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Working Lands Enterprise Board Announces Over \$600,000 in Grants to Vermont Entrepreneurs and Technical Assistance Providers

By Emma Hanson, VAAFM

On Tuesday, May 17, the Working Lands Enterprise Board announced its fourth year of grants, totaling \$634,000 in investments that impact every county in Vermont. The 44 grantees (including 24 trade show assistance grants) will leverage an additional \$2.5 million in matching funds to create jobs, increase income, and keep working lands acreage in production. Grant recipients were announced at a ceremony and networking event held at Vermont Tree Goods in New Haven.

“Investments in our agriculture and forest economies make Vermont a great place to live, work, and visit,” said Governor Peter Shumlin, who was onsite for the event. “Over the

Hannah Reid



past four years, the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative has demonstrated impact in businesses across the state. The public-private partnerships embraced by the program this year are the first of their kind, and an

indication of its future sustainability.” “This is an extremely competitive process; this year the board received \$3.3 million in requests for \$600,000 of available funding,” said Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Ross. “The

From left to right: Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jolinda LaClair, 2016 Working Lands Grantee Tabitha Bowling of Kingdom Pellets, Governor Peter Shumlin, Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross, Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation Michael Snyder, Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Community Development Lucy Leriche

20 businesses and organizations featured here today are exemplary in their diversity, innovation, impacts, and growth. Investments like these are vital to preserving what makes Vermont, Vermont.”

“Vermont’s forest economy is an integral part of Vermont’s working lands economy, both now and in the future,” said Commissioner

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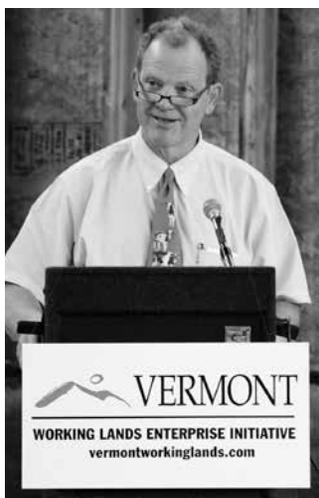
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THE VIEW FROM 116 STATE STREET

VAAFM Mission: 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.

VAAFM plays a critical role in both promoting and regulating agriculture in Vermont. The stories featured in this month's issue demonstrate how the Agency effectively fulfills this mission. As you'll see on the front page, this month the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative (administered by the Agency of Agriculture) awarded over \$600,000 in grants to 44 businesses, to fuel Vermont's farm and forest economy. These investments will create jobs and economic opportunity, while also keeping farms and forests in production, thus, preserving the landscape – a clear example of our support for Vermont's ag economy.

Every day, we are working with Vermont producers to open new markets, help them tell their stories, and create new opportunities for them to showcase their outstanding products. Programs like our Domestic Export Program, our Trade Show Grant Program, and the many forms of technical assistance we provide, help farmers and producers grow, expand, and adapt.



We also have a clear regulatory role. This month we released a new draft of the Required Ag Practices (RAPs), the guidelines farmers must follow to ensure they are protecting our natural resources for future generations. While no business owner finds joy in being regulated, our farmers have been willing and eager partners in drafting these rules. They are deeply invested in the land and the culture of Vermont, and want to be sure future generations can enjoy the natural beauty that defines Vermont. They have worked hard to help us write rules that will be effective, realistic, and fair.

Regulation and promotion go hand in hand – in order to preserve the land, and our way of life, we must put parameters in place to ensure it is protected. When it comes to promoting Vermont, we have a great story to tell: green mountains, best in class agricultural products, clean water, and a pastoral, working landscape. Here at VAAFM, we are working hard to protect and promote these attributes, so they endure, for generations to come.

Charles R. Ross
Chuck Ross

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Michael Snyder. "This year's WLEB investments represent a commitment to Vermont's forest and wood products sector and particularly the exciting future for modern wood heat. Eighty cents of every dollar spent on fossil fuels for heating in Vermont leaves the state, whereas when we buy Vermont pellets for

heating, 80 cents on every dollar stays in the state. Those numbers are huge for our economy and the environment."

Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, Lucy Leriche said, "The working landscape is the backbone of some of our most important sectors in Vermont: agriculture, forestry, and tourism. Investing in these strategic projects is an investment in what we as Vermonters value most and what visitors to our state love to experience."

Again this year, \$30,000 of Local Food Market Development (LFMD) grant funds were made available through the Working Lands grant process. The focus of LFMD funding is to increase Vermont producers' access to institutional and wholesale markets, promote consumption of local food, and encourage scaling up through new market development opportunities across the state.

Additionally, the Board received generous contributions from Charles and Leigh Merinoff, the Progressive Farm Alliance, and Long Trail Brewing. These funds will enhance the economies, culture, and communities across Vermont's working landscape.

About Vermont Tree Goods:

Vermont Tree Goods is an early stage business in New Haven

manufacturing specialty and natural "live edge" lumber and furniture. Vermont Tree Goods uses reclaimed heirloom trees, exclusively from Vermont. Vermont has a tremendous variety of beautiful hardwood species, each with a wide range of unique and beautiful characteristics. Vermont Tree Goods received \$20,000 in working lands funds in 2015, for the purchase of equipment for their new facility, including new saws, kilns, and material handling systems. Vermont Tree Goods is also a participant in Vermont Housing & Conservation Board's Forest Viability Program which received \$75,000 this year to continue this invaluable technical assistance to Vermont's forestry and forest product sector businesses.

About The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative:

Since its inception in 2012, The Working Lands Enterprise Board (WLEB) has invested over \$3.1 million dollars in 112 projects impacting every county of the state, leveraging just under \$5 million in additional funds. Impacts to date include:

- 106 new jobs created by working lands grantees
- A 12 million+ increase in gross income across all working lands grantees

The *Working Lands Enterprise Initiative 2015 Annual Report* can be found at <http://workinglands.vermont.gov/node/737>

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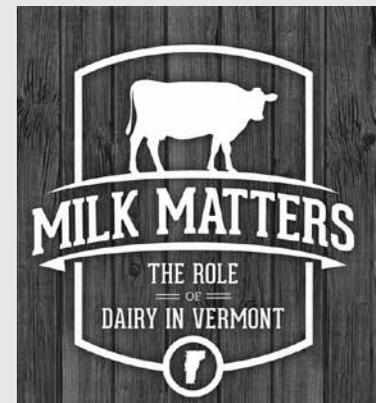
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Editor's Note

June is national dairy month! We are looking forward to celebrating Vermont's hard working dairy farmers and all that they contribute to Vermont's economy and our way of life in the June edition of *Agriview*. In the meantime, check out the newly re-designed www.vermontdairy.com website to more about the role of dairy in Vermont.

— Hannah Reid (Interim Editor)



Agency of Agriculture Files Required Agricultural Practices Proposed Rule with Secretary of State

Announces Public Hearings with Public Comment Period to Run until July 7, 2016

By Ryan Patch, VAAFM

On Friday, May 13, 2016, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFM) filed the Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs) Proposed Rule with the Vermont Secretary of State. This filing represents the start of the formal rulemaking process during which the public will continue to consider the strengthening of agricultural water quality standards for Vermont farms. A public comment period on the Proposed Rule will be open until July 7, 2016, with five public hearings on the Proposed Rule scheduled for the end of June. The Proposed Rule is available today on the Agency website: [http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/regulations/rap)



[regulations/rap](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/regulations/rap)

“This Proposed RAP Rule, which will apply to all types of agriculture, represents a serious commitment on the part of the agricultural community to enhance water quality throughout Vermont,” said Vermont Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross.

“The Vermont agricultural community is culturally and economically critical to the State of Vermont, and farmers have shown through this process to date—by showing up and providing input—how they truly desire to be part of the solution for clean water throughout Vermont.”

As a result of Act 64—the Vermont Clean Water Act—signed into law in June 2015, the Agency of Agriculture was tasked with updating the Accepted Agricultural Practices (AAPs) to further reduce the impact of agriculture on water quality across the state. The RAPs are an

updated version of the AAPs, the rules in place since 1995 which regulate farms in order to protect water quality, re-written to a higher level of performance.

VAAFM released a first draft of the RAPs on October 20, 2015 and held a public comment and outreach period which ran until December 18, 2015. VAAFM then revised the RAPs based on comment received and released a second draft for public review on February 23, 2016. VAAFM considered comment received from February 23, 2016 up to April 15,

2016 and submitted a third draft of the RAP Rule, as part of a pre-filing process, to the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR) on April 20, 2016. The ICAR committee met on May 9, 2016 and provided comments the following day, which have since been incorporated into the RAP Proposed Rule. The ICAR draft is being released today by VAAFM in conjunction with the RAP Proposed Rule, which was filed with the Secretary of State on Friday, May 13, 2016.

The filing of the RAP Proposed Rule initiates the public comment period of the formal rulemaking process. The public comment period for the Proposed Rule will run from May 16, 2016 to July 7, 2016. To date, VAAFM has held more than 80 small stakeholder and large public meetings on the RAPs to solicit feedback from farmers, stakeholders and the public.

“VAAFM would like to thank the more than 1800 individuals who attended the over 80 meetings held by VAAFM and our Water

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For more information about grant recipients, visit: <http://workinglands.vermont.gov/projects>

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 Working Lands funds are administered by the Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board (WLEB), 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. For more information, visit <http://workinglands.vermont.gov/>

I. Business Investment Grant Recipients

Business Investments are one of two focus areas of the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative, with grants ranging from \$5,000 - \$50,000 for new and growing agriculture, forestry, and forest products enterprises. The Business Investment area received 92 applications with a total request of \$2.4 million in funds. Twelve businesses were awarded over \$334,000, and leveraged over \$1.7 million in matching funds with a median match of \$30,000 per business.

8 AGRICULTURE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Caledonia County

- Lynd Farm, So. Walden: \$16,250 to develop their sow farrowing business.
- Molly Brook Farm, West Danville: \$20,000 for an organic transition.

Chittenden County

- Burnt Rock Farm, Huntington: \$20,000 for a storage barn expansion to capture growth in existing wholesale vegetable markets.

Orange County

- Root 5 Farm, Fairlee: \$20,000 for an on-farm processing kitchen, pack house and crop storage renovations.

Orleans County

- Tangletown Farm, West Glover: \$15,000 for increasing and improving infrastructure for pastured laying hens and egg production.

Washington County

- Vermont Bean Crafters, Warren: \$50,000 for growing the Northeastern staple-foodshed with dry beans.
- Wicked Bines/Whitefield Hop Yard, Berlin: \$30,000 for a hops harvester and storage.

Windsor County

- Calderwood Goat Dairy, Royalton: \$13,000 to begin goat dairy.

4 FORESTRY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Chittenden County

- The Tree House Hardwoods & Millshop, South Burlington: \$29,975.33 for infrastructure to increase safety and efficiency.

Essex County

- Kingdom Pellets, East Burke: \$50,000 for construction of 30,000 ton super-premium softwood pellet mill.

Rutland County

- Southwind Forestry, Pawlet: \$20,000 for an excavator for sustainable forest products.

Windsor County

- Renewable Fuels of Vermont, West Windsor: \$50,000 for a wood pellet mil finish dryer.

II. Service Provider Grant Recipients

Service Provider grants were available this year to technical assistance providers across the state ranging from \$20,000 - \$75,000. The board received 23 letters of intent with \$923,000 in total requested funds. Eight service provider grants were awarded to four agriculture, and four forestry related projects, totaling \$274,720. The service provider grantees leveraged an additional \$700,000 in matching funds, with a median match of \$41,384 per service provider.

4 AGRICULTURE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Statewide Impact

- Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont: \$27,222 for strengthening and growing the Vermont organic dairy industry.
- Intervale Center: \$19,940 to improve farmland access services for Vermont farmers.

Rutland County Impact

- Rutland Area Farm and Food Link, Inc: \$17,558 for increasing farm success through operational efficiency improvements.

Windham County Impact

- Strolling of the Heifers: \$40,000 for the Windham Grows Business Hatchery.

4 FORESTRY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Statewide Impact

- Vermont Wood

Manufacturers Association: \$50,000 for innovation assistance to wood manufacturers.

- Vermont Housing & Conservation Board: \$75,000 for advancing the forestry sector through entrepreneurialism and innovation.
- Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund: \$20,000: Forest products value chain investment strategy.
- Renewable Energy Vermont: \$25,000 for a roadmap to achieve 35% of Vermont's thermal heating needs by 2030 through the expanded use of advanced wood heat.

III. FY 2016 Trade Show Assistance Grant Recipients

Included in this year's funding was a \$25,000 allotment to refund the Tradeshaw Assistance Grant program administered by the Domestic Export program at the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets. The small grants are given to Vermont producers looking to promote their product out of the state. Last year's 24 grantees reported 950 sales leads and 82 immediate sales valued at over \$30,000.

This year's Tradeshaw Assistance Grant Recipients are:

- Bee's Wrap: \$2,000 to attend the NY NOW Gift Show in New York, NY
- Benito's Hot Sauce: \$750 to attend the Natural Products Expo East in Baltimore, MD
- Burke Mtn. Confectionery: \$1000 to attend the Boston Gift Show in Boston, MA
- Cloudfarm: \$2,000 to attend to the National Hardware Show in Las Vegas, NV
- Consider Bardwell: \$500

to attend the Good Food Mercantile in Chicago, IL

- Drink Maple: \$1,000 to attend the Winter Fancy Food Show in San Francisco, CA
- Fat Toad Farm: \$800 to attend the Good Food Mercantile in New York, NY
- Green Mountain Organic Creamery: \$1,000 to attend the Summer Fancy Show in New York, NY
- Gringo Jack's: \$1,000 to attend the Winter Fancy Food Show in San Francisco, CA
- Hidden Springs Maple: \$750 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Parish Hill Creamer: \$500 to attend the Good Food Mercantile in Chicago, IL
- Rockledge Farm Woodworks: \$1,500 to attend the American Craft Retailers Expo in Philadelphia, PA
- Sap!: \$750 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Sugar Bob's: \$1,000 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Shacksbury Cider: \$750 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Sidehill Fruit Farm: \$750 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Small Batch Organics: \$1,000 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Stonecutter Spirits: \$600 to attend WhiskyFest in New York, NY
- Sweet Crunch Bake Shop: \$750 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Tavernier Chocolates: \$400 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show

- in New York, NY
- Twig Farm: \$500 to attend the Good Food Mercantile in Chicago, IL
- Untapped: \$1,500 to attend the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake

- City, UT
- Vermont Farmstead cheese: \$1,000 to attend the Haddon House Specialty Foods Show in Orlando, FL
- Vermont Sweetwater

- Bottling: \$1,000 to attend the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, NY
- Vermont Switchel Co.: \$1,000 to attend the New England Made Show
- Wood's Vermont Syrup:

\$800 to attend the Good Food Mercantile in New York, NY
For more information about the WLEI, visit: <http://workinglands.vermont.gov/>.
For more information

about the VAAFMs Domestic Export Program, please visit: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/producer_partner_resources/market_access_development/domestic_export.

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Quality Partners since October last year who took the time to provide comments or otherwise participate in this public process," said VAAFMs Agricultural Resource Management Division Director, Jim Leland. "The public engagement and participation in the process thus far has been instrumental in developing an effective and workable rule for all farms in Vermont."

"One of the largest take-aways from the Proposed RAP Rule," said Leland, "is that while the rule sets strong baseline performance standards, there is the opportunity for farm operators and planners to develop and submit to the Agency for approval, specialized alternative management plans to address site-specific conditions." Leland continues, "This ensures that the Proposed RAP Rule meets the standards for flexibility and water quality required

by Act 64 of 2015, as well as the diverse management needs of farm operations throughout the state."

Public comment can be submitted to the Agency's RAP e-mail inbox at AGR.RAP@vermont.gov or by mailing written comment to the Agency of Agriculture at 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620.

Five public hearings will be held in June for farmers, stakeholders and the public to provide testimony and comment on the Proposed RAP Rule. The Agency will hold two webinars in advance of the formal hearings to present the rules in detail. These webinars will be recorded and available as videos on the VAAFMs website following the presentations.

The Agency has also made available additional summary materials on its website, including two summary factsheets which highlight the most significant changes from the AAPs to the RAPs. Also posted on the website is a Highlighted Changes

Summary which outlines response to comments received on the second draft of the RAPs as well as changes made between the second draft and the proposed rule. The Agency website also has an updated timeline which

has been posted to outline the process moving forward towards a promulgated rule. The RAP Proposed Rule can be downloaded here: <http://go.usa.gov/cuSHF>
A highlight changes summary can be found here:

<http://go.usa.gov/cuhbx>
A farm size summary factsheet can be found here: <http://go.usa.gov/cJqtp>
A rule summary factsheet can be found here: <http://go.usa.gov/cJqt6>

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The following educational resources are available for download on the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Market's website:

- RAP Proposed Rule: <http://go.usa.gov/cuSHF>
- Review of Rule Revisions: <http://go.usa.gov/cuhbx>
- Farm Size Factsheet: <http://go.usa.gov/cJqtp>
- Rule Summary Factsheet: <http://go.usa.gov/cJqt6>
- RAPs Effective Dates Discussion Document: <http://go.usa.gov/cJqJA>



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June 21, 2016 12:30-3:30 PM
St. Albans Historical Museum, 9 Church Street, St. Albans VT

June 22, 2016 12:30-3:30 PM
Brandon American Legion
590 Franklin St, Brandon, VT

June 23, 2016 12:30-3:30 PM
Vermont Law School, Chase Center
164 Chelsea St, South Royalton, VT

June 28, 2016 12:30-3:30 PM
Newport American Legion
160 Freeman Street, Newport, VT

June 29, 2016 12:30-3:30 PM
Brattleboro American Legion
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Agency of Ag Connects Vermont Producers and Retail Buyers at Vermont Food Matchmaker Event

By Reg Godin, VAAFM

On Friday April 29th, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFM), in partnership with the Vermont Specialty Food Association (VSFA), Vermont Retail & Grocers Association, and the Vermont Fresh Network, hosted its 7th Vermont Food Matchmaker event in Burlington. Featuring 54 Vermont producers and 40 buyers from 30 retail establishments, the Matchmaker event is a key component of the VAAFM's domestic export program, which focuses on assisting Vermont food and forest businesses in making and maintaining connections with buyers, brokers and distributors in both in-state and out-of-state markets.

The sold-out event was attended by Vermont producers from the dairy, maple, fruit and vegetable, meat and specialty food sectors and featured an exclusive two-hour Vermont product trade show, open only to buyers and media influencers, as well as pre-arranged "speed meetings" – the equivalent of speed dating for buyers and sellers. Participating producers were also eligible to attend a free seminar, *How to Have the Most Successful Trade Show*, instructed by Specialty Food Coach Deb Mazzaferro. The 30 attendees learned a range of trade show-related skills, including how to create an



Peter Gutsell, co-owner of Yolo Snacks delivers his pitch to Rachel Moyer, a buyer from Costco, at the 2016 Vermont Food Matchmaker Event in Burlington.

elevator pitch, understanding qualifying questions, and how to evaluate the return on investment after exhibiting at a specific show.

Buyers looking for high quality Vermont products traveled from as far away as Virginia to meet with new and emerging Vermont businesses such as Black River Meats and Joe's Kitchen at Screaming Ridge Farm, in addition to some of Vermont's more well-known businesses such as Lake Champlain Chocolates and Butternut Mountain Farm. Impressed by the range of high quality of Vermont products, buyers left the Matchmaker event excited to introduce Vermont products to their customers.

"We greatly appreciated the opportunity to attend the

Vermont Food Matchmaker Event," said Costco Wholesale Vice President Jim Stafford. "We were impressed with the quality and capabilities of so many of the Vermont suppliers. We look forward to bringing Vermont products to market both in our local Costco and

other Northeast locations."

Vermont producers were equally pleased by the quality and variety of the buyers in attendance, noting that making buyer connections can be challenging. "It can often be difficult to get meetings with buyers due to their busy

schedules," said Kate Weiler of Drink Maple. "Especially for emerging food and beverage companies. To have these meetings facilitated for us was priceless."

"Through the Vermont Food Matchmaker I have been able to meet with large multi-state buyers", said Joe Buley of Joe's Soups at Screaming Ridge Kitchen. "I also came away from this event knowing that state and association leaders are working to build market opportunities for Vermont companies, which are critical to helping us grow and expand our businesses."

The event was made possible by the VAAFM, in partnership with the Vermont Specialty Food Association, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association, and Vermont Fresh Network. For more information about the VAAFM's Domestic Export program, please visit: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/producer_partner_resources/market_access_development/domestic_export.



Henry Marckres, Consumer Protection Chief and Maple Expert, Inducted into North American Maple Hall of Fame

By Hannah Reid, VAAFM

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFM) Consumer Protection Chief and resident maple expert, Henry Marckres was inducted into the North American Maple Hall of Fame by the North American Maple Syrup Council on May, 14, 2016, in a ceremony conducted at the American Maple Museum in Croghan, N.Y.

"I am honored to be nominated to the Maple Hall of Fame," said Marckres. "Working with the international maple community has been a continuously rich experience — I think I've judged syrup from every single maple producing state and province! I look forward to continuing to support the promotion and understanding of this unique and valuable product."

The son of a buyer for a Maple Sugar Company, Marckres, has been tasting and grading Vermont maple syrup since the age of three. A 30-year veteran of the VAAFM, Henry Marckres is one of the world's foremost maple experts. In addition to serving on two international maple boards and winning numerous industry awards, including the 2014 Lynn Reynolds International Maple Syrup Industry Award for Leadership, Henry is also the cofounder of the IMSI Maple Grading Schools. Alongside fellow maple expert Kathy Hopkins, of the University of Maine, Henry



Agency of Ag Consumer Protection Chief and Maple Expert Henry Marckres

launched the educational and professional trainings known as "Maple Grading Schools" throughout maple-producing states in the U.S. and Canadian Provinces to help maple producers, packers and regulators accurately use the four basics of grading — color, clarity, density and flavor. When he's not teaching Grading School, or judging maple contests, Marckres utilizes his finely tuned "maple palate" to grade syrups, help producers identify and address "off-flavors", and protect the integrity and reputation of Vermont's signature agricultural crop.

"Henry has been a huge asset to our agency and to Vermont's community of maple producers," said Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Ross. "Henry is an accomplished maple judge, a dedicated educator, and considered by many to be the go-to expert for maple syrup grading. Henry is a true

leader in the international maple community, and this honor is well-deserved."

The American Maple Museum was founded in 1977 to preserve the history and evolution of the North American maple syrup industry. Every year, at the

Museum's opening ceremonies in May, two people are inducted into the American Maple Hall of Fame. Members are from both the U.S. and Canada and are nominated based on their achievements in research, development and leadership in the maple industry. Henry is the 86th inductee to the Maple Hall of Fame.

"Henry is very well known and highly regarded throughout the entire maple industry." Says Timothy Perkins,

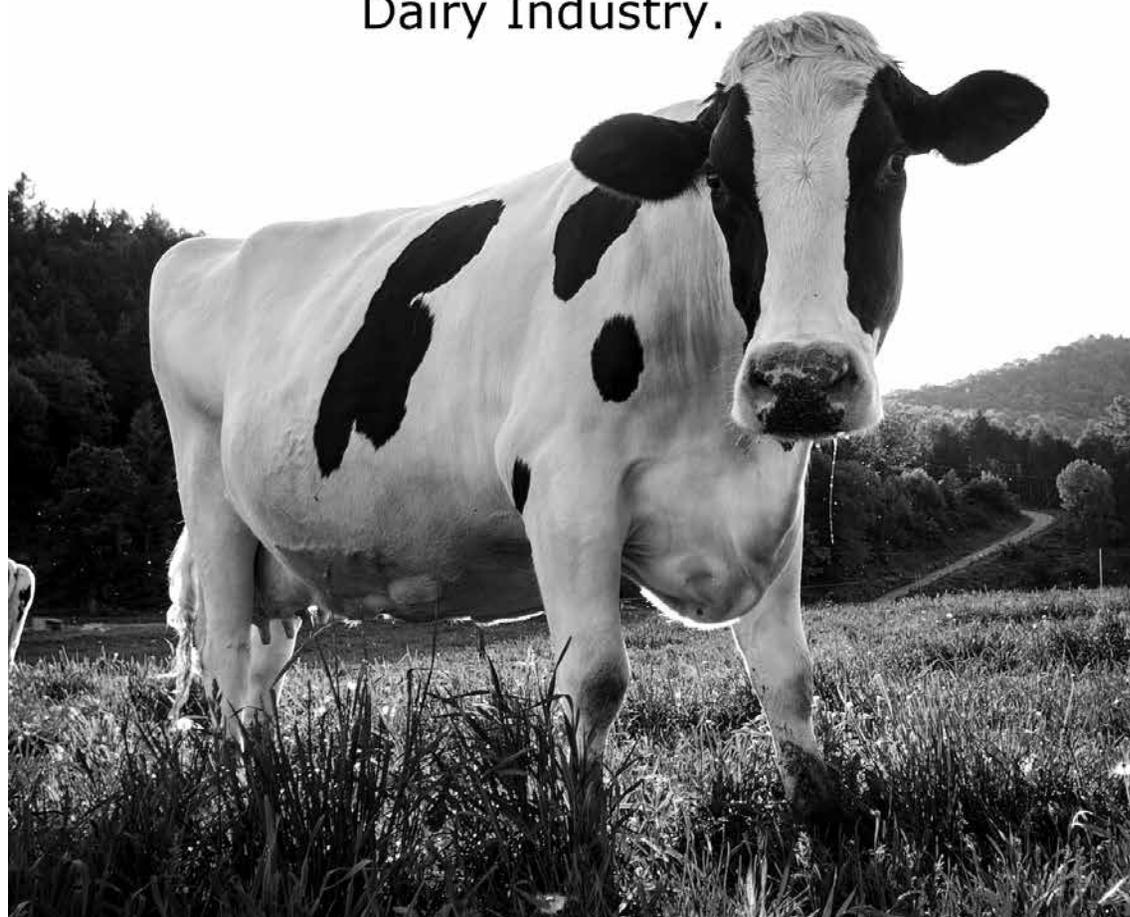
director of the University of Vermont's Proctor Maple Research Center. "He is one of the first people to go to with questions or problems with maple syrup quality and off-flavors. The maple grading classes Henry teaches are always well attended and rank among the best educational opportunities for maple producers around."

Henry is currently a resident of Brookfield, formerly of Craftsbury, Vermont.

Congratulations Henry!!

June is National Dairy Month!

Don't miss next month's special Dairy Edition of Agriview where we'll honor Vermont's dairy farmers, share award winning news from Cabot Creamery, and display highlights from the Milk Matters Report, an Economic Assessment of VT's Dairy Industry.



New On-line Directory of Vermont Farm Stands Now Available from Agency of Agriculture

By Hailee May & Abbey Willard, VAAFM

A new on-line directory of Vermont farm stands is now available on the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFM) website to help facilitate connections between the producers and consumers of local Vermont products, and to support Vermont shoppers in making informed decisions about their food purchases. Utilizing recent data collected in a 2015 farm stand survey conducted by the VAAFM's Food System team, the new farm stand directory will allow consumers to search for farm stands by name, location, season, product, organic/non-organic certification, pick your own, and EBT availability. The new directory also includes a map feature that will allow consumers to search for farm stands in a particular area. The new directory can be accessed on the VAAFM website here: <http://bit.ly/257E0Hr>

In November of 2015, the VAAFM developed a Vermont Farm Stand survey to not only assess the number of farm stands currently operating in Vermont, but also collect data on farm stand product offerings, hours of operation, as well as location and payment options. According to the survey results, there are over 98 operating farm stands geographically distributed across Vermont, which collectively served over 6,000 customers daily during 2015's peak season.

While Vermont food and farm businesses produce a vast diversity of products, the farm stand survey results showed that fruits, vegetables, berries, eggs, honey, maple syrup, and flowers were the most popular items available at farm stands. Although some farm stand operators reported offering products made by other producers, and in a few cases, other states, 95% of reported sales at Vermont farm stands were derived from products produced on their own farms.



Shoppers pose for a photo in front of Green Mountain Girls Farm Stand in Northfield, VT

The Farm Stand Survey responses also demonstrated a 4% increase in customer visits between 2014 and 2015, from 212,000 to 220,000 visitors, and a 7% increase in farm stands sales, from \$2,268,449 to \$2,431,342 over the same time period. While historical farm stand data is limited, the growth trends in both customers and sales over the last two years suggests expanding market opportunities for the promotion and sales of local products via farm stands.

Going forward, the VAAFM's Food System team will work to ensure the accuracy and utility of the Farm Stand Directory by maintaining strong partnerships with Vermont farm stand operators to keep data up-to-date and add additional information and features over time.

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) is partnering with VAAFM to conduct similar surveys

of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms and farmers' markets with the intent of sharing the results in both a comprehensive online directory at VAAFM and a listing of organic and NOFA-VT membership operations at nofavt.org.

Later this summer, consumers can expect to see the addition of CSA and farmers' market data to the Farm Stand Directory, creating a comprehensive source of direct to consumer local product marketing opportunities.

If you operate a farm stand that is not currently listed on our directory and you would like to be listed, please complete this brief survey and you will be added to the website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FarmStandList>

For more information about the Vermont Farm Stand Directory and the VAAFM's food system and market access programs, visit: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/producer_partner_resources.

For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Kerianne Severy of Salisbury, Vermont to process, package and sell yogurt 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 15th, 2016.

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.

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5,000 Farms, Food Businesses and Service Providers on the Vermont Food Atlas: Are You?

By Rachel Carter,
VT Farm to Plate



The Vermont Food Atlas is an online searchable map and listing service of farms, food businesses, and service providers (technical assistance, support organizations, financing, education, etc.) in Vermont. Approximately 5,000 listings are currently on the Atlas and are searchable by different categories in the

farm and food economy such as processing, distribution, farm inputs, financing, workforce development, marketing, nutrition, etc. Listings can also be searched by location, name, or category.

Approximately 6,000 people come to the site each month and we've heard from farmers and food businesses

that the Atlas has been a great resource directing traffic to their own websites or place of business. Each listing on the Atlas includes contact information, links to your website and social media if applicable, and an overview of your products and/or services. The Atlas is useful for farms and businesses that don't have a website, as it provides a free way for you to be found on the web. And, the Atlas is useful for farms and businesses that do have a

website, as it directs traffic to your website or social media page.

FAQs

Is my farm/business listed?

Most farms, food businesses, and service providers listed as registered businesses in 2013, when the Atlas was originally developed, are all listed in the Atlas. You can search directly for your farm/business to see if it is listed at www.VTFarmtoPlate.com/Atlas.

My farm/business is listed, but the information is incorrect and/or I want to add more information (website, Facebook page, new description, logo). How can it get updated?

Find your farm/business at www.VTFarmtoPlate.com/Atlas and then click the orange "I Work For This Organization" button. This will prompt you to create a

login so you can claim the listing and update it as you wish.

My farm/business is not on the Atlas, can I get it listed?

Of course! Go to www.VTFarmtoPlate.com and click the orange "Get Listed In The Atlas" button.

Who can be listed on the Vermont Food Atlas?

Any farm, food business, or farm and food related service provider or organization that supports any part of Vermont's food system and is located in Vermont plus 30 miles can be listed in the Vermont Food Atlas.

What does it cost?

Being listed in the Atlas is FREE as well as utilizing our free publicity opportunities. Contact Rachel Carter at 802-828-1121 or rachel@vsjf.org to learn more.

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Reports From The Field

(Craftsbury) Mild and early spring conditions in April and May have provided us the time to overhaul our blueberry hillside, completing pruning, weeding and fertilizing earlier than ever. We held our annual Mulching Bee on May 7 and 40 helpers turned out to complete the job in 2 and 1/2 hours in exchange for season-long discounts on picking. Lots of early buds evidenced; no signs of over winter losses, despite deer population which yards nearby. We were delighted to find abundant honey bees active in the wild flowers. Now we need moisture and warmth.

(Elmore) Snow flurries on Sunday, 82 degrees on Thursday; mid-eighties on Saturday, 1-3 inches of snow predicted tonight. The tree blossoms do not know what to do, we do not either. Everyone wants to be outside growing, but we are wet and cold or sunburned, all at the same time. Garlic looks good and so do spring greens. Do not know if we will have a tree fruit crop,

though. This is why we have dried fruit and jam, for the years when there is no fresh fruit due to the wild weather of the North.

(Cambridge) I planted a commercial sized-plot of rhubarb two years ago. Last summer they were looking great until the incessant rain in June. They developed a Fusarium rot and died back to the ground in July. I lamented that I was the only person on the planet who could kill rhubarb. Fast forward to this spring; almost all came up looking fine and healthy. The only issue now is that I had given them up for dead and hadn't cultivated toward the end of the season so now am dealing with perennial weeds. Lesson learned.

(New Haven) We're in pretty good shape for the start of the season. Plenty of sunshine has made it easy to find time to break new ground, till and prep beds. We got an awesome new manual plastic mulch layer from Johnny's that's saved us many hours of work already! We have a lot in the ground with more every day. We're still waiting to plant out our squash, but it's getting huge as are our tomatoes. We've been seeing a ton of flea beetles already and despite spraying Entrust, they are still going strong on our pak choy, radishes and Brassicas, with significant damage. We're working on a liquid fertilizer this week with comfrey leaves, fish, kelp, and molasses. We're hoping to bring the health of the soil and plants into a better place to further address the insect problem. And will likely spray one more time and cover everything tightly. We're hoping to get into

back fields soon to put in cover crops and seed crops, but they are clay and we haven't had enough of a dry period to have them seeded just yet. Overall the weather has been great this spring and we're feeling hopeful for a good growing season ahead!

(Newbury) Garlic is looking very robust and we started harvesting asparagus this past week.

(Burlington) The faux warmup in early April led to our worst seed corn maggot problem in years: our entire planting of snap peas was wiped out. Lots of maggots — excuse me, larvae — in every pea I dug up. The good thing about the cool weather is that it hasn't delayed other pests too much; leek moth turned up late last week. CSA sales are strong, nearly at summer capacity. Cool spring has dug into our plant sales. Winter shares finished with a bang this week; seems like there is a nearly infinite capacity for greens, though the big four root vegetables of potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, and onions really provide the sustenance. Surprised that winter squash placed highly on our end-of-season survey, given how often we hear complaints about unused butternut.

(Northfield) Our shoulder season hoophouse greens have been significantly more productive than previous years, exceeding the benchmarks we use from elsewhere, perhaps due to finally dialing in our fertigation and foliar feeding. It seems too early to expect that our ton of rock dust (basalt and granite flours) in each house could yet have influence.

Final yield numbers will be interesting. We are experimenting this year with more interplanting and companion planting. We have seeded some carrots between our heirloom tomato transplants which went out last week. Any Asian greens and lettuces who weren't in the direct line of the tomato trenches are still there, enabling a few additional harvests and hopefully shading out weeds.

Lucky timing with rain and snow have made for excellent germination and first inches of growth of oat and pea cover crops. And we are getting ready to spread ramial chips (made last week from hardwood tops from a logging job completed in the days just prior to Irene that have hopefully been inoculated in the shade of the forest edge) between our deep raised beds in the hoop houses in the effort to control weeds, maintain moisture and promote fungal communities.

(Plainfield NH) Recent rains a godsend on our sandy soils. Cool weather has dampened gardening enthusiasm, so ornamental and vegetable pack sales have been muted. Proceeding cautiously with transplanting anything but Solanaceous crops and cucurbits until this weather warms up. Potatoes and onions finally in. Quackgrass is making a strong showing in the blueberries and continues to be our greatest weed challenge. Just beginning to set up irrigation in the strawberries, buds are in popcorn stage, coming along slowly, but plants looking better all the time. Need to go through them to deal with perennial weeds. Sitting more comfortably given the weather and ability to keep work orga-

nized in front of the help.

(Newburyport MA) Cold, dry spring. No winter snow plus no spring rain plus low dew points and desiccating wind equals dry soil. Irrigating before and after every planting slows down the process. Need some rain. Peas planted February 29 are in full bloom. Picking lots of greenhouse tomatoes, plus spinach, leeks, and green onions in the field. Planting unheated greenhouses with cucumbers, lunch box peppers, and tango celery. Field transplanting will resume once this cursed wind dies down. No apples, peaches or nectarines on this farm and many other southern New England farms. Pluots and Apriums trees killed dead from winter cold. Never seen this kind of winter kill in heavy wood before.

(Little Compton RI) A bunch of GH Tomato growers down our way had edema on some of their tomato varieties: Brandywines and Tomamaru Mucho. The leaf cells ruptured and turned brown, see: <http://pnwhandbooks.org/plantdisease/greenhouse-plants-tomato-oedema>. It is not a living disease but a reaction to environmental factors. It occurs when the air is cool and humid but soil is warm and moist, so the root system is pushing "too much" water up into the leaves and cells start to swell and "explode." It looks like hell but it is avoided by stopping or slowing down irrigation and promoting transpiration with good air circulation/ventilating and possible heating - to reduce humidity as much as possible till the weather changes. All those ruptured

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MARKET REPORT

Wholesale Prices

April 2016

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

Vermont Egg Prices:

Jumbo	\$2.00
X-Large	\$1.85
Large	\$1.75
Medium	\$1.50

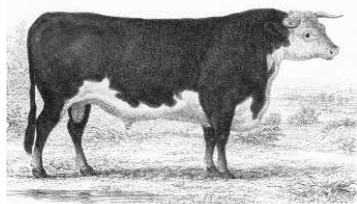
Market is steady and supply is good.

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Vermont Agency of Agriculture - USDA Market News

Addison County Commission Sales — East Middlebury, VT

Livestock Auction Report for May 2016

	Cattle	Calves
This Week:	132	170
Last Week:	156	215

Compared to last sale, slaughter cows sold \$3.00 - \$4.00 lower with good demand. Slaughter cattle supply included 132 cows and 0 bulls. All prices quoted per cwt.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

	% Lean	Avg. Dressing	High Dressing	Low Dressing	Very Low
Premium White	65-75	—	—	—	—
Breakers	75-80	71.50-74.50	75.00-80.00	63.00-68.00	—
Boners	80-85	68.00-76.50	78.00-83.50	63.50-67.50	—
Lean	85-90	63.00-67.50	68.00-76.50	62.00-65.00	53.00-63.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Not tested

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

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES:

Number 1: 100-120lbs 160.00-167.50; 90-100 lbs 165.00-175.00; 80-90 lb 140.00; 70-80lbs not tested.

Number 2: 100-120lbs 145.00-155.00; 90-100 lbs 150.00-160.00; 80-90 lbs 120.00-135.00; 70-80lbs 125.00-140.00.

Number 3: 100-120lbs 140.00-142.50; 90-100lbs 122.50-142.50; 80-90lbs 112.50-122.50; 70-80lbs 90.00-102.50.

Utility: 100-120lbs 85.00-130.00; 90-100lbs 80.00-100.00; 80-90lbs 70.00-100.00; 70-80 lbs 50.00-70.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: 82-100lbs 82.00-100.00

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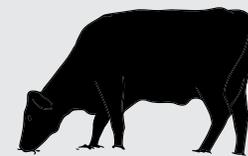
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6426 (5/16)

Good quality 40 lb square bales for hay 1st cut \$3.50, 2nd cut \$5.00 must pick up at farm in Milton 802-893-7550 (5/16)

Clean 1st cut hay 4'x5' round bale, approx 750 LB. ea. Never wet stored under cover suitable for horses \$50.00 a bale. Westford. 802-878-4255. (6/16)

Organic Hay, Standing. 40 acres of standing organic hay in New Haven. Nice clover mix. Call 802-238-5377 (6/16)

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Goats

AlpineGlo Farm is offering 2016 alpine goat kids for sale. ADGA registerable, disbudded, CAE-free. Superior genetics, Roeburn's,

Mamm-Key, Missdee's and Kickapoo Valley bloodlines. Contact Rachel, www.alpineglofarm.com, 802-463-2018 for full details. Prices ranging from \$200-\$400 for registered stock, between 2-4 weeks. (5/16)

Horse Equipment

2 homemade force carts. Set of harness (nylon) no bridles 802-877-3297 (5/16)

Sheep

Pasture lamb for sale from hardy, grass-fed Romney flock; @ \$85. Min. 2; Calm, alert and gaining well; beautiful fleece. Reserve now for June pick up. Call Rebecca 802-295-1326. (5/16)

Registered, chocolate-colored 3 year old Romney Ram who does his job very well! Extremely productive. Bred

100% of his ewe for the last 2 years. All lambs have been black ab have beautiful wool. Fathered 21 2016 lambs, including 9 sets of twins. \$350 OBO. 802-685-4920 or hurricaneridgefarm@gmail.com.(6/16)

Sugaring Equipment

10" Maple Syrup Press for sale. \$1,000. [Hartland] Call 802-436-3127. (4/16)

Complete 18" galvanized smokestack for 6' evaporator, includes base, 5 sections, roof jack, and stack cover, used 3 years, \$500. Milwaukee MA871 digital refractometer with case, 0-85% Brix, temperature compensating, only used 1 week, \$150. 802-848-3885 or fleuryrmaple@hughes.net. Richford, VT. (6/16)

Swine

6 month and growing fast. \$125 each. 802-276-3477 (4/16)

Wanted

Wanted, quiet, reliable, trail horse, not too young, minimum 14.2h, for 6 yr. old, ponied now, eventually alone. No vices, bad habits, healthy. Horse will have excellent home, care, 3 other horse pals, 70 acres pasture, streams, and pond. 802-875-3659, alexmachine1@

vermontel.net pictures please. (5/16)

Needed Wholesale Plant/Vegetable Sales Manager. Must have experience with plants. Fruits & vegetables, organizational skills, knowledge of computer & QuickBooks. Must be reliable and able to multi-task. Early Mornings & One Weekend Day. Send resume to smazzafarms@comcast.net (5/16)

Older Border collie to serve as watch dog on our farm in Shrewsbury, VT. Please call Art at 802-492-3653. (5/16)

Vermont Food Atlas

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The Vermont Food Atlas is part of the Farm to Plate website and can be found at www.VTFarmtoPlate.com/Atlas. Farm to Plate is Vermont's food system plan being implemented statewide by the Farm to Plate Network to increase economic development and jobs in the farm and food sector and improve access to healthy local food for all Vermonters.

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Beef Report

For the month of April 2016

Est. Volume: 30,743 lbs • Last Month: 34,358 lbs

Report reflects beef sold direct to consumers on a wholesale carcass basis and on a retail basis. All beef products are considered local to Vermont and are raised within state borders plus 30 miles outside the border. Cattle are processed under State or Federal Inspection

This month the wholesale/retail trade was much lighter than it has been. Very few individuals reported sales, most others had limited to no movement of beef due to the time of year. Producers remain hopeful that summer sales will increase. Retail prices changed slightly. No dress sales to report this month. YTD and 3-month rolling averages were adjusted to account for no sales occurring on the carcass trades.

Estimates Volume of Beef Sold: 22,141 lbs.
 Average Hot Carcass Weight: 0.0 lbs.
 Last Month's Estimated Volume: 20,788 lbs.
 Last Month's Average Hot Weight: 0.0 lbs.

Dressed Beef Carcass Value

Dressed Basis Steers/Heifers (Range/cwt) \$00.00/cwt
 Year to Date Wt. Average Carcass Price: \$00.00/cwt
 3 Month Rolling Average Carcass Price: \$00.00/cwt

Above values reflect whole, half, or quarter carcass. Processing fees are not included in the dressed value. The aggregated price data is comprised from mostly grass finished operations and occasionally includes a small volume of partial to full grain finished cattle

Direct To Consumer Grass Fed Beef Retail Prices

	(\$/lb)	Avg (\$/lb)
Tenderloin	\$5.00-\$28.00	\$18.77
Boneless Ribeye/Delmonico	\$10.00-\$22.69	\$15.27
Bone-In Ribeye	\$12.75-\$17.00	\$14.08
NY Strip	\$14.00-\$24.25	\$16.78
Porterhouse	\$12.00-\$22.75	\$17.28
T-Bone	\$12.00-\$20.56	\$15.82
Sirloin	\$8.00-\$16.00	\$11.11
Flank Steak	\$6.00-\$15.00	\$9.88
Skirt Steak	\$7.00-\$15.00	\$10.24
London Broil	\$7.00-\$12.00	\$9.29
Short Ribs	\$4.80-\$11.75	\$6.95
Rib Roast	\$9.55-\$17.00	\$13.05
Sirloin Tip Roast	\$6.58-\$16.50	\$11.27
Top Round Roast	\$5.77-\$12.50	\$9.61
Bottom Round Roast	\$4.73-\$12.00	\$8.73
Chuck Roast	\$5.19-\$13.75	\$8.75
Brisket	\$5.16-\$13.75	\$8.66
Hamburger	\$4.80-\$9.00	\$6.78
Stew	\$5.50-\$8.50	\$6.88
Heart	\$3.00-\$8.15	\$4.53
Tongue	\$3.00-\$8.15	\$4.56
Liver	\$3.00-\$8.15	\$4.60

Source: VT Agency of Ag - USDA Market News Service, Montpelier, VT
 Levi Geyer 717-354-2391 / NewHollandPALSMN@ams.usda.gov
 Hailee May 802-829-0057 / Market Reporter
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Vegetable & Berry News

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leaves should be removed, because the dead tissue will be good areas for Botrytis infections. Another issue with greenhouse tomatoes this time of year is mobility of potash to the upper leaves and new fruit, which cause low leaves to yellow and turn bronze red. In the fields: The rains have been good for starting seed but feel we are starting to lose ground again as in the last few years! Already have Meganets in the fields keeping the carrot plantings turgid.

Technical Resources

Chris Callahan, UVM
 Extension Ag Engineer

Guidelines for selecting a good thermostat for agricultural use: <http://go.uvm.edu/>

thermostats

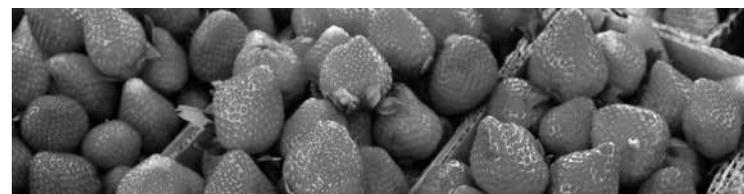
Summary of materials available that provide a "smooth and cleanable" finish surface for coolers, wash areas, and pack sheds: <http://go.uvm.edu/smoothnclean>

A new Excel-based calculator to help size piping systems and to select pumps for heating systems and other water moving applications: <http://go.uvm.edu/pumpnpipe>

Bus Tour To Quebec

June 28

Cornell Extension has organized a bus tour of several Canadian farms in Quebec. Departure: 6:00 am from Albany, NY. Pick-ups in Saratoga, Glens Falls & Plattsburgh as needed. Return: 9:30 pm Albany. Reserve by May 23. See: <http://enych.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=568>



For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Falls General Store, LLC. of Northfield, Vermont to sell, process and package ice cream and ice cream mix 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 15th, 2016.

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.

RAP Proposed Rule*continued from page 5*

A document discussing effective dates of the RAPs can be found here: <http://go.usa.gov/cJqJA>

The five public hearings will be held:

June 21, 2016: 12:30 – 3:30 at the St. Albans Historical Museum, 9 Church Street, St. Albans VT 05478

June 22, 2016: 12:30 – 3:30 at the Brandon American Legion, 590 Franklin St, Brandon, VT 05733

June 23, 2016: 12:30 – 3:30 at the Vermont Law School, Chase Center, 164 Chelsea St, South Royalton, VT 05068

June 28, 2016: 12:30 – 3:30 at the Newport American Legion, 160 Freeman Street, Newport, VT 05855

June 29, 2016: 12:30 – 3:30 at the Brattleboro American Legion, 32 Linden Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301

The Agency will hold two webinars in advance of the formal hearings to present the rules in detail. These webinars will be recorded and available as videos on the VAAFM website following the presentation.

- **May 26, 2016:** 10 am – Noon. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5938291152303942401>
- **June 7, 2016:** 1 pm-3pm. Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5938291152303942401>

For more information about the RAPs, and the Agency's efforts to implement Act 64 of 2015, please visit <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/regulations/rap> or contact the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets at (802) 272-0323.

Lamb Prices

New Holland Sales Stables - New Holland, PA
Sheep and Goat Weighted Average for Monday, May 9, 2016

Sheep/Lamb Receipts: 1,766. Last Monday: 2051. Year Ago: 2,299. Goat Receipts: 1,763. Last Monday: 1,106. Year Ago: 1,373

Report format change: Traditional markets refer to lambs that are subjected to USDA carcass grading, and marketed through mainstream outlets. Non-Traditional markets refer to lambs destined for slaughter outside of what would be termed as traditional markets.

Slaughter Sheep: Compared to last week, Slaughter lambs sold mostly steady to 10.00 higher. There were not enough bucks to do a numbers trend. Slaughter ewes sold mostly 5.00-10.00 higher. Demand was moderate. Supply was moderate. Supply consisted of 84 percent slaughter lambs, 15 percent slaughter ewes, and 1 percent slaughter bucks. All sheep and lambs are sold by the hundred weight, on actual weights.

Slaughter Lambs:

Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3 40-50 lbs 270.00-305.00; 50-60 lbs 252.00-285.00, hair sheep 252.00; 60-70 lbs 248.00-260.00; 70-80 lbs 227.00-240.00, hair sheep 235.00; 80-90 lbs 222.00-227.00, hair sheep 220.00-230.00; 90-110 lbs 220.00-245.00, hair sheep 222.00-230.00; 110-130 lbs 215.00-230.00.

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3 40

-50 lbs 225.00-265.00, hair sheep 230.00-245.00; 50-60 lbs 230.00-250.00, hair sheep 230.00-245.00; 60-70 lbs 220.00-245.00, hair sheep 225.00-235.00; 70-80 lbs 215.00-230.00, hair sheep 210.00-228.00; 80-90 lbs 203.00-220.00, hair sheep 180.00-222.00; 90-110 lbs 180.00-217.00, hair sheep 180.00-210.00; 110-130 lbs 170.00-205.00, hair sheep 187.00-197.00; 130-150 lbs 172.00-185.00; 150-200 lbs 165.00-175.00.

Wooled & Shorn Good 1-2 130-150 lbs 147.00-165.00; 150-200 lbs 142.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3 80-120 lbs 90.00-100.00, hair sheep 95.00-107.00; 120-160 lbs 80.00-102.00, hair sheep 94.00-95.00; 160-200 lbs 82.00-100.00; 200-300 lbs 80.00-90.00. Utility 1-3 80-120 lbs 91.00-92.00; 120-160 lbs 72.00-80.00; 160-200 lbs 60.00-70.00; 200-300 lbs 70.00-72.00.



Price and grade information is reported by QSA-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.

Source: USDA Market News, New Holland-Lancaster County, PA • http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/LN_LS320.txt. Levi Geyer, OIC: 717-406-7350 • Kayley Ellis, Market Reporter: 717-354-2391 • Catherine Bachman, Market Reporter: 717-354-2391
For all USDA Livestock and Grain market reports: www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketNews

Slaughter Bucks: 200-300 lbs 70.00-100.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to last week, Slaughter kids sold mostly steady. It is worth noting that buck kids are bringing nearly the same premium as wether kids. Slaughter nannies sold mostly steady to 10.00 lower. Slaughter bucks weighing under 150 lbs sold mostly 10.00-30.00 higher while heavier bucks sold 90.00-100.00 higher on better quality supplies. Slaughter wethers sold sharply lower compared to a very light test last week. There was a relatively light supply of kids in comparison to a heavier than usual supply of bucks. Demand was moderate to good for all classes. Supply consisted of 52 percent Slaughter Kids, 18 percent Slaughter Nannies, and 30 percent bucks/billies and wethers. All goats are sold by the head on estimated weights.

Slaughter Kids:

Selection 1: 40-60 lbs 175.00-205.00; 60-80 lbs 235.00-245.00; 80-100 lbs 255.00-275.00, wethers 260.00-280.00.

Selection 2: 0-20 lbs 95.00-105.00; 20-40 lbs 110.00-140.00; 40-60 lbs 145.00-180.00; 60-80 lbs 185.00-235.00; 80-100 lbs 220.00-235.00.

Selection 3: 0-20 lbs 60.00-65.00, gaunt 20.00-40.00; 20-40 lbs 60.00-105.00, gaunt 40.00-65.00; 40-60 lbs 120.00-155.00, gaunt 85.00-110.00.

Slaughter Nannies/Does:

Selection 1: 80-130 lbs 200.00-220.00; 130-180 lbs 235.00-265.00.

Selection 2: 50-80 lbs pygmies 100.00-135.00; 80-130 lbs 165.00-190.00; 130-180 lbs 200.00-205.00.

Selection 3: 50-80 lbs 115.00-130.00, gaunt 80.00-120.00, pygmies 80.00-100.00; 80-130 lbs 130.00-175.00, gaunt 90.00-145.00.

Slaughter Bucks/Billies:

Selection 1: 285.00-335.00; 150-300 lbs 390.00-460.00, few 530.00-560.00.

Selection 2: 50-80 lbs pygmies 145.00-160.00; 80-100 lbs 200.00-245.00; 100-150 lbs 245.00-285.00; 150-300 lbs 305.00-380.00.

Selection 3: 3 50-80 lbs pygmies 120.00-130.00; 80-100 lbs 165.00-205.00, gaunt 125.00-165.00; 100-150 lbs 180.00-240.00, gaunt 150.00-175.00.

Slaughter Wethers:

Selection 1: 80-100 lbs 260.00-280.00; 100-150 lbs 330.00-375.00; 150-300 lbs 385.00-455.00.

Selection 2: 50-80 lbs pygmies 135.00-165.00; 80-100 lbs 200.00-255.00; 100-150 lbs 285.00-335.00; 150-300 lbs 355.00-385.00. Selection 3.

Selection 3: 80-100 lbs 195.00-230.00; 100-150 lbs 250.00-290.00.

Vermont's Farm to Ballet Project Announces Expanded Second Season Starting In July

By Amy Overstreet,
Farm to Ballet Project

Farm to Ballet, a Burlington-based dance company, will present six performances this summer of an original ballet that links farmers and food production with music and dance. The productions take place against the backdrop of Vermont's beautiful landscape at a diverse array of farms.

Chatch Pregger, who left the ranks of professional ballet dancing to become a teacher, choreographed the 75-minute program that weaves together the timeless arts of farming and ballet. The company is made up of 18 volunteer dancers, five paid dancers and five paid musicians. Rehearsals are at Spotlight Vermont studio in South Burlington. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time go into the handmade costumes and props as well.

This dance collaborative celebrates Vermont's vibrant food system and expands classical ballet's audience.

"Now that I've seen our dancers in a farm environment, I realize this is how I've always wanted to see ballet: in its grittiness, its reality, on nature's perfect stage," says Pregger. Many of the performances serve as fundraisers to support and honor the work of conservation organizations and that of local farmers.



"We were so excited to raise over \$12,000 last summer to support these efforts. We had a great first season and we are excited to expand and continue the momentum of the unique celebration of dance and the environment,"

Pregger adds.

Last year the project received local and national attention with headlines in the Boston Globe, Modern Farmer, Civil Eats, the USDA blog and National Public Radio.

Currently the 2016 summer season includes nine performances throughout the state in July and August.

For more information, visit <http://www.farmtoballet.org/> and follow them on Twitter @farmtoballet.

Summer 2016 Farm to Ballet Schedule

- July 16 Philo Ridge Farm in Charlotte, VT
- July 30 Golden Well Farm & Apiaries in New Haven, VT
- July 31 Earth Sky Time Community Farm/NOFA-VT in Manchester, VT
- Aug. 6 Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT
- Aug. 7 Green Mountain College, Cerridwen Farm, a RAFFL Benefit, in Poultney, VT
- Aug. 14 Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, VT
- Aug. 20 Retreat Farm in Brattleboro, VT
- Aug. 21 Von Gal Farm in Essex Junction, VT

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