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Clean Water Bill Aims to Improve our Lakes and Waterways

By Scott Coriell,
Office of the Governor

On June 16th, on the shores of Lake Champlain, Gov. Peter Shumlin signed into law the most comprehensive legislation to address the problem of polluted storm water runoff into Vermont's lakes and waterways in the history of the state. The legislation (H.35) recognizes that clean water is fundamental to Vermont's quality of life and economy and gives the state the authority and capacity to control pollution and keep waterways free from the most significant threats to these shared resources.

"This bill is not only about cleaning up Vermont's waterways and Lake Champlain, it is about protecting our economy and



Dennis Curran

a natural habitat that binds Vermonters tightly to our state and inspires others to put roots down here," Gov. Shumlin said. "In short, this bill is about protecting what makes Vermont so special.

Cleaning up our waterways won't happen overnight, but this bill puts us on a path to ensure that future generations of Vermonters grow up to enjoy the natural beauty that has defined this state since the

beginning." Recognizing the hard work of the many who helped to get this bill over the finish line, the Governor signed H.35 in two parts, at Waterfront Park in Burlington and St. Albans Bay State Park in St. Albans. The Governor specifically thanked the legislature, particularly the House Fish, Wildlife, and Water Resources, Ways and Means, and Agriculture Committees; the Senate Natural Resources, and Energy, Finance, and Agriculture Committees; and the environmental, farming, and community organizations for their collaborative work helping to craft this legislation.

The Governor made cleaning up Lake Champlain and other Vermont waterways a priority at the beginning

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Keeping Vermont's Water Clean

Vermont's new Clean Water legislation is a comprehensive, all-in approach to restore the health of our lakes, rivers, and streams. It is a strategic effort to reduce polluted storm water runoff from farm fields, roads, parking lots, and other developed areas.

It took a lot of people, working together, to make this legislation a reality. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who joined in this effort, particularly those from the farming community. The stewardship, partnership, and accountability demonstrated by all members of the Ag community, especially from the members of the Farmers' Watershed Alliance and Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition, was critical to the success of this effort. Thank you for stepping up to support this effort to protect our precious resources.

The bill has now been signed, and you may be asking yourself, now what? The legislation will have implications for Vermont's transportation, business,

development, and agricultural sectors. Over the next few months, we will be reaching out to the Ag community to keep you updated on the implications for Vermont's farmers. Here's a brief overview of what you can expect to hear more about over the next year...

This summer, we'll be updating the Accepted Ag Practices (AAPs). They will now be called the Required Ag Practices (RAPs). Later this summer, we will be engaging directly with farmer groups to vet the new proposed rules. This fall, we will be holding a series of public meetings to share the proposed rules with the public and hear your feedback.

As part of the RAPs, we'll be creating a New Small Farm Certification program. In the future, small farms will be required to self-certify to ensure compliance with the

RAPs. The first step in this process is to clarify exactly what constitutes a "small farm." We will be reaching out and engaging with the Ag community and the public-at-large for input on this, as well, and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

In the coming year, we'll also be designing a new licensing program for custom manure applicators, to ensure those who spread manure commercially fully understand best practices for resource conservation. Likewise, farmers will be required to obtain educational credits -- we will be developing training programs with agricultural partners for farmers of all sizes to help ensure they are educated about the most effective ways to reduce runoff.

Signing this bill was just the beginning. There's major work ahead. It will take all of us, working

together, to tackle the water quality challenges, which has been in the making for generations.

We are committed to working collaboratively with our farming community to implement this legislation. It will take a lot of effort, constant communication, and a team-attitude to succeed. We will use this space to update you about our continuous efforts over the next year, and solicit your feedback and suggestions.

I am proud of the Ag community, and all of Vermont, for helping set this legislation into action. Thank you for your efforts -- I look forward to partnering with you to ensure a brighter future for Vermont's most precious resources.

Charles R. Ross



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A *griview* is read by more than 2000 members of Vermont's farming community each month. But with over 7,000 self-proclaimed farmers in our state (according to the USDA Ag Census), there's room to expand our readership. That's why you'll notice a new subscriber form on the back page of this issue. If you are a long-time subscriber, thank you! We appreciate your readership! If you know someone who might enjoy *Agriview*, please share this issue with them, and encourage them to cut out the form on the back page, mail it in, and subscribe. We think they will be happy they did.

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— Alison Kosakowski

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USDA Celebrates National Dairy Month

By Dana Coale, Deputy Administrator of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's Dairy Program

June is an eventful and versatile month—the start of warm summer days, school vacations, and holidays like Father's Day and Flag Day. We also celebrate many unusual observances in June such as Heimlich Maneuver Day, National Yo-Yo Day, and National Donut Day. But who can enjoy a donut without a nice, cold glass of milk? June is the perfect month to combine the two as USDA joins the rest of the country in celebrating National Dairy Month.

For more than 75 years, we have celebrated dairy and all of its goodness during June. What started out as National Milk Month in 1937 to promote milk consumption and stabilize the dairy demand has turned into a month-long celebration and tradition that acknowledges the dairy

industry's contributions to the United States and around the world.

Dairy has played an important role in America's history since before the Revolutionary War, but it was not until the early 1900s that the U.S. dairy industry began to change dramatically. Many scientific advances and

processes radically changed the industry, including pasteurization, the development of the centrifugal separator that removes milk-fat and allows the manufacturing of more dairy products, and the

Babcock test that determines milk fat content. When it comes to dairy products, our country has a rich history. The versatility of dairy products makes it easy to participate in this month-long celebration. The National Dairy Council has some great recipes for dairy-based foods.

Whether you're serving cheese at a family graduation party or wedding or just eating yogurt every morning, you are supporting our



country's dairy farmers and getting many nutritional benefits. Studies have demonstrated the positive role milk plays in children's development. Consuming low-fat and fat-free milk and dairy products also provides important protein for adults, reduces the risk of bone disease and fractures, and may help reduce the risk of getting cavities.

At USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), we do our part to make sure you can enjoy dairy products in June and throughout the rest of the year. AMS graders use internationally

recognized standards to ensure quality cheese and other dairy products are sold in retail establishments. Our Market News specialists create reports that offer valuable information to help dairy producers and businesses make informed buying and selling decisions.

Our export specialists help the rest of the world enjoy America's delicious dairy products. We also work closely with the National Dairy Council (NDC), which was founded 100 years ago by America's dairy farmers. The NDC, with its strong foundation in science, focuses on health and wellness, child nutrition and well-being, and alleviating food insecurity. In addition, the national Dairy Promotion and Research Program and the Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Program, which AMS oversees, offer great data and fun ways to get people excited about eating dairy products.

So let's all raise our cold glasses of milk (with or without the donut) in celebration of National Dairy Month!

See more at: <http://blogs.usda.gov/2015/06/04/let-the-good-times-flow-for-national-dairy-month/#more-58826>

Important Information: North Lake Farm Survey

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets will be performing farm surveys in the Missisquoi Bay and St Albans Bay watersheds to better understand the scope of environmental impacts from Agriculture on Lake Champlain and to ensure that all farms visited are aware of required management practices which help improve water quality. These surveys will be taking place over the course of this growing season and land owners will be contacted several days prior. This farm survey will include a nutrient management plan review and/or a review of manure spreading records, a look at the outdoor production area and three field evaluations.

We appreciate your cooperation in assisting the Agency in this surveying effort. If you have any questions, please contact the Agency at (802) 828-2431.



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Conservation Practice Enables Farmers to Measure Benefits of Investments in Lake Champlain Basin

Farmers in the Lake Champlain basin encouraged to apply by July 24th for technical assistance to install edge-of-field monitoring stations

By Amy Overstreet, NRCS

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is making available \$2 million to interested farmers to help install voluntary edge-of-field monitoring stations on agricultural lands in eight states, including Vermont. The application deadline is

July 24, 2015.

"Edge-of-field water quality monitoring helps us evaluate the benefits of conservation at the field level," said Vicky Drew, NRCS state conservationist for Vermont. "This voluntary effort will increase economic efficiency for the producer and maximize yields while also conserving natural resources."

Through edge-of-field monitoring, NRCS works with farmers and conservation partners, such as universities and non-governmental organizations, to monitor the amount of nutrients and sediment in water runoff from a field, and compare the improvements under different conservation systems. Conservation practices typically evaluated

include planting cover crops and using no till, irrigation water management, and practices to reduce and trap nutrients and sediment.

Monitoring stations enable NRCS to measure at the edge of farm fields rather than try to estimate conservation effects from in-stream measurements that are subject to influences outside of the farmer's control. Edge-of-field monitoring, combined with instream monitoring, can provide a more thorough picture of improvements within a watershed.

The funding is available to interested farmers in 327 watersheds across Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Vermont and Wisconsin, including the Lake Champlain Basin watershed

in Vermont.

The financial assistance, available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), helps farmers install and maintain the monitoring systems for up to nine years.

NRCS first introduced edge-of-field monitoring as an opportunity through Farm Bill conservation programs in 2013 and has already funded the installation of 25 monitoring projects, including eight projects in Vermont.

The results of data collected will be maintained confidentially for farmers' use and for use by the conservation partners responsible for monitoring.

Interested farmers should contact their local USDA service center for more information.

Mark Your Calendars for Breakfast on the Farm

By Melissa Woolpert,
Breakfast on the Farm
Steering Committee

Vermont's first "Breakfast on the Farm" event comes to Ferrisburgh, Vermont on Saturday, August 22, 2015! This free, public celebration is designed to teach people about modern dairy farming and introduce the farm families who work hard to produce a safe, wholesome product for Vermont and beyond. The Vander Wey family of Nea-Tocht Farm in Ferrisburgh will serve a



delicious breakfast and offer self-guided walking tours of their dairy farm. There will be a variety of educational stations, and guests of all ages will get a peek into the life and business of farming, giving them an

opportunity to learn where their food comes from. This event promises to be tasty, educational and fun for the whole family. This is a free event, but tickets must be reserved in advance through www.vermontbreakfastonthefarm.com.

The lead organizing partner is the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. Event sponsors include Hall Communications, New England Dairy Promotion Board, Poulin Grain, and Vermont Feed Dealers.



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FDA Food Safety Modernization Act: More Than Just Produce

By Abbey Willard, Local Foods Administrator, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

On April 23 & 24, I, along with Vermont Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross, was able to join in a public meeting held by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), Food Safety Modernization Act: Focus on Implementation Strategy for Prevention-Oriented Food Safety Standards, in Washington, D.C.

This meeting was billed as a chance to receive information about FDA's operational strategy for the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) implementation and offered participants the opportunity to advise FDA on their strategy. FSMA will



set new food safety standards that will affect farmers, processors, distributors, and importers across the global food system.

Attendees anxious to learn more about FDA's plans, however, were somewhat disappointed. Instead of providing detailed

information about the future of FSMA implementation, FDA opened much of the meeting up to feedback from stakeholders, including representatives from industry, nonprofits, academia, and government. While many stakeholders were not fully prepared to offer feedback,

we also appreciated the opportunity to shape FDA's current thinking about FSMA implementation. One recurring theme that emerged during the discussion was the importance of conducting voluntary on-farm assessments prior to expected compliance. These on-farm assessments are designed to promote compliance with FSMA's Produce Safety Rule while also creating opportunities for FDA and state regulators to learn common operating practices from the industry. FDA representatives seemed encouraged by the strong support for these educational assessments voiced during the meeting.

One important announcement FDA did make during this meeting, however, was final rule compliance dates. These dates are outlined at Food Safety News [<http://bit.ly/1Let6SF>]. The earliest compliance dates for those subject to the full requirements of the Produce Safety Rule will be in October 2017.

To learn more about whether your farm or food operation is subject to the Produce Safety Rule, take the Agency of Agriculture's Vermont Produce Safety Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/vtproduce.

In his remarks during the public meeting, Secretary Ross emphasized that we still don't know enough about the relationship, roles and responsibilities between states and FDA when it comes to implementing FSMA. In addition, our somewhat "myopic" focus on the produce rule, while important for the majority of states that have not previously regulated produce, means that we have not paid enough attention to the remaining 6 FSMA rules, all of which will be finalized within the next year.

The full meeting agenda, presentations, and video are available at <http://1.usa.gov/1OhTnVf>. Questions and comments about FSMA implementation strategies may be submitted to FDA through May 26, 2015 at <http://1.usa.gov/1HxP6rD>.

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Enjoying Clematis, the “Queen of the Vines”

Dr. Leonard Perry,
Horticulture Professor
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Are you looking for an easy perennial vine that can grow in various situations, has a range of flower colors in both singles and doubles, and that provides a long flowering show in spring or summer? If so, then consider the versatile clematis.

Although there are many other common names for clematis, the most common is “virgin’s bower.” Perhaps this was named for Queen Elizabeth I of England, the “virgin queen,” as during her reign is when a popular species was brought to England from Spain. Yet some say this name was used before her time, and instead comes from the German legend that this vine sheltered Mary and Jesus during their flight to Egypt. The word “bower” would fit this legend, as it comes from an old English word for dwelling, currently referring to a shady, leafy recess. The word “clematis” is from the Greek word for a climbing vine.

Clematis is often called the “queen of the vines” as the flowers are so attractive, in singles or doubles, and from one to five or more inches across. Some bloom early in the season, some later in summer. In warmer climates, or with some, they may bloom again in fall. Flower colors range from deep purple to shades of blue, mauve, pink, red,



yellow, cream, white, and bi-colors. Generally they are flat, but a few are lantern-shaped. What we call the flower petals are actually and botanically modified sepals called “tepals”.

Although there are many species and cultivars (cultivated varieties), literally hundreds, that vary in their growing needs, most that you commonly find are hardy in USDA zones 4 (an average low of -20 to -30 degrees F in winter) through 7, or even warmer. Although some tolerate more shade (Jackmanii, Henryii, and Nelly Moser for instance), most need sites with at least six hours of full sun.

While their tops like part to full sun, a key to growing clematis well is keeping their roots cool. Remember the old saying, “tops in the sun, feet in the shade.” This can be done by planting in the shade of a small perennial or shrub (the vines will grow above it), or mulching. Watering during hot spells cools the soil too.

Best soil for clematis is a

well-drained loam, with a neutral to slightly acidic pH. Water weekly during the first season, if there isn’t sufficient rain, and in subsequent years during droughts. Fertilize plants after planting with a plant starter fertilizer, or liquid seaweed or fish emulsion. In subsequent years, fertilize in spring with a granular organic fertilizer according to directions. Also each spring, add a shovel-full or two of compost around plants.

Another key, that you often see in catalogs and references, to getting the most bloom from your clematis is proper pruning. Many references list cultivars in three pruning groups or categories, depending on whether vines flower on stems from the previous season (group 1), both old and new stems (group 2), or just on current season’s growth (group 3). This is important in the sense that if you prune group 1 for instance in spring before bloom, you’ll be cutting off this year’s blooms.

Without getting too confused as to what to prune

when, just keep a couple points in mind. Prune any dead wood off in spring, back to above new growth or emerging buds. Since best flowering is on newer stems, for older plants remove any stems in spring that are 4 years old or more—those that are thick and woody.

If you need to reduce the size of the plant (they often get 10 feet or more high), or keep it more bushy and stimulate more flowers (such as group 2), prune in spring or early summer after bloom back to about one to two feet of growth. For those that bloom later in the season (group 3), prune these back in early spring when you see new growth. Don’t worry about getting the pruning wrong or making a mistake, as clematis are forgiving and at most you might lose a season’s blooms.

Unless you are growing clematis as a ground-cover (such as the ground clematis species), they are best grown on some sort of support. As they attach themselves to supports by means of short leaf stems, supports shouldn’t be too wide—generally under a half inch. Thin-wire ornamental trellises work, if tall enough. Otherwise you can just use a fine-thread netting such as used for peas, wide-mesh fencing, twine, fishing line, or even twigs. By using these you can grow clematis on sides of walls or around lamp posts, or let them ramble up through shrubs.

Since clematis may take a few years to reach maturity

and full blooming potential, it’s best to start with plants from nurseries already a couple years old. Choose ones in quart or preferably gallon pots. Work plenty of compost into the soil prior to planting. Then, be careful when planting as stems can be broken easily. Make a wide planting hole, and plant slightly deeper (2 to 3 inches) than they were in the pot. You can plant potted vines any time between spring and early fall.

If growing clematis in containers, unless you’re doing so in a mild climate, pots will need to be brought in over winter into a non-freezing location, such as cool garage. Since containers should be large—at least 18 inches high and wide—you may consider casters on the bottom to move these large and heavy pots more easily. Don’t use garden soil, but rather a potting mix, such as one containing a large percent of peat moss. Use more compact varieties for pots.

Planting several different varieties almost guarantees you a continuous sweep of color from spring to the first hard frost. You may find several species and quite a few hybrids bred from them, some being classics dating back to the 1800s. Early flowering (pruning category 1) include the single Nelly Moser (pale pink with carmine midstripe), ‘Duchess of Edinburgh’ (white with yellow stamens), or the double Belle of Woking (silvery mauve).

Popular ones flowering

later in the season on current year's growth (pruning category 3) are 'Ernst Markham' (red with gold stamens), Perle d'Azur (single pale blue with purple midstripes), 'Hagley Hybrid' (single pink), 'Jackmanii'

(rich purple single), or 'Comtesse de Bouchaud' (single rose pink).

Then there are those that often bloom early and late, on both old and new growth (pruning category 2). 'Lincoln Star' is an attractive

bi-color with raspberry flowers edged white. 'Elsa Spath' is a prolific bloomer, producing lots of lovely single blue-purple flowers. In this same group, blooming from mid-summer into fall with lantern-shaped yellow flow-

ers is the Chinese species known as Golden Tiara. It is followed by attractive silvery, fluffy seedheads. Another Chinese species that has lantern-shaped flowers, but lavender-blue, is the downy clematis. It blooms in early

spring, and often again in fall.

Keep the basics of growing clematis in mind—at least half day of sun, cool roots, well-drained soil, and proper support—and you should be rewarded with many years of blooms.

It's That Time Again! Register Your Bee Hives, Today!

By Steve Parise, VAAFM

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' Apiary Inspection Program works to ensure that beekeepers owning or managing honey bee colonies in Vermont comply with the Vermont Apiary Law as described in 6 V.S.A. Chapter 172 of the Vermont Statutes. The Vermont legislature, with the support of the Vermont Beekeepers Association

amended the Apiary Law in 2013 (6 V.S.A. Chapter 172, section 3022) requiring the owners of both migratory and non-migratory honey bee colonies to annually register and pay a \$10 per location fee to the Agency. The registration period is from July 1 to June 30 annually. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting the Agency at 802.828.2436,



or by visiting the Apiary Page on the Agency website: www.agriculture.vermont.gov. The funds generated by this fee will be used to support the apiary program by hiring a seasonal apiary inspector to assist in the inspections of honey bee colonies around Vermont. Other anticipated benefits of the new registration fee would be a much needed update of the Agency's apiary database; to have accurate statistics of the number of beekeepers, bee colonies and locations; to have GPS mapping of bee yard locations in the event that beekeepers have to be notified of mosquito or other pesticide application activities due to the discovery of EEE, West Nile Virus, or other potentially harmful diseases or pests that could affect human or livestock health, agricultural commodities, and to assist apiary inspectors in the

locations of apiaries.

Another new and important program that is being developed and that will have an impact on Vermont beekeepers is the national directive from EPA for each State to write and implement a "Managed Pollinator

Protection Plan". Vermont's Managed Pollinator Protection Plan will focus on:

- Ensuring effective communication between beekeepers, crop producers and other pesticide applicators.
- A method for growers/applicators to know if there are managed pollinators near treatment sites.
- A method for growers/applicators to identify and contact beekeepers prior to application.
- Recommendations on how to minimize risk of pesticides to bees.
- A clearly defined plan for public outreach.
- A mechanism to measure effectiveness of the plan and a process to periodically review and modify each plan.
- The Vermont Apiary Program will play a role in the development of this plan.
- If you would like to participate in the pro-

cess, please email Jenn.LaValley@state.vt.us, or call 802.828.2431.

The duties of the Vermont apiary inspector have evolved over the last two decades into those that now emphasize technical assistance, outreach and education as well as the regulatory component. Examples of specific duties and activities are:

- Provide technical assistance to beekeepers to maintain healthy, productive colonies.
- Inspection of Vermont colonies as well as those of migratory beekeepers for the presence of diseases and pests.
- Provide inspection services to the sellers and buyers of nucleus colonies to insure the needs of both parties are met.
- Provide inspection services to migratory beekeepers that request an Inspection Certificate to move bees into other states.
- Work closely with the Vermont Beekeepers Association to develop and implement programs such as the Mobile Mentor Program; Master Beekeeper Certification Program; and Best Management Practices for Beekeeping in Vermont.

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Vermont Farmstand to Open at Boston Public Market

By Reg Godin, VAAFM

After over a year of research and development, the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (AAFAM) and Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) are pleased to announce the creation of a Vermont retail stand within the Boston Public Market, opening next month. Harlow Farm of Westminster, VT will operate the stand, demonstrating an innovative public-private partnership that will open a new market channel for dozens of Vermont companies in the Boston metro region.

“Harlow’s Vermont Farmstand” at the Boston Public Market will be an important component of the state’s recently created Domestic Export program, designed to connect Vermont producers with buyers outside the state. Positioned

in the heart of downtown Boston, the retail space will provide the state with a premier location from which to promote Vermont products to out-of-state consumers.

“This retail stand advances the work prioritized by the Legislature in 2014. The Domestic Export program is an important resource for helping businesses grow their sales outside the state” said Secretary of Agriculture



Chuck Ross. “Through this public-private partnership we are providing Vermont businesses access to a strong consumer market that will help drive demand for Vermont products.”

Harlow Farm will supply the stand with organic produce from their farm as well as from over 35 other Vermont farms and food producers.

Harlow Farm will take on the day-to-day operations and management of the retail space, with AAFAM and ACCD providing marketing support and a \$25,000 grant for start-up costs. Harlow Farm will supply the stand with organic produce from their farm as well as from over 35 other Vermont farms and food producers. A comprehensive list of products will be included in the grand opening announcement later this summer.

“Harlow Farm is eager to offer its produce to Boston

consumers through a direct retail model,” said Paul Harlow. “This opportunity will allow us to expand our growing infrastructure and give other Vermont producers an additional market for expanding their sales outside of the state.”

Harlow Farm joins a roster of 35 permanent vendors, including acclaimed Vermont cheesemakers Jasper Hill Farm of Greensboro Bend. Opening this July, the 28,000-square-foot Boston Public Market will offer locally produced items such as farm fresh produce; meat and poultry; milk and cheese; fish and shellfish; bread and baked goods; flowers; and an assortment of specialty and prepared foods.

The Domestic Export Program is administered by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, in collaboration with the Vermont

Agency of Commerce and Community Development. For more information about The Domestic Export Program, contact Reg Godin



Paul Harlow of Harlow Farms

at Reg.Godin@state.vt.us or (802) 522-3648. For more information about Boston Public Market, visit www.bostonpublicmarket.org.

For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc. 10 Optical Ave Atten: Compliance, Keene NH 03431 to transport milk and milk products in the State of Vermont. If anyone has germane information as to why or why not this company should or should not be licensed those comments are to be sent to:

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

All written comments must be received by July 18, 2015.

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

Farm Service Agency County Committee Nomination Period Begins June 15

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Monday, June 15, 2015.

“Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice. Their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “It is important for county committees to reflect America’s diversity,

so I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers, including beginning farmers, to get involved in this year’s elections. We’ve seen an increase in the number of nominations for qualified candidates, especially among women and minorities, and I hope that trend continues.”

To be eligible to serve on a FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county

committee election and reside in the local administrative area where they are nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Nomination forms for the 2015 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 3, 2015.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9, 2015. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7, 2015. Newly elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2016.

While FSA county com-

mittees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

Can New England Produce 50% of Its Food by 2060?

By Rachel Carter,
VT Farm to Plate

Copies of *A New England Food Vision* have been floating around Vermont for about a year, getting Vermonters to think about what could be grown, raised or caught in New England in order to produce 50% of our regional food needs by 2060.

Increasing farmland from 5% to 15% is crucial for New England to produce more food. This would equate to expanding to 6 million acres under production (up from 2 million today) in order to feed 17 million New Englanders. This level of acreage would support the production of all of our vegetables, half of our

fruits, all of our dairy, beef, and lamb (grass fed), and all pastured pork, poultry, and eggs. Additional protein would come from beans and fisheries. The other 50% would be imported including the majority of the grain

we consume (for humans and animals), plus fruits, oils, nuts, coffee, tea, chocolate, and sugar—although in Vermont we can certainly raise the bar for the amount of local maple syrup and honey consumption.

Many factors from production and physical landscape to the ecology of New England’s land and soil base are considered in the New England Food Vision:

- In 1945, New England has approximately 6 million acres under production—

but fewer people know how to farm and raise livestock, so there would need to be a lot more farmers as well as farmland.

- Food manufacturing has increased at a steady pace in many states in the region and prepared meals made with regional ingredients are in demand by consumers throughout New England.
- A growing reliance on a regional food system increases our food security as drought, climate change and other environmental and human conditions change in other parts of the US, Mexico and China where much of our food is now imported from. If we include New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania in the production mix, the Northeast has even greater

potential to increase its regional food production capacity.

- Forest cover would need to decrease by 10% which would ultimately require compromise.
- Regionals fisheries would need to be revitalized so a higher percentage of sea harvests are retained within the region rather than being exported.
- A lot of prime agricultural soils have been paved over or turned into housing developments; land values vary widely across the region and it can be hard for farmers who do not come from farm families to gain access to good farmland.
- Climate change projections indicate that New England can expect upwards of 20% more

water and an increased risk of flooding events which can have big impacts on farms located near waterbodies. Maintaining high levels of soil organic matter is critical to sustainable farming in the region.

Here in Vermont, we are focused on implementing the statewide Farm to Plate Strategic Plan which shares the economic, environmental, and social values with the New England Food Vision. As we work towards Vermont’s goals to increase jobs, economic activity, and local food access, we contribute to the region’s aspiration to long term food security through the expansion of the regional food system.

Learn more at www.vtfarmtoplate.com and www.foodsolutionsne.org.

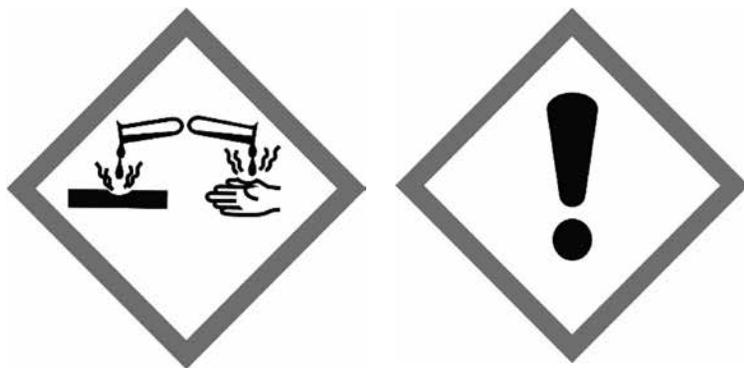
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Understanding the OSHA Safety Data Sheet

By Philip Jones,
Project WorkSAFE

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires chemical manufacturers, distributors, or importers to provide consumers with information about the hazards of hazardous chemical products. In 2012, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated the Hazard Communication Standard to conform to the United Nation's Global Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). The idea of GHS is that everyone should be able to understand the hazards of a chemical, regardless of where they are and where the chemical was produced, packaged, and labeled.

The requirements of the updated hazard communica-



tion standard were phased in over time. As of June 1, 2015, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) will be revised and known as Safety Data Sheets (SDS). The SDSs are required to be in the same uniform format. Therefore, you will always see the same information in the same section, regardless of the chemical or manufacture. The good news is as you receive or ask for the new Safety Data Sheets (SDS) they should all look very similar. Therefore, you can find the same information in the same section of the SDS regardless of the product, supplier, or distributor.

You should have the SDS available close to where the compound or chemical is used so they can be referred to in an emergency. So, keep the SDSs for the cleaning compound used in the milking parlor near or in the parlor. The standard requires that the SDS be accessible and available to your employees.

The SDSs are important because they give you information about the products you are using: what is in the product, what components are harmful, how the chemicals are harmful, how to store the product properly,

how to protect yourself and your employees from the product, and what to do if the product has spilled or is on you. In sum, what is in it? How can I keep it off me? What do I do if I get it on me?

The introduction of Hazard Pictograms is also part of the updated standard. Pictograms are warning symbols that are placed on labels and meant to communicate the hazard of the compound quickly and easily. One of the nine possible symbols is an exclamation mark, which is meant to convey, among other things, that the enclosed product can irritate the skin, eye, and the respiratory tract. A second common pictogram is for corrosive products. It is intended to convey that the enclosed

product can burn your skin and eyes, and is corrosive to metal. Many of the cleaning compounds used in the milking parlor are either caustic or acidic so this symbol will be on the label. You can find information about the other pictograms at: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3491QuickCardPictogram.pdf>

If you have not seen the updated SDS for the products you use, you should contact your supplier to request them. If you have questions about safety data sheets, the hazard communication standard, or general occupational safety and health concerns – you may contact Project WorkSAFE in Vermont at 1-888-SAFE-YES.

For Immediate Release

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have received an application for a Milk Handlers license from the following entity: Rogers Farmstead of 934 Rowell Hill Road, Berlin VT 05602 to sell, process, package and transport milk and dairy products in the State of Vermont. If anyone has germane information as to why or why not this company should or should not be licensed those comments are to be sent to:

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

All written comments must be received by July 22, 2015.

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



MARKET REPORT

Wholesale Prices

June 2015

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

Vermont Egg Prices:

Jumbo	\$2.89
X-Large	\$1.87
Large	\$2.84
Medium	\$2.41

Market is steady
and supply is good.

You can find more reports
online at

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

This is the web source for
USDA Market News



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Addison County Commission Sales — East Middlebury, VT

Livestock Auction Report for June 8, 2015

	Cattle	Calves
This Week:	116	201
Last Week:	138	208

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

SLAUGHTER COWS:

	% Lean	Avg. Dressing	High Dressing	Low Dressing	Very Low
Premium White	65-75	115.5	120.00	104.00-105.50	—
Breakers	75-80	103.50-105.00	—	—	—
Boners	80-85	97.50-102.00	—	94.00-97.00	91.5-92.00
Lean	85-90	95.00-97.00	—	90.00-95.50	80.00-93.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: 1,280-2,055lbs: 129.00-136.00

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

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES:

Number 1: 100-120lbs: 470.00-502.50; 90-100lbs 455.00-510.00; 80-90lbs not tested; 70-80lbs not tested.

Number 2: 100-120lbs: 410.00-452.50; 90-100lbs 380.00-472.50; 80-90lbs 390.00-425.00; 70-80lbs not tested.

Number 3: 100-120lbs: 300.00-400.00; 90-100lbs 312.50-415.00; 80-90lbs 320.00-345.00; 70-80lbs not tested.

Utility: 100-120lbs: 100.00-350.00; 90-100lbs 70.00-325.00; 80-90lbs 70.00-227.50; 70-80lbs 70.00-237.50.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: 80-85lbs 80.00-290.00

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

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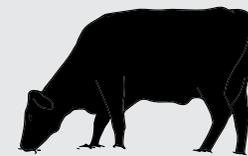
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New Holland-Lancaster County, PA

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Market Reporter
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Levi Geyer, OIC
Cell 717-406-7350 / Office 717-354-2391

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/MP_LS141.txt

For all USDA Livestock and Grain market reports:
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- Online at: <http://www.vermontagriculture.com/Agriview/agriviewclassified.html>
- We do not accept ads over the phone.

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Classified ads are free to all subscribers — limit two ads per issue. Ads must be 40 words or less. You must include your subscriber number when submitting your ad.

Please take advantage of this service, which will help streamline the classifieds process. For those who are unable to access the Internet, we will still accept classifieds by mail.

If you have questions about classified ads, please contact Faith Raymond at 802-828-1619 or Faith.Raymond@state.vt.us.

Bees & Honey

3lb Honey Bee Package w/ queen - \$110 by pre order only - available for pickup late afternoon 5/3 or anytime 5/4 Weeping Pine Farm & Apiaries; 677 VT Rt 14; Williamstown, VT 05679 802-622-0728 while supply last (7/15)

3 frame deep mostly-sealed brood nuclei with +/-3# of bees from NH colonies, with tested, clipped and marked New World Carniolan queen \$165. 2015 NW Carniolan queen clipped and marked:

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Cattle

Mixed breed herd for sale. 14 registered Ayrshires, 11 Jerseys, 1 Brown Swiss, 7 Jer/Hol crosses. Florence 802-483-2889 (6/15)

Certified Organic Registered Springing Jersey Heifers for

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- Certified organic Jersey due in May with 2nd calf \$1500. Jersey Holstien Cross due May with 2nd \$1200. Holstein due June 1st calf \$1400. All certified organic 802-254-6982 (7/15)
- Small beef herd. 5 animals \$550 firm, will break up. 2 year old hen \$2. Roaster pigs \$200 802-229-4628 (8/15)
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- Registered 8 month old Dexter bull calf. Dun, horned, PHA & Chondro free. Halter broke, trained to stanchion and handled daily. His dam is the smallest cow but biggest milk producer in herd. Calf is mature for his age with a beefy, square build. He will make an excellent sire for a dual purpose herd. \$800. (802) 333-7025. (8/15)
- Mini polled Hereford bull, registered, dark red, 18 mos. old, ready for service. Clarendon, VT 802-438-9845 (8/15)
- Angus Cattle for sale, all can be registered, good breeding stock, bulls, cows and heifers. Call 533-9804 or 533-2208 for prices. (8/15)
- Blonde Aquataine Cow Due to calve in September Louise has a great personality. She will eat grain from your hand. \$2,500 802-730-7887 (8/15)
- Polled Hereford Heifer great condition, dark red color, friendly used to being handled. 802-563-3281 (8/15)
- INT Dump tak 7 yards \$2500. INT 826 many new parts 4 new tires \$7000. INT 140 cultivators 1 pt plow, 1 pt harrow. Loader 12,500 Pettibone Super 10 Cary-lift \$7000 9 ton trl \$1000 JD 2 beater wagon model 116 \$1000 2008 load max deck dual axle & tires \$7000 802-848-2627 (8/15)
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- Registered American Milking Devons for sale. 6 yr old cow Hickory/ heifer calf \$3,000. Yearling heifer \$1,500. Cow and yearling heifer lead, tie, great barn manners. Cow hand milks. Moved daily. \$4,450 for all three. 802-274-7826 Michael@vermontbiochar.com – pics (8/15)
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- Angus Bulls – From registered herd, good genetics and dispositions. Greensboro, Vt. 533-9804 or 533-2208 (8/15)
- For sale 3 highland cattle yearlings \$2000 for all. 2 bulls and 1 heifer. Georgia VT (802) 527-2010. (8/15)
- Employment**
- Now Hiring Person to maintain properties including lawn mowing, spring/fall cleanup and general yard maintenance. Position includes minor plumbing, electrical and building repairs. Apply in person to Westminster Farms 4187 US RT 5, Westminster, VT (7/15)
- Farm Manager- Spring Lake Ranch. Cuttingsville, VT. 65-acre therapeutic farm for people with life challenges. F/T with salary and benefits directing farm operation, ensuring therapeutic programming. Three years farm management experience required. Therapeutic farm background preferred. Send resume to tom@springlakeranch.org. (7/15)
- Business for Sale, West Swanton Orchards, Cider Mill and Gift Market, for information contact Steve at 802-868-4447 or Mike at 802-309-0507. (7/15)
- Herd Manager Wanted. Massachusetts grazing dairy seeks skilled cow person beginning September 2015 as full herd manager, or herdsman, depending on experience. Minimum 2 years' experience with organic dairy, grazing. Competitive pay, 5 days/week, paid vacation. Full description at <http://www.sidehillfarm.net/jobs/> (8/15)
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- JD 2800 Onland Plows- Auto reset...\$2000. JD F845- 4 bm Roll over plows...\$1400. Kuhn EUI Vertical mixer-scales..\$8500. Kidd Super 6-10 Round bale tub grinder..\$3800. JD 450 Hydra Push spreader- very good..\$3800. NH 213 spread-
- er- exc..\$2800. NH 679 spreader- field ready..\$2200. 802-376-5262 www.youngs-milkywayfarm.com (7/15)
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- 25 CoPulse Pulsators with controller for sale. \$100 each OBO. 802-782-6418 (7/15)
- 1500 gallon Hesston Liquid Spreader, 3200 gallon Harvestor Liquid tank, NH 680 tandem axle manure spreader, walking plow, potato Hiller, 2 Horse antique cultivator, three Babcock milk testers, Misc. stuff. Call Dick 802-885-4920 (7/15)
- Cedar fence posts for sale, unsharpened. 6' price at \$1.50 apiece and 5-5 1/2' for \$1.25. 10% bonus on orders over 100 pieces. Vince Foy, N. Danville, 802-748-8461. (7/15)
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- JF Model FCT 900 2 row corn

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- chopper in excellent condition, with grass head never been used. \$15,000//Athens Model 156 Chisel plow 3pth w/wheels 7' wide 7 shanks new in 2011 \$2500//5 west-falia Autopuls C milking units with delaval claws Call Roger Wood 802-695-8818 (7/15)
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- 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 \$6000 firm. Ox yokes 6 to 11" \$100 - \$300 each. 603-542-7626 (8/15)
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- 2005 JD 457 silage special twine only. 1988 NH 316 baler with thrower. JD 246 corn planter, JD #8mower, new idea 3pt fertilizer spreader (413) 458-3424 (8/15)
- 2005 John Deere 2210 Compact Utility Tractor, 3cyl 23hp diesel, 62" JD mid mount mower deck, 3pt hitch JD 647 4' rototiller, 1100 hrs, runs great, always kept indoors, \$9,000 Hathaway Farm, Rutland 802-775-2624 ihathaway@hathawayfarm.com (8/15)
- 10 ton trail boss tilt bed trailer. In very good condition \$6000 OBO. 6 ton cam tilt bed trailer in very good condition \$3600 OBO 802-542-9315 (8/15)
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- For Sale: New Holland BR7060 round baler with bale processor and net wrap. New condition only 2,400 bales. Asking \$24,500. New Idea 5212 discbine in good condition. Asking \$6,000. Ag-Wrap ECO 4-5 bale wrapper. Asking \$4,500. Call Dave 802 318-3208(8/15)
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20 Black Sex Link pullets born October 1st, starting to lay for \$15 each. 12, 2 year old hens \$4 each. (802) 325-3312 (6/15)

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1000 Gallon Fuel tank on skids. Must be in good shape

Starksboro 802 453 2918 (8/15)

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Clean Water Bill

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of the 2015 legislative session, calling eroding water quality the greatest threat to Vermont’s local environment and dedicating the second half of his Inaugural Address to the issue. In that speech, the Governor pledged to be a partner in the efforts already underway to enhance water quality in Vermont and marshal the resources of the state to build on the good work being done. H.35 does that by giving state government additional tools, resources, and the obligation to reduce polluted storm water runoff from farm fields, roads, parking lots, and other developed areas. Specifically, H.35 will allow

the state to:

- Assist towns in meeting their obligation to maintain roads to prevent runoff leading to erosion, which will keep nutrients and sediment out of Vermont’s water, by helping them implement modern storm water management systems that capture and treat the polluted runoff from roads, streets, and parking lots.
- Direct significant new resources to help farmers and loggers reduce water pollution from their operations, keep livestock out of Vermont’s streams, and seek more careful management of tilling practices and manure application.
- Redouble efforts – working with Attorney General

Bill Sorrell – to enforce water quality regulations in the Lake Champlain Basin and around Vermont.

- Add teeth to hold the relatively few farmers not already doing the right thing more accountable by denying the tax benefit of current use if they do not come into compliance and follow the practices that prevent pollution, like the state does for forest land-owners.

Vermont’s Clean Water Initiative, as supported by H.35, is funded with a combination of increased federal dollars as well as money from the capital budget, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), and a new

dedicated state Clean Water Fund.

The capital budget includes \$6.75 million for technical assistance and direct investment in water quality projects in the Lake Champlain Basin and around the state. This includes \$1.6 million in state matching funds which will leverage \$8.2 million in federal EPA grants for a total of \$9.8 million for low-interest loans to municipalities through the clean water state revolving fund. The capital budget also increases to \$3.75 million funding for innovative storm water management projects, and \$1.4 million in funding for the Agency of Agriculture’s cost sharing program for livestock fencing and other

agricultural practices. The Transportation bill also includes \$3.2 million for storm water retrofits and other projects to reduce polluted runoff from our back roads.

To assist communities and partners in restoring and protecting Vermont’s waterways, H.35 sets up a Clean Water Fund to be funded with a 0.2 percent surcharge on the property transfer tax, which will raise \$5.3 million in FY2016. The Clean Water Fund is also set up in such a way to allow for additional federal and private funding, including a generous donation of \$5 million from Keurig Green Mountain.

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"Vermont's rivers and lakes are critical to our economy and quality of life," said House Speaker Shap Smith. "This law represents the culmination of many years of work by stakeholders, lawmakers, and countless Vermonters. By taking this step, we renew

our commitment to clean water."

"Clean water is simply the most fundamental and essential element in a healthy environment," said Chair of Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee Christopher Bray. "H.35 is a thoughtful blueprint for an effective, wide-ranging program to protect and clean up all the

waters of our state. I want to thank all my partners for taking up this immense challenge and for creating a program that will benefit Vermonters today and for generations to come."

"The Vermont Clean Water Act is a big deal for all of the waters of Vermont," said Rep. David Deen, Chair of the House Committee on Fish, Wildlife, and Water

Resources. "The same water quality protection techniques that will reduce phosphorous discharges in the Lake Champlain watershed and reduce blue

green algae blooms will reduce nitrogen discharges in the Connecticut River watershed and reduce the Long Island Sound dead zone."



Governor Shumlin joins legislators and members of his cabinet on the shore of Lake Champlain to sign the Clean Water Bill.

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