100lbs 155.00-165.00; 80-90lbs 145.00-170.00; 70-80lbs 110.00-140.00.

Utility: 100-120lbs 85.00-107.50; 90-100lbs 70.00-120.00; 80-90lbs 77.50-150.00; 70-80lbs 50.00-117.50.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: Not tested.

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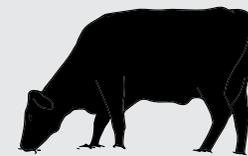
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Cattle

Two Jersey Cross 1st calf heifers due late 2015. To AI Jersey Sire, Vet confirmed pregnant. Quiet and easy to handle. Asking \$1250 each or consider trade for 1-1 1/2 HP vacuum pump, milk pail and pulsator. 413-687-7180 (10/15)

One white face cow with heifer calf and one shorthorn cow with heifer calf. \$1200 per pair Wardsboro, VT 802 896 6272 can deliver local (10/15)

Registered American Milking Devon herd for sale. 8 cows, 3 heifers – bred and open; 4 young heifers; 2 proven bulls, 10 steers. Sell herd or individuals. 802-484-5229 windgatefarm1229@gmail.com (10/15)

2 black angus bulls for sale. One born in early January (6 to 700) pounds, 2nd born in april of 2014 11 to 1200 pounds, call for more info (802) 558-8196. (10/15)

Cows w/calves for sale. Two Holsteins, one Jersey and one

Ashire. Calves all fathered by Dutch Belt bull. Have been handled and milked. Great family cows or 4-H project. Contact Don by tel by 9 PM, may leave message. (802) 463-4909 (10/15)

13 Holstein Heifers. Due August 1 – October 31, 2015. Don Pettis – (802) 265-4566 (10/15)

Registered Jersey cow, \$1000 Tested negative to TB and brucellosis. Currently dry; calf born 4/2013. Running with Jersey bull this summer;

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- hasn't cycled back. Good price to keep or put her in your freezer. Call 802-477-2941. (11/15)
- Two Alpine does in milk: \$225 each Also 4 Alpine/angora cross kids; study, intelligent with soft coats that brush out (like Cashmere) and can be milked as well. \$45-70 each. Ryegate. Call 803-477-2941. (11/15)
- Registered Jersey Heifer. Born 02/03/15 Sired by Madden. Very nice temperment and size. Asking \$800 Also have a 3 month old Registered Jersey calf. Weaned and ready to go. Sired by Allstar. asking \$500. West Newbury, Vermont Call 802-431-5413 (11/15)
- Registered Holstein heifer for sale. born 8/23/2014. Sire is Pax Red, Dam is Super X Toystory. Call 802-379-8018 (11/15)
- Two year old Highland heifer to a good home. Very Tame. \$800.00 (802) 446-2118 (11/15)
- 6 Devon and Devon Cross heifers for sale. Ages 10 months to 2 yrs. Well grown and calm beef animals accustomed to rotational grazing. Also, yearling Devon bull, \$7000 for the group (7), will also sell separately, Plainfield 802-454-8614 (11/15)
- 3 4-H registered Jerseys for sale. Perfect for small farm or homesteading. One 2 yr old in milk and bred back. One 4 month old "heifer" all tame and lead well. 802-222-4769 (11/15)
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- 6 P.B. Angus heifers, approx. 6 mo's. old - \$5,500.00 / Lot. Individual prices on request. Schroeder Farm, S.Newbury, NH,(603)938-5911. (11/15)
- 2 certified organic heifers due mid Nov. Jersey Holstein crosses- stanchon trained asking \$1400.00 each 802-254-6982 (11/15)
- Dairy cattle, heifers, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeders sheep and goats strong market 413-441-3085 (11/15)
- For sale Poultney,VT @\$18,300 an entire herd of full blood registered Low Line Angus 5 bred cows, two 2015 heifer calves One exceptionally calm 5 year old bull, three 2015 bull calves. Reg. numbers upon request. Contact Janet phone 802-287-9170 (11/15)
- 6 Certified Organic (Dry) Dairy Cows For Sale: Need to sell 6 dry cows this Fall (to make room in barn for calving heifers). 3 are Holstein and 3 are crosses (Dutch Belted/Holstein, Jersey/Holstein, etc.). Call 802-582-9026 or email ron@bedrockfarmvt.com <mailto:ron@bedrockfarmvt.com> for more info. Holstein breeding bull for sale:
- Shorthorn heifer calf for sale born 9/17 on mom's milk, started on halter already can/will dehorn -happy to keep until weaned. Please call 802-492-2333 for more information or pictures. (11/15)
- Employment**
Jasper Hill Farm is a leader in the artisan cheese industry, located in Greensboro VT. We're looking for a Herdsperson to manage dairy operations and help us produce high quality milk for cheesemaking. Contact work@jasperhillfarm.com to apply. (11/15)
- PIG LLC is a collaboration between Jasper Hill Farm and Pete's Greens, raising pastured pigs fed on cheese whey & vegetables. We're hiring an Animal Manager to oversee our 30 breeding sows, design & build fencing and feeding systems. Contact work@jasperhillfarm.com to apply. (11/15)
- ASSISTANT HERD MANAGER WANTED.** RockBottom Farm, in Strafford, VT is looking for an assistant herd manager for our 65-cow organic dairy. Duties include milking, calf care, feeding, cleaning and
- maintaining production and breeding records. Must be an experienced milker, comfortable working independently, and have a sense of humor when encountering challenges. Full or near full time. Days/hours are somewhat flexible. 802-765-4093. rockbottomfarm@live.com. (11/15)
- Equipment**
1990 Featherlite Aluminum trailer 7x18 air over hydraulic breaks used only to take pair of oxen to six or eight fairs per year, good condition \$5500 firm. Ox yokes 8 to 11" \$250 - \$300 each. Large Stone boat steal, excellent condition, can be pulled by either end, \$250. 603-542-7626 (10/15)
- Rear utility box for a 3 pt hitch. Welded steel frame, pressure treated wood bed & sides, very rugged & like new, \$395. Call 802-685-3321 evenings. (10/15)
- 1 revolving rake \$150. 1 kuhn knight 5127 TR verticle maxx mixer \$8500. 3 round metal hay feeders \$75 each. 802-222-4547 (10/15)
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- JD Hay elevator 28' new chain \$650. 802-276-3385 (10/15)
- Two fifty Ford Diesel truck with nine foot cooler freezer box, equipped with ThermomKing Cooling Unit. Runs off the truck or by plugging into one ten. Makes good storage unit as well as for delivering. Unit can controls. Whole outfit truck and all is in excellent condition and works very well. 802-472-6308 (10/15)
- 1952 super C tractor with 2 bottom plow and cultivator and a 1945 super A with mower and one bottom plow. Best offer. 802-287-9063 (10/15)
- Two JD 2 cylinder tractors. JD 520- tricycle front end in running condition, asking \$2400 OBO. JD 720 wide front end in running condition, asking \$4400 OBO. 802-249-1206 (10/15)
- Pioneer Forecart in good condition. Two farm seats, drum brakes, good tires. Braintree, VT \$750 OBRO. Call 802-578-7956. (10/15)
- 14T John Deere baler, w/extra parts baler, new knotter, power take off driven, good shape. \$2500 or OBO. NH cutter crimper, 7 ft., rolls decent shape. 2 extra cutter bars. \$1400 or OBO. 802-875-3659, evenings best. (10/15)
- 7.5 HP Universal variable Speed Vacuum Pump model 306364 (Suterbilt Pump) new 11/2005
- Used for 7.5 years Asking \$4500 Call Roger Wood 802-695-8818 in Concord, Vermont (10/15)
- ORIGINAL PLANET JR. WHEEL HOE, in excellent condition, made in USA, used during the WWII "Victory Garden" era, with all of its parts: pair of sweeps, pair of plows, 12" oscillating attachment. Today's reproduction costs \$324. Asking \$195 for Planet Jr. Call 802-948-2211. (10/15)
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- 2014 New Holland 488 Haybine 9 ft 3 in cut sickle cut regular guards light kit 540 PTO unit is brand new \$16995. 802-453-3417 Leave Message (11/15)
- GMC Sierra 3500 - 2013 dump truck with only 24k miles,also with 10' Fisher V plow used only one season. Asking \$36000 OBO. Call 201 886 2828 (11/15)
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- Int 826 4 new tires \$6000, int 140 cultivators, plow, harrows, loader \$12500. Pettibome super 10 cary lift \$6000. Goose neck 12 ton trl \$7000. 9 ton equipment trl\$900, cider barrel 50 gal \$150 802-948-2627 (11/15)
- New Hollard 892 chopper both hay and two row corn heads. International NO 56 silo blower short hopper with auger feed. 802-372-4513 (11/15)
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temperatures increase respiration and can cause weight loss. Temperatures lower than 50 F cause chilling injury (see squash, below). In a greenhouse, temperature can be managed with ventilation on sunny days. If it is quite cold, heat may be needed even if the house is closed up at night.

Growers often plan to store winter squash for much longer than eight weeks. Fruit that are free from disease and haven't been subject to much chilling (below 50°F) should be selected for long-term storage. Fruit from fields where *Phytophthora* is present are not the best choice for storage.

Storage life depends on the condition of the crop when it comes in and your ability to provide careful handling and a proper storage environment. All fruit placed in storage should be free of disease, decay, insects, and unhealed wounds. It is important to handle the fruit with care to avoid bruising or cutting the rind, which allows decay organisms to invade. Place fruit gently in containers and move bins on pallets. Use gloves to protect both the fruit and the workers.

Removal of the stem from squash (butternut, Hubbard, etc.) will also decrease the amount of fruit spoilage because the stems frequently puncture adjacent fruit, facilitating infection.

A period of curing after harvest can help extend storage life of squash. This pre-storage treatment permits rapid drying of the outer cell layers, and when combined with a dry atmosphere for storage inhibits infections that can take place at this time. Any clean cuts during harvest are likely to heal over and are no longer a source for injury or infection.

After curing, move squash or pumpkins to a dry, well-ventilated storage area. Pressure bruises can also reduce storage life, so avoid rough handling, tight packing, or piling fruit too high. Fruit temperature should be kept as close to the temperature of the air as possible to avoid condensation, which can lead to rot. Ideally, the storage environment should be kept at 55-60°F with a relative humidity of 50-70%. Lower relative humidity increases water loss, resulting in reduced weight, and if excessive, shriveling of fruit. High relative humidity provides a favorable environment

for fungal and bacterial decay organisms. Under ideal conditions, disease-free pumpkins should have a storage life of 8-12 weeks and butternut squash up to three or four months. Even if it is difficult to provide the ideal conditions, storage in a shady, dry location, with fruit off the ground or the floor, is preferable to leaving fruit out in the field.

Upcoming NOFA-Vt Workshops

Space is limited, register soon. For info on these and many other events see: <http://nofavt.org/upcoming-events-calendar>

Nov. 5 - Gas Fueled Machines: Tractors, Pumps & Friends

Nov. 7 - Six Figure Farming for Small Plots with Jean Martin Fortier

Nov. 12 - Why Doesn't This Thing Turn On? Dealing with Electrical Problems

Nov. 19 - Tricks for Taking Apart & Fixing Rusted Parts

Changes To EPA's Farm Worker Protection Standard

Revisions to this 1992 regulation are intended to increase protection from pesticide exposure for people who perform hand-labor tasks in pesticide-treated crops,

such as harvesting, thinning, pruning) and pesticide handlers' (those who mix, load and apply pesticides) use and contact with pesticides on farms, forests, nurseries and greenhouses. Major changes to the regulation include:

- Mandatory annual training of farmworkers on required protections (currently every 5 years).
- Expanded training includes instructions on work clothing and other safety topics.
- Children under 18 are now prohibited from handling pesticides.
- Expanded mandatory posting of no-entry signs for the most hazardous pesticides.
- New no-entry application-exclusion zones up to 100 feet surrounding pesticide application.
- Requirement to provide more than one way for farmworkers and their representatives to gain access to pesticide information – centrally-posted, or by requesting records.
- Mandatory record-keeping, and requirement to keep records for two years.
- Anti-retaliation provisions comparable to Department of Labor's.
- Changes in personal protective equipment to ensure respirators are effective.

- Specific amounts of water to be used for routine washing, emergency eye flushing, etc.

Additional information on the revised rule is available at: <http://www2.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/revisions-worker-protection-standard>.

For info on training and enforcement of WPS in Vermont, see: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/pesticide_regulation/WPS.

Land Access Workshops For Farmers

Yoder Farm, Danby, VT. Nov. 9, 1-6 pm

Are you a farmer interested in leasing, purchasing or reclaiming farmland in the near future? Come learn about land and building assessments, useful mapping tools, financing options, case studies of successful farm purchases, and more. Presentations by: Ben Waterman, UVM Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture; Jeremy Gildrien, Gildrien Farm; Tim Hughes-Muse, Laughing Child Farm; Jean Conklin, Yankee Farm Credit; Andy Wood, VT Agricultural Credit Corp. RSVP to Jen Miller at jen@rutlandfarmandfood.org

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of Vermonters, while also teaching our students to make healthy choices and ensuring food access for all.”

Since 2007, the state of Vermont has appropriated more than \$800,000 in support of Farm to School programming. The Vermont Farm to School Grant Program has awarded funds to 70 schools and supervisory unions throughout the state to facilitate the integration of local foods in school cafeterias, classrooms and communities, impacting roughly 30% of all schools in Vermont.

Today’s event also served as an opportunity to highlight several new developments in Vermont’s Farm to School landscape, including:

- The newly established inter-agency strategic partnership between the Agency of Agriculture and the Departments of Education and Health focused on developing Farm to School programs throughout the state.
- New School Wellness Policy Guidelines which now more strongly incorporate FTS programming and recommendations for local food in school nutrition standards and education.

- Recently released Vermont Farm to School Network Goals to engage 75% of Vermont Schools in Farm to School programming and purchases at least 50% of food regionally by 2025.

Following the celebratory remarks, the Sustainability Academy’s 4th and 5th grade garden club treated event guests to a taste test of fresh kale pesto made with kale harvested from school gardens in Burlington – a fitting choice of vegetable as today, October 7th, is also National Kale Day. Taste tests, a popular tool used to encourage students to try new foods, are the official theme of Farm to

School Awareness month in Vermont. Students participating in FTS programs will be conducting various taste tests for their classmates using fresh, local food throughout the month of October.

More information about the Vermont Farm to School Program and a downloadable grant application can be found at http://agriculture.vermont.gov/producer_partner_resources/funding_opportunities/vaafm_funding/farm_to_school

All Vermont schools, consortium of schools, and school districts are eligible to apply for funding. Program applications must

be received by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, November 6, 2015.

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

If you have questions about Vermont’s Farm to School program or the 2016 funding, contact Ali Zipparo at 802-505-1822, or Alexandra.Zipparo@vermont.gov

Mark Your Calendar for Consumer Night at the Vermont Farm Show

A time to try and buy some of Vermont’s best agricultural products—and watch your state senators and representatives compete in the Capital Cook-Off!

By Abbey Willard, VAAFM

Celebrate the diversity of Vermont agriculture on Wednesday, January 27th at the 5th annual Vermont Farm Show “Consumer Night” at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction. Local food and crafts will take center stage in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the 2016 Buy Local Market and Capital Cook-Off, free events hosted by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets. Attendees may also enter into a raffle for a special prize package from Ski Vermont with every purchase made at the market.

From 4:00–7:00 PM, learn about, try, and purchase

a broad range of Vermont food and agricultural products at the Winter Buy Local Market. The market provides Vermont producers the chance to engage new customers through local food sales, sampling, and conversation. Customers will be able to learn about new products and purchase goods from around the state, including ice cream, cheese, wine, beer, meats, grains, fresh produce, maple syrup, honey, fiber, and value-added products. Other vendors specialize in handmade crafts such as textiles, candles, and jewelry. It’s the best Vermont has to offer—all under one roof!

Beginning at 5:15 PM, watch Vermont State Representatives, State Senators and Agency of

Agriculture staff battle in a contest to showcase local foods in the Capital Cook-Off, an “Iron Chef” style



Abbey Willard and Deputy Secretary Diane Bothfeld at Consumer Night 2014.

cooking challenge. This year, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture team will defend its 2015 “Lake to Plate” championship title after wowing last year’s judges with their inventive perch and paratha flatbread tacos. The evening’s surprise local ingredient will be unveiled before the cooking begins, and teams will have the opportunity to shop the Buy Local Market for unique products to craft their perfect local dish.

Capital Cook-Off teams will present their finished dishes to a panel of judges including area restaurant owners, chefs, and public officials. 2016 Consumer Night attendees will also—for the first time—have the chance to sample the teams’ dishes and vote for the

“public pick.”

There is no fee for admission to Consumer Night; however, non-perishable food donations to support the Vermont Foodbank are highly encouraged. Don’t miss this opportunity to sample and learn about great Vermont products in person—and perhaps even win the night’s special raffle prize from Ski Vermont!

Note to Farms and Agricultural Businesses:

Booth space at the Buy Local Market is free, but vendors must submit applications by November 2, 2015. For an application, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3uANH> or contact Faith Raymond at faith.raymond@vermont.gov or (802) 828-2430.

For all other inquiries, contact Abbey Willard (abbey.willard@vermont.gov; (802) 272-2885) or Ali Zipparo (Alexandra.zipparo@vermont.gov; (802) 505-1822).

Agency of Ag Urges Vermonters to “Get What They Pay For” When Heating Their Homes

By Henry Marckres
Consumer Protection Chief,
Vermont Agency of Agriculture,
Food, & Markets

As the nights grow colder, the Agency of Agriculture’s Consumer Protection Division is reminding Vermonters to take steps to ensure they “get what they pay for” when heating their homes.

“With winter approaching, it’s important for Vermonters to know there are rules in place to govern transactions related to fuel and firewood,” according to Henry Marckres, Chief of the Consumer Protection Division of the Agency of Agriculture.

Whether you use fuel oil, kerosene, propane, or firewood, the Agency would like to share the following guidelines to help ensure the fuel

you buy measures up:

Fuel

Any delivery of heating fuel requires an invoice be left, unless an agreement has been reached previously between buyer and seller to invoice at a later date. When you receive a delivery of fuel oil, kerosene or propane, the invoice should include the following information: the name and address of the dealer, name and address of the customer, date of delivery, the type of fuel delivered, price per gallon and the gallons delivered. Propane deliveries should also state that the volume delivered was adjusted for temperature. The gallons delivered must be printed by the meter register mounted on the delivery vehicle. Consumer Protection specialists annually test these

meters and registers to assure accuracy.

Firewood

Firewood deliveries must also provide the customer with an invoice with the dealer’s name and address, customer’s name and address, date of delivery, number of cords delivered, price per cord and total price, and the type of wood (maple, etc.). Firewood must be sold by the cord, and terms such as “rack, facecord, or truckload” are illegal. A cord of firewood must equal 128 cubic feet. When you purchase firewood, the Agency recommends you pile it as soon as possible to determine if you have received the agreed upon amount.

If you have any questions on purchases of heating fuel, or if you feel that you have not received what

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