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Statehouse Lawn Transforms to Become the First Ever “Summer Buy Local Market”

By Alison Kosakowski, VAAFM

More than forty purveyors of local food convened on the Statehouse lawn on August 4th as part of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets’ (VAAFM) first ever summer Buy Local Market. The event, which coincided with National Farmers’ Market Week and Vermont Open Farm Week, was organized by VAAFM as part of the State’s Local Food Wellness and Consumer Awareness Initiative, in partnership with the Capital City Farmers’ Market and The Northeast Organic Farming Association of VT (NOFA-VT).

From 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., shoppers browsed booths offering a wide variety of produce, local meat,



Alison Kosakowski

Clover, the Agency’s mascot, salutes the participants of the first annual Summer Buy Local Market.

cheese, ice cream, specialty foods, and baked goods. Organizers say they sought to offer the same great quality, diversity, and freshness available at the weekend Montpelier

Farmers’ Market to weekday shoppers, who might otherwise miss out.

“More than 2800 state employees report to Montpelier for work

every day,” according to Vermont’s Ag Secretary, Chuck Ross. “We organized this market to provide these employees access to healthy, local foods, build Ag Literacy, and create a new market opportunity for our local producers.”

State employees were joined by town residents and privately employed workers as they perused the assortment of offerings displayed on the Capitol lawn. Montpelier’s Mayor, John Hollar, Vermont’s Secretary of Administration, Justin Johnson, and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Diane Bothfeld, addressed the crowd, stressing the

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Taking Action to Restore Lake Champlain

Earlier this month, the State of Vermont and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the draft plan to restore Lake Champlain, also known as the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). This is a major step forward in our work to repair the lake and ensure it can be enjoyed by future generations of Vermonters. (See page 3)

For too long, we have lacked the resources to adequately address the problems facing Lake Champlain. With this announcement, the administration is committing the resources needed to fulfil the promises we have made about restoring our lake.

From an Agency of Ag standpoint, we are already taking decisive action to address the most troubled areas of the Lake. We are refocusing and reprioritizing our efforts for greater impact. As an example, this summer, we have performed assessments at more than 100 farms in the most impacted areas – North Lake and the Missisquoi Bay. We are working

directly with these farmers to assess their challenges, identify resources and solutions to get the work done, and hold everyone accountable.

Our success to date is in large part due to the active support of the farming community, and requires their on-going support in the future.

For the past year, I've talked about the key themes of this effort – "Stewardship, Partnership, and Accountability." "Stewardship" refers to the actions we all must take to ensure we are doing our absolute best to minimize our

individual impacts on the lake. For farmers, that means implementing conservation practices to reduce run-off. "Partnership" refers to the fact that we all must work together – state officials, environmentalists, farmers, property owners, and ordinary citizens – to find sustainable solutions. It's an all in approach. And finally, "accountability" means we need to hold each other responsible for our actions by implementing a clear framework that outlines what must be done, and the consequences for non-compliance. Participation in

this massive effort is not option.

These principles have lead us to this important milestone, and will continue to be critical to our success as we enter this next phase of implementation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Stewardship, Partnership, and Accountability – and to the future of Vermont.

Charles R. Ross



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Editor's Note

Preparation for Avian Influenza Begins Now

In all likelihood, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) will arrive in Vermont this autumn or spring (see article page 4). To date, more than 50 million birds have been afflicted with HPAI across the Midwest. This punishing disease is wiping out entire flocks at a rapid pace. Because it travels with migratory birds, there is little we can do to prevent it from arriving in Vermont. Our best bet is to prepare. To that end, the Agency of Ag has held drills, established protocols, and is in the midst an HPAI response strategy. We are working with the Health Department, Vermont Emergency Management, Fish and Wildlife, VTrans, and the Governor's office to ensure Vermont is as prepared as

possible. But we need your help.

Please read the guidance provided by our State Veterinarian, Dr. Kristin Haas (page 4) carefully and take steps to prepare your farm or homestead. This is not a situation to be taken lightly. Know the signs, take preventative measures, and help spread the word. Poultry owners will be the first to spot this disease when it arrives in Vermont, and can help curtail it before it spreads any further.

Our best defense against this potential outbreak is education, communication, and preparation.

— Alison Kosakowski

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EPA and State Announce Release of the Final Draft Plan to Restore Lake Champlain

By Jon Copans, Vermont
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Conservation

On August 14th, Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 Administrator Curt Spalding shared the formal Plan to reduce phosphorous runoff into Lake Champlain and the agreed upon "Total Maximum Daily Load" (TMDL) that will place a cap on the maximum amount of phosphorous that is allowed to enter the Lake and still meet Vermont's water quality standards.

The TMDL sets new pollution reduction targets and pairs with Vermont's final draft implementation plan to prevent pollution from flowing into Lake Champlain and its tributaries. The EPA opens a 30-day public comment period on the TMDL with its release.

Vermont is experiencing another summer when polluted stormwater runoff is causing excessive growth of algae in the form of "blooms" in some areas of the lake. These blooms turn water murky shades of green, brown, or blue,



Karen Pike

and can be toxic to people, pets, and wildlife. This pollution also increases the costs of drinking water and wastewater treatment, hurts businesses that depend on clean water, damages Vermont's tourism and recreational opportunities, and depresses property values. Excessive polluted runoff also harms local streams and rivers that feed into Lake Champlain.

"EPA sincerely appreciates

the dedication and hard work shown by Vermont officials and citizens to address the water quality problems faced by Lake Champlain. Working together, we are confident that we can reduce the levels of harmful nutrients and other pollution, and ensure a vibrant and healthy Lake Champlain for generations to come," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's New

England office.

"What we are announcing today is a culmination of the hard work of many interested parties, including municipalities, farmers, watershed groups and the public committed to restoring Lake Champlain and the streams that flow into it," said Gov. Shumlin. "This marks a tremendous step forward in our state's longstanding efforts to clean up Lake Champlain and builds on our extensive

efforts with partners to pass and begin implementing the Vermont Clean Water Act signed in June."

EPA information on Vermont Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/tmdl/lakechamplain.html>

To find the TMDL Plan or other information, view the VTDEC Restoring Lake Champlain page: <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/erp/champlain/>

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State Veterinarians Encourage Poultry Producers and Enthusiasts to Prepare for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

Expected to affect the east coast fall of 2015 or spring of 2016.

By Alison Kosakowski,
VAAF

Vermont State Veterinarian, Dr. Kristin Haas, is encouraging poultry owners, producers and enthusiasts to prepare for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), which is expected to affect the East Coast in the fall of this year or spring of 2016. Since December 2014, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has confirmed the presence of HPAI on more than 200 properties, impacting almost 50 million commercial and backyard birds. While the HPAI outbreak has not yet been identified in Vermont, poultry producers should be familiar with the disease, how it is spread, and preparedness efforts that they can engage in now.

It is important to note that The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the risk to people from this HPAI infection to be low. No human cases of this HPAI virus have been detected in the United States or internationally. Influenza in poultry does not constitute a food safety risk.

The HPAI H5 virus is most commonly spread to domestic poultry by infected waterfowl, through direct contact or contact with their droppings. While waterfowl can carry the disease without becoming sick, the HPAI H5



virus is generally fatal for domestic poultry.

“Domestic poultry are highly susceptible to HPAI H5 virus, which can spread rapidly from bird to bird and typically results in high mortality rates.” said Vermont State Veterinarian, Dr. Kristin Haas. “All poultry owners, whether they are backyard hobbyists or commercial producers, should evaluate their farms for risk factors that could contribute to avian influenza occurring on their farms.”

Risk factors include:

- Poultry housed outside
- Ponds or other water fowl attractants on the farm
- Piles of debris located close to poultry areas
- Introduction of poultry from other farms without a quarantine period
- Lack of personal protective equipment such as dedicated coveralls and boots
- Sharing of equipment between farms.

All poultry owners, regardless of size and

business structure, should adhere to the following disease preventative measures:

- Obtain a federal premises identification number by calling the State Veterinarian’s Office at (802) 828-2421. A unique farm identifier will aid regulatory officials in providing information to owners pre-outbreak and assisting owners with disease control and business continuity during a disease response.
- Keep poultry away from wild birds, particularly waterfowl and shorebirds, and remove wild bird attractants from poultry housing areas.
- If poultry are housed indoors, don’t let wild birds (or their fecal material) into barns.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment prior to entry into a barn or poultry housing area.
- Use barn-specific boots and coveralls, and consider using boot baths/washes.

- Do not bring disease home with you—if you exhibit your poultry at fairs or swaps, do not share cages or equipment with other poultry owners.
- Familiarize yourself with signs of illness in your birds and call the State Veterinarian’s Office if you see nasal discharge, difficulty breathing, lethargy, discolored wattles or combs, a drop in egg production, or sudden death.

Commercial poultry producers (egg producers, meat bird producers) should take additional proactive steps to increase the likelihood of continued business profitability in the event of a disease outbreak, such as:

- Evaluating your farm’s carcass disposal options and contacting the Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Management and Prevention Division for a site evaluation and technical assistance: (802) 828-1138.
- Ensuring easy access to complete farm records that include live poultry and poultry product movement on and off the property and other non-poultry related routine farm traffic such as veterinary visits, feed deliveries, or service

technicians.

- Implement and consistently utilize a visitor’s log.
- Evaluate and plan for product storage if in the event of an outbreak your farm is not able to move product.
- Initiate conversations with your markets to determine if they will accept your product during an outbreak.
- If you are an organic farm, review with your certifying organization the possibility of raising your birds indoors, should such measures become necessary.
- Visit the Agency of Agriculture’s website at http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal_health to view a list of questions that may be asked of your farm during an outbreak.

All bird owners, whether commercial producers or backyard enthusiasts, are encouraged to practice good biosecurity, prevent contact between their birds and wild birds, and to report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through the Vermont Agency of Agriculture at (802) 828-2421 or through USDA’s toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

Please visit http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal_health for more information.

Funding Available for Vehicle and Equipment Upgrades

By Deirdra Ritzer, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

The Vermont Clean Diesel Grant Program will have incentive funding available for projects that reduce diesel emissions from engines, vehicles, and equipment. Nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in agriculture (including stationary generators and pumps) are eligible to receive funding.

The Vermont Clean Diesel Grant Program was developed by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in response to one of the greatest air quality challenges facing Vermont – reducing public exposure to emissions from diesel powered engines and equipment. With assistance



Ag vehicles are eligible for this program

from the Vermont Clean Diesel Grant Program, several Vermont businesses and institutions have successfully completed various diesel emission reduction projects including diesel engine repowering at local sawmills, vehicle replacement at schools, and installation of idle

reduction technologies used by hospitals, railways and schools.

The types of projects eligible under this program include

1. vehicle, engine and equipment replacement,
2. retrofitting with emission control technologies,
3. engine repowers, and

4. installation of idle reduction technologies.

The DEC will be posting a Request for Proposals to solicit applications for this grant opportunity within the next 60 days. Since there are eligibility and cost share requirements that vary depending on the project, it is strongly recommended that interested applicants contact program staff to discuss potential projects

well in advance of the formal application process. To learn more about the Vermont Clean Diesel Grant Program and this upcoming funding opportunity, please visit the DEC's Air Quality & Climate Division web site at <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/air/MobileSources/htm/>

For more information, contact Deirdra Ritzer at (802) 233-8052 deirdra.ritzer@vermont.gov.

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Vermont Cheesemakers Take Home 46 Ribbons at National Competition

By Tom Bivins, Vermont Cheese Council

The Vermont Cheese Council (VCC) has announced that Vermont took home 46 ribbons from 20 cheesemakers at the 32nd annual American Cheese Society competition in Providence, RI. Notable awards include a third place Best In Show designation for Cellars at Jasper Hill's (Greensboro) Harbison, and ribbons by brand new VCC members Fairy Tale Farm Cheese (Bridport) and Sweet Rowen Farmstead (West Glover).

The American Cheese Society (ACS) is the leading organization supporting the understanding, appreciation and promotion of farmstead, artisan and specialty cheeses produced in the Americas. Since its founding in 1983, ACS hosts North America's foremost annual educational conference and world-renowned cheese judging and competition. This year's competition included 1,779 entries from 267 companies across North America.

Last year's record number (23) of Vermont cheesemakers in the competition was beat again this year, as 27 of the state's artisan cheesemakers submitted cheeses to be judged at the ACS. The number due in part is due to the VCC's new sponsorship program, which sponsors some of Vermont cheesemakers' ACS entry fees to support their efforts



Vermont's Commissioner of Tourism, Megan Smith (left) samples Vermont's own Plymouth Artisan Cheese.

in showcasing their cheese in a competition setting.

Vermont was represented with a third place Best in Show award for Cellars at Jasper Hill's Harbison, a soft-ripened cow's milk cheese with a rustic, bloomy rind. The cheese is wrapped in strips of spruce cambium, the tree's inner bark layer, harvested from the woodlands of Jasper Hill.

"The strength and respect of Vermont cheese continues to grow, which was evident tonight at the American Cheese Society awards," said Tom Bivins, Vermont Cheese Council executive director. "Twenty of our entered 27 cheesemakers took home 46 ribbons for their cheese, butter or yogurt. Winners included long-standing members and brand new members, showing that this category of artisan food for Vermont continues to shine."

Winning Cheeses from Vermont

- Cellars at Jasper Hill, Greensboro: Third Place-Best in Show for Harbison.
- Boston Post Dairy, Enosburg Falls: Gisele, Smoking Goud, third place
- Bonneview Farm, Craftsbury Common: Nevis, second place;
- Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Cabot: Cabot Old School Cheddar, first; Jalapeno Lite Cheddar, Plain Greek Style Yogurt, second;
- Cellars at Jasper Hill, Greensboro: Harbison, first place and third place-best in show; Winnemere, Cabot Clothbound Cheddar, Cabot Clothbound Cheddar Select – first place; and Alpha Tolman and Willoughby, second



Tom Bivins, Executive Director of the Vermont Cheese Council, and member Lisa Battilana pose in front of some Vermont-themed décor at the ACS Opening Reception, hosted by the Vermont Cheese Council.

place

- Consider Bardwell Farm, West Pawlet: Pawlet, first; Rupert Reserve, second; Manchester, third
- Fairy Tale Farm Cheese,

Bridport: Will O' Wisp, third

- Franklin Foods, Enosburg Falls: Hahn's Cultured Cream Cheese, first place
- Grafton Village Cheese, Grafton: Vermont Clothbound Cheddar, second place
- Maplebrook Farm, Bennington: Burrata, Whole Milk Block Feta, second place; Smoked Handmade Mozzarella, third place
- Mount Mansfield Creamery, Morrisville: Forerunner, second; Sunrise, third place
- Parish Hill Creamery, Westminster West: Vermont Herdsman at Crown Finish Caves, first; Suffolk Punch, third
- Plymouth Artisan Cheese, Plymouth: Hot Pepper, second; Sage & Herb,



A breath-taking array of Vermont cheeses, available to guests at the ACS opening reception.

- third
- Sage Farm Goat Dairy, Stowe: Fresh Chevre, third place
 - Shelburne Farms, Shelburne: Barnhouse Smoked Cheddar, third
 - Spring Brook Farm/Farms for City Kids, Reading: Reading, first place; Tarentaise Reserve and Tarentaise, third place
 - Sweet Rowen Farmstead, West Glover: Nettle Farmers Cheese, first
 - Twig Farm, Cornwall: Washed Rind Wheel, third
 - Vermont Creamery, Websterville: Bijou, Sea Salt and Maple Butter,

- first place; Bonne Bouche, Goat Feta and 1916 Wegman's Chevre, second place; Fresh Crottin, Culture Butter Unsalted, third
- Vermont Shepherd, Putney: Verano, first; 2 Year Old Invierno, third place
 - Woodcock Farm, Dorset: Summer Snow, second
- For a comprehensive list of all the 2015 American Cheese Society winners, visit CheeseJudging.org

The state of Vermont, celebrated for its focus on farm-to-table lifestyle and Vermont-made products,

including cheese, boasts more cheese companies per capita than any other state in the nation.

The Vermont Cheese Council was the Marquee Sponsor of this year's ACS. Guests of the conference were treated to a pancake breakfast with real Vermont maple syrup, courtesy of the Vermont Cheese Council, and a Vermont-themed opening reception. The sponsorship enabled greater visibility for Vermont cheeses and the Vermont brand among the epicures and wholesale buyers attending ACS.

"Vermont was front-and-center at ACS this year – our cheeses took top honors, and guests were able to experience some Vermont traditions at our maple breakfast and opening reception," said Alison Kosakowski, Communications Director for the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. "Everyone who attended ACS this year got a taste of Vermont quality and authenticity! We made our mark!"

The Vermont Cheese Council is a statewide membership based organization with 50

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

Important News for Those Enrolled in Current Use

By Stephanie Smith, VAAF, and Linda Henzel, VT Dept. of Tax



Self-certify in August: During the month of August property owners with agricultural land enrolled in the Current Use Program will receive a certification form (CU-313) from the Vermont Tax Department. Self-certifying eligibility is a new annual requirement for enrollees of "agricultural land" and "farm buildings". If land and/or buildings are no longer eligible, this form outlines steps to remove property or revise enrollment. The deadline for submitting this form to the Current Use Program is September 1, 2015. Depending on the disposition of your property, additional actions may be necessary. If you have questions concerning this certification process, please

call 802-828-5860 for more information.

Oct. 1 is the Current Use Easy-Out Deadline: During the 2015 legislative session, the Vermont legislature made a number of changes to the law affecting the current use (Use Value Appraisal) program. One of these changes was a new calculation for the land use change tax (LUCT). When changes of that nature are enacted, the legislature has elected to grant an easy-out period for enrollees. This temporary period allows landowners to remove a parcel, or part of a parcel, without paying the first \$50,000 of LUCT. You must apply by Oct. 1, 2015.

To help make the applica-

tion process easier, the Department of Taxes created a checklist. This checklist outlines some of the commonly missed items needed to submit with your application (CU-312). The checklist is available online at <http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pdf.word.excel/forms/pvr/>

[EasyOutChecklist_Iss2015.pdf](#)

If you apply for the easy-out, please note that owners of the withdrawn land will pay the full amount of property taxes for the 2015 tax year on the withdrawn land. As a result, the towns will need to re-send bills for the withdrawn land during the easy-out. Withdrawn land

may not be re-enrolled in the program for five years. Effective Oct. 2, 2015, the Land Use Change Tax will be 10% for all land developed or withdrawn.

If you have questions about the process, please contact the Tax Department's Current Use Division at 802-828-5860.

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Volunteers Needed as Forest Pest First Detectors

By Gwen Kozlowski, UVM

Vermont's forests face a threat of unprecedented proportion from invasive pests, namely the emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle and hemlock wooly adelgid. Early detection of these invasive pests means a higher likelihood of eradication and minimizes economic, social and ecological impacts.

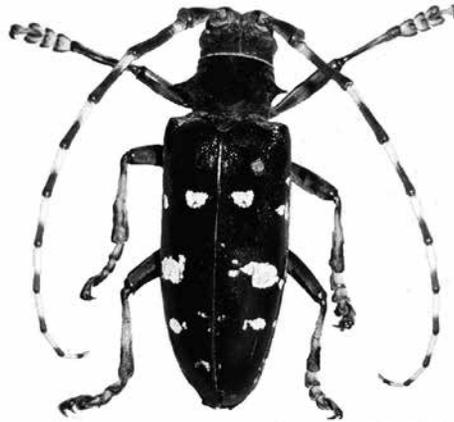
The Forest Pest First Detector Program trains volunteers to screen potential pest sightings, educate the public and prepare their communities to respond in the event of an infestation. Training is free with the next session scheduled for Sept. 12 in Manchester Center.

The training will be held

from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Manchester Elementary Middle School (80 Memorial Ave.). It is offered by University of Vermont Extension and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation in collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Advance registration is required. Although no prior monitoring experience is needed, participants are expected to be able to identify common tree species.

To register, contact Gwen Kozlowski, Vermont Urban and Community Forestry



Program volunteer coordinator, at (802) 656-6646 or gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu by Sept. 9.

The training, which includes seven online modules and a full day of field instruction, will cover pest biology and identification,

survey protocol, tools for sample collection and communications, including how to work with the media and respond to calls from the public about insect pests. Continuing education credits are available.

Once certified, Vermont Forest Pest First Detectors will receive a toolkit with a manual, sample collection supplies and other tools and reference materials. They will be granted access to the National Plant Diagnostic Network's database and may participate in additional trainings and research projects. Local

federal and state agency personnel will be available for technical assistance and support, including providing regular updates on forest pests threatening Vermont's forests.

A commitment of at least two hours a month for a year is expected.

Responsibilities may include responding to screening calls about insect pests, visiting sites to collect pest samples and serving as a local liaison between their community and federal and state partners.

To learn more, go to www.vtinvasives.org/firstdetectors.

Plan to Visit The Vermont Building at "The Big E" – Sept. 18 – Oct. 4

By Alison Kosakowski, VAAFM

Vermont will once again share its culture and heritage with more than one million attendees at the Big E, New England's largest agricultural fair in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The fair will run from September 18 – October 4.

Vermont will be represented by exhibitors in the Vermont building, located on the Avenue of the States. A popular Big E attraction, the Avenue of the States houses smaller-scale replicas of each of the six original New England Statehouses. These buildings fea-

ture vendors and exhibitors which exemplify the heritage, food, traditions, and products from each respective state. Similar to national embassies, the buildings on the Avenue of the States are owned by their respective jurisdictions.

The Vermont building will showcase local foods and wares, and local musicians will be entertaining attendees on the lawn. Sample Vermont cheeses and maple,

enjoy a Long Trail beer and American Flatbread, and cuddle up to a Vermont Teddy Bear – and that's just the beginning!

The Vermont Building at The Big E is operated by the Agency of Agriculture as part of our Domestic Export Program, which helps local Vermont producers expand outside the state to regional markets. For producers, it's a way to grow their customer base, test out new markets, and build their business.

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The Vermont Building at night.



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Vertical Integration Offers Farmers New Opportunities

By Rachel Carter,
Farm to Plate

Learning to be a jack-of-all-trades takes time. And time is money.

"I'm amazed at how much time I need to spend talking with insurance brokers, bankers, and all the vagaries of business administration; and in the first couple of years handling our own distribution," says Joe Bossen of Vermont Bean Crafters. "Running a distribution channel in-house after a certain point becomes like running a whole other business, and not one I was nearly as interested in as producing food with beans."

As local and regional food systems emerge, farmers are interested in scaling up local production and are seeking new ways to be profitable while producing safe and affordable food in a relationship-based local food economy.

"We have been promoting a vertical integration approach to build a sustainable food business—where a farmer or food business takes on all responsibilities from production to marketing to delivery. Selling products at a wholesale price to a packer, distributor, or other middleman organization retains only a fraction of the food product's value, so farmers

and producers have learned to incorporate storage, marketing, and distribution into their business plan. It has been thought that reserving all profit margins for the farmer or food entrepreneur

farm to plate

establishes ultimate profitability and success," says

Abbey Willard, local foods administrator at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets.



Hannah Reid

The vertically integrated system, with farmers struggling to play all roles and working long days across all seasons, in a competitive, time-consuming and labor intensive industry is challenging for many local producers and not necessarily proving the most cost-effective.

Peter Colman, owner of Vermont Salumi, has built

partnerships across all stages of the supply chain, so he can hone in on the details of producing high quality seasoned meats sold at coops and distinct specialty markets throughout the Northeast.

More farmers are interested in focusing on production and working with others to handle marketing and distribution—but without losing a profit. Wholesale prices may be lower, but margins might be the same or better

when marketing and distribution costs are less and a farmer can focus on production instead of integrating everything into the farm operation. What if these costs could be contained and the farm could be more efficient as a whole while returning more dollars to the farm?

Jake Claro, a manager with Vermont Farm to Plate says, "We want to get information and knowledge to as many producers and supply chain businesses as we can, but achieve the same, or similar, cost

and logistical efficiencies that you see at the national level. We do not want to recreate the national system, but do want to have cost efficiency. How we can do that in Vermont—a local system with local supply chain control—is at the core of reaching the goals of the Farm to Plate Strategic Plan."

Learn more at www.VTFarmtoPlate.com.

Ag Safety is Not Just a Slogan, It's a Lifestyle

By George Cook, UVM Extension Farm Safety Specialist

The theme for National Farm Safety & Health Week, September 20 – 26, is "Ag Safety is not just a slogan, it's a lifestyle".

Special webinars are scheduled daily and will be available at www.necasag.org, the site of the National Education Center for Ag Safety. Go to the site and check them out.

This year the NECAS webinars, offered each day at noon, will cover the following themes: Monday – Rural Roadway; Tuesday – Health; Wednesday – Children's Topics; Thursday – Confined Spaces in Agriculture; and Friday – Tractor Safety.

The theme "Ag Safety is not just a slogan, it's a lifestyle" reminds local and rural communities that agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in the U.S. and most farm injuries and fatalities are preventable through education. U.S. Department of Labor data showed that in 2013 farming accounted for 500 fatalities, or 23.2 deaths per 100,000 workers.

Each year since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. This annual recognition initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt. Over the years, National Farm Safety & Health Week materials shifted from the National Safety Council to NECAS. NECAS has been the agricultural partner for the National Safety Council since 1997.

Specific reminders that we should all practice include:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when needed;
- Be sure that operators of equipment are properly trained and the equipment is well maintained;
- Provide age appropriate tasks and jobs for those eager to help youngsters;
- Take care of yourself, get enough rest, stay hydrated, and observe directions and warnings when taking medications and then operating farm equipment;
- And, make time to get away and relax, to enjoy your family, and to recharge your own internal battery... you'll get more accomplished when you return and have a much more positive outlook.

Remember, Ag Safety is not just a slogan, it's a lifestyle. To recognize National Farm Safety & Health Week this September, please join farms across the U.S. in promoting safe and healthy practices as we enter the harvest season. For more information, go to the NECAS website at www.necasag.org.

VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY NEWS



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Reports From The Field

(Plainfield) It looks like my blueberries are as good, or better than two years ago in terms of production. No sign of spotted wing drosophila. I have given up on fall raspberries and have expanded my summer raspberries to Prelude, Nova, Taylor and Encore; all pick-your-own. It is working to offer a lower price in exchange for weeding, so the place looks good. Elderberries are being bird-seeded around the place so I will have lots more in the future. I have cut out the branches that had the blueberry virus (witches broom.) I cleaned the pruning shears with chlorine solution between cuts and sprayed the cut ends with a chlorine solution. I marked the bushes so we'll see if it comes back or not. I hope not as I'd hate to remove those nice bushes. Another great season. I have had some pickers from farther away as I'm told some places in the CT river valley had a late frost, and places at higher elevations (I'm at 1,400 ft.) got more winter kill. I had broken branches from the weight of the berries. A policy note: Keep protecting these state listed ag soils, they are amazing! <http://solartaskforce.vermont.gov/contact>. We need to think about energy policy integrated with food policy. Food from far away takes a lot of energy. Please protect state-listed ag soils from large solar farms. Good soil cannot be replaced!

(Fletcher) We have not been a regular reporting farm, but feel compelled to pass on that our PYO

blueberry farm suffered about a 30% drop in yield this year. My theory is that it was due to the sustained sub-zero weather we experienced last winter.

(Cambridge) A surprisingly good year for blueberries. The rain in June produced gorgeous, plump berries that ripened later than usual in July but came in well. Most of the berries were in the bottom two-thirds of the bushes, below snow line, but abundance still overwhelming, especially after another cold winter. The only variety that didn't produce was Chandler which is rated for zone 5, so not surprising to see empty bushes in our zone 4. No SWD and Japanese beetles also pretty minimal. The bluejays have gotten more aggressive this week but season is winding down anyway. Best year of garlic ever. The only catastrophe is about a quarter acre of rhubarb that developed a fungus that has all but killed it to the ground. The wet conditions in June really made a mess of the planting. I had presumed rhubarb to be near indestructible but not the case. I have 200 more plants waiting in pots but haven't yet figured out where to put them and what to do with the sickly plants that had been pretty well established.

(Craftsbury) This has been a challenging blueberry season. Long, deep winter, late and cold spring with multiple late May and even June frosts has reduced our berry production by as much as half. We have hundreds of bushes which never bore a berry. Ripening has been slowed by cool days and cooler nights and we cannot keep up with demand. Our pick is down by about half for this stage of the season but the number of visitors is up by almost 40%. Many first-time visitors are here because of their own bushes' failure to blossom and fruit. We know of at least two farms in the Northeast Kingdom which did not open due to crop failure. Anecdotal stories are of a similar vein: low budding, few blossoms, little and no fruit. The berries we do produce are a bit tart but very large and plump. Our hope is for a few hot and sunny days and warmer nights to force ripening as the season winds

down. We have received reports of abundant raspberries throughout the area and we ate our first blackberries on August 15th.

(Charlotte) Our farm is nearing the end of the blueberry season which has been very good due to the rain that we have had. We are getting new fields ready for this fall and next spring for planting. We haven't seen SWD yet, but we keep looking at our fall raspberries. Hopefully it will not hit hard this year.

(East Dorset) I don't think we have quite the crop in 2015 as we did in 2014 but we are close, about 10% off. We are about a week away from being picked out. I don't think many will be left on the bushes either. We have had many new pickers which accounts for our earlier closing date. We have also had a number of pickers who said their normal place did not have any berries. We had one day off due to rain all summer. We had more than a few unripened berries in the field for a while, then they ripened in the last week. They may have been slow to ripen due to cooler night temps we had a couple of weeks ago.

(Burlington) Onion crop finishing up. Bridgers were great, finishing nicely prior to downy mildew problems. Liking the looks of Cabernet red onion; earlier than other reds we've grown with a nice thin neck. Leaving our yellow storage onions with rampant downy mildew in the ground, as the necks seem like they are getting thinner despite the foliar problems. When we've pulled diseased onions early in other years we've never been able to get the necks to cure. Without much to lose, we are leaving them in the ground this year to see if we end up with some storable onions. Liking Elonora basil for our later summer slot. By no means immune to basil downy mildew, but much improved in comparison to non-resistant cultivars. Wondering about our fall diseases of Brassicas, which have been so limited the past two relatively dry autumns. Hoping for the same this year. Still no late blight.

(Westminster West) It may surprise many growers north of

Windham County that we are in a very deep drought here. Though we just received a nice 3/4" rain on top of last week's 1.5" rain, but these are the first rains since June. Constant running of drip lines have kept things alive and even managed a bit of growth to hold on till rains arrived. Little disease pressure is the upside of low rainfall. Low weed pressure is another benefit. Picking early ripening winter squash, spaghetti and acorns. Main squash crops and pumpkins are looking nice, actually had to trim Delicata vines as they wouldn't stop setting fruit. Onion crop looks excellent; early Bridgers are in and getting shipped, Walla Wallas same deal. Storage and red onions are holding up and still bulbing out, look great. After 3 years of using white plastic mulch I can now unequivocally say it does work for reducing or eliminating bottom rot on the Walla Walls. We tried silver, but it was way too bright for workers to weed. Onions are one of those tempting crops that promise good profits but require high maintenance with spray program, irrigating and fertility levels--and some luck! My investment in an excellent sprayer a few years ago and installing irrigation really paid off this year. Tunnel tomatoes are selling well and second tunnel just coming in. Tunnel raspberries started late this year but are coming into production now with excellent size and flavor. Had very heavy spider mite and white fly pressure early, but now under control using biological releases. Thanks to everyone that came to the first Annual VVBGA summer party here, it was a magical evening for everyone involved and well worth all the planning and work that went into it judging by all the nice comments we received.

(Northfield) Our biggest experimental breakthrough of the month is playing with drywall stilts for tomato pruning, plum and cucumber picking. Our average team height is short! The flexible footer accommodates our raised beds decently.

(Waterbury Center) Garlic is drying nicely after a pretty good harvest. Great melon crop this year,

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MARKET REPORT

Wholesale Prices

August 2015

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

Vermont Egg Prices:

Jumbo	\$3.35
X-Large	\$3.21
Large	\$3.16
Medium	\$2.34

Market is steady
and supply is good.

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Addison County Commission Sales — East Middlebury, VT

Livestock Auction Report for August 17, 2015

	Cattle	Calves
This Week:	117	215
Last Week:	114	222

Compared to last sale, slaughter cows sold steady with good demand. Slaughter cattle supply included 115 cows and 2 bulls. All prices quoted per cwt.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

	% Lean	Avg. Dressing	High Dressing	Low Dressing	Very Low
Premium White	65-75	—	107.50-112.00	—	—
Breakers	75-80	93.00-95.00	—	—	—
Boners	80-85	88.00- 90.50	92.00-95.00	82.00-87.00	75.50
Lean	85-90	86.00-85.50	—	80.00-85.00	70.00-80.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: No test.

CALVES: When compared to last sale, Holstein bull calves sold \$20.00-\$40.00 higher with good demand. All prices per cwt.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES:

Number 1: 100-120lbs 400.00- 475.00; 90-100lbs 460.00- 485.00; 80-90lbs 374.00-425.00; 70-80lbs not tested.

Number 2: 375.00-445.00; 90-100lbs 380.00-420.00; 80-90lbs 325.00-395.00; 70-80lbs 275.00-355.00.

Number 3: 100-120lbs Not tested; 90-100lbs 200.00-350.00; 80-90lbs 235.00-355.00; 70-80lbs 200.00-290.00.

Utility: 100-120lbs Not tested; 90-100lbs 72.50-120.00; 80-90lbs 70.00-200.00; 70-80lbs 60.00-127.50.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: Not tested.

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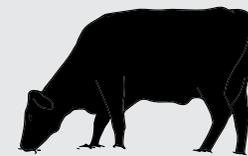
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- KUHN EL62-180 ROTOTILLER - 70 inches; Heavy Duty, Commercial, Industrial machine with 20-30 hours on it. Retail for \$5,500. Asking \$3,000 or B.O. (8/15)
- Pequea flare top kicker rack asking \$2500 2 Hay elevators 16' and 20', w/ motors, asking \$500 and \$600. Drive unit for Jamesway Shuttlestroke gutter cleaner w/ motor, make an offer! Butternuts, too. The Corse Farm Dairy, Whitingham, 802-368-7192 before 8 PM, leave message. (8/15)
- For sale Richardson 700 side dump wagon on flotation tires-operates like new-oiled and under cover \$11,000.00. Gehl CB 865 Chopper and 2 heads, 1000 PTO Tandems Electric controls Good shape \$7500.00. Bale Basket Good Shape \$2500.00 Fairlee 802-333-4840 (8/15)
- Allis Chalmers 185, 75 hp, low hours, new tires and rims, good transmission, \$7500. Allis Chalmers 180 with Allied loader, 65 hp, wheel weights, 3 pt hitch cement weight, new tires and rims, good transmission, \$7500. Contact 802-848-3885 or fleuryrmaple@hughes.net. (9/15)
- NI 5209- 9' Disk mower/cond..\$5500. NH 408- 8' Disk mower/cond..\$5500. NH 256 Rake w/dolly wheels, exc...\$2150. NH 310 Baler- nice...\$3800. Several Harrows & Plows- 3btm plows/ 8-10' Disk har/ 16'-3ph Spr tooth har-\$850. Each. Woods 6' Finish mower- 3ph-Used only 1 yr..\$1650. Woods 5' Finish mower- 3ph..\$750. 802-376-5262 www.youngsmilkywayfarm.com (9/15)
- 1979 F-700, 2 1/2 ton Ford Dump Truck. Very good tin, very good tires. Needs Alternator and break line, and it will need a fuel pump. Hear it run. Make good farm truck. \$600.00. 802.222.5123. (9/15)
- 2 Trelleborg radial tractor tires 9.5 x 24 like new. \$450. 72" JD 540 utility bucket for 5000 tractors worn \$200.00. 1 set JD 3 point hitch link arms for 5000 series tractors, new unused \$150.00. Call Mark 802-879-0391 Westford (9/15)
- Gehl CB865 Chopper and 2 Heads;1000 PTO; TANDEMSELECTRIC CONTROLS;GOOD SHAPE \$7500 Fairlee-3334840 NOTE___ Replaces add starting Richardson 700 -Steve (9/15)
- Anderson RB 9000 inline bale wrapper. Really beautiful condition, ready to work. \$17,000. 110 tlb with backhoe. \$20,500. Nice shape. email pete@petesgreens.com for photos of either. (9/15)
- Attention veggie farmers. Demaitere NM89-30 soil blocker with seeder and vermiculite applicator, very little use. These are very hard to find in the U.S. \$13,000. Email pete@petesgreens.com for photos. (9/15)
- 1988 Ford 2110 Tractor, 4x4, Loader, 3 point hitch, good tires, 2575 hours, runs and works well, has been well maintained. \$11750 o.b.o. Double ring chains are included with the tractor. Please call 603 252 0063 (9/15)
- JD 346 baler w#30 ejector, 2 steel 9'x8' hay wagons, 40' hay elevator, 100' hay mow elevator w/hangers & diverters. Call 802-438-5720 (9/15)
- Kubota tractor m9000 cab 2wd 3800hrs \$15000. H&S manure spreader 175 bushel 2yrs old \$5000. New Holland #790 2 heads very good \$5500. 802-472-5022 (9/15)
- 28 ft Hay elevator excellent condition. 82 ft Hay elevator New Holland. 9 to 10 ton grain bin excellent shape. 11 to 12 ton grain bin good shape. International corn planter 56 excellent shape. 7.5 Horse power universal pump good shape. 802-895-4683 (9/15)
- New Holland 892 Chopper both hay and two row corn heads. International NO 56 silo blower short hopper with auger feed. For price 802-372-4513 (9/15)
- Deerborn 3 pt site delivery rake with extra new teeth \$600 OBO. New Idea pull type side delivery rake needs some new teeth \$600 OBO 802-254-6982 (9/15)
- Int 826 4 new tires \$6500. Int 140 cultivation plow harrows loader \$125000. Pettibone super 10 cary lift \$7000. 9 ton equ trl \$1000. JD 2 beater wagon \$1000. 2008 load max trl 12 ton \$7000. 802-948-2627. (9/15)
- 2 wheel horse harrow excellent shape \$150. Mitsubishi sap or water pump 1" 1742 gals PH \$100. 015 Stile chainsaw 90. 802-674-5044 after 5. (9/15)
- 1971 John Deere 2520. 65-70 HP. In Excellent Shape. Asking \$8,500. Phone: 802-377 - 5455 (9/15)
- Rear utility box for a 3 pt hitch. Welded steel frame, pressure treated wood bed & sides, very rugged & like new, \$395. Call 802-685-3321 evenings. (10/15)
- 1 revolving rake \$150. 1 kuhn knight 5127 TR verticle maxx mixer \$8500. 3 round metal hay feeders \$75 each. 802-222-4547 (10/15)
- Agri-metal 530 feed cart good working condition. Best offer. 802-948-2767. (10/15)
- JD Hay elevator 28' new chain \$650. 802-276-3385 (10/15)
- Two fifty Ford Diesel truck with nine foot cooler freezer box, equipped with ThermomKing Cooling Unit. Runs off the truck or by plugging into one ten. Makes good storage unit as well as for delivering. Unit can controls. Whole outfit

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truck and all is in excellent condition and works very well. 802-472-6308 (10/15)

1952 super C tractor with 2 bottom plow and cultivator and a 1945 super A with mower and one bottom plow. Best offer. 802-287-9063 (10/15)

Two JD 2 cylinder tractors. JD 520- tricycle front end in running condition, asking \$2400 OBO. JD 720 wide front end in running condition, asking \$4400 OBO. 80-249-1206 (10/15)

Pioneer Forecart in good condition. Two farm seats, drum brakes, good tires. Braintree, VT \$750 OBRO. Call 802-578-7956. (10/15)

14T John Deere baler, w/extra parts baler, new knotter, power take off driven, good shape. \$2500 or OBO. NH cutter crimper, 7 ft., rolls decent shape. 2 extra cutter bars. \$1400 or OBO. 802-875-3659, evenings best. (10/15)

1995 ford Tractor with Bucket Loader. Model 1715. 1.099 running hours. Extras: roof, 2" teeth for Bucket, Wheel Chains. \$6,000 firm 247-3124 (10/15)

7.5 HP Universal variable Speed Vacuum Pump model 306364 (Suterbilt Pump) new 11/2005

Used for 7.5 years Asking \$4500 Call Roger Wood 802-695-8818 in Concord, Vermont (10/15)

ORIGINAL PLANET JR. WHEEL HOE, in excellent condition, made in USA, used during the WWII "Victory Garden" era, with all of its parts: pair of sweeps, pair of plows, 12" oscillating attachment. Today's reproduction costs \$324. Asking \$195 for Planet Jr. Call 802-948-2211. (10/15)

Farm & Farmland

Organic Farm Middlebury, 13 acres, open sandy, loam soil. Fully fenced New barn 36x48. 10 yr old 1600' modular home with recording studio in basement. Beautiful setting, ideal for organic livestock, vineyard, berries,

dairy or horses 802-989-2171 (8/15)

Farmhouse, 110 acres, 320' west facing Lake Champlain frontage. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, in-law apartment. Hayfield, pasture, woodlot. Could be certified organic. 120' cow barn with some equipment. Great homestead or agri-business. \$495,000. Isle LaMotte 802-928-3480 or atmaas@gmail.com (8/15)

Farm for Sale in Granville, VT - 48 acres - includes 40 acres tillage. House, tool shed and barn. Land protected by conservation easement and option to purchase at ag value. Vermont Land Trust seeks buyers who will farm commercially. \$190,000. Call (802) 533-7705 or www.vlt.org/bagleyfarm (8/15)

MR Harvest Farm for Sale-16 acres. Organic Market Farm. Ready to go with equipment. Large Pole Barn, 2 large coolers, prep-room, 5 hoopouses and more. Impressive revenue. Grand Isle. Call Tom at 802-372-8922 or email tom@mrharvest.com (9/15)

Farm for Sale or Lease in Randolph, VT - 93 acres - includes 50 acres productive hay and pasture land. Duplex farmhouse, dairy barn, sheds. Land protected by conservation easement and option to purchase at ag value. Vermont Land Trust seeks buyers who will farm commercially. Call (802) 533-7705 or www.vlt.org/greenacres (10/15)

General

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

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

Border Collie puppies. 5 female and 2 male. 5 black and white and 2 red and white. They will have their first round of shots before they go. We have both parents. \$400.00 each Terry Bruce 802-342-0612. (8/15)

Cheese plant for sale. 50 gal vat

pasteurizer, cheese vat and all equipment. Plant ran on low pressure steam. 802-755-6349 or kkirchner@hughes.net \$18,500 SOLD Only as a complete unit.

The original DR Power wagon with sulky and extra bed (they no longer sell) elec start 6.75 engine. Runs just as strong as ever, \$1000. 802-635-7027 (8/15)

Firewood mixed hardwoods 4 foot length \$150.00 a cord picked up. Please call 603 256 8422 (8/15)

Timbers for a 24' x 28' building located in Peru, Vt. Asking 3750.00 or best offer, cutting available. Also have a snow roller we used for sleigh ride trails. 400.00. 802 297 1468 or 802 855 1939 (9/15)

GARLAND ELECTRIC STOVE -6 burner, 2 ovens. Great for sugar house or camp. \$100; aluminum 14 gallon gas fuel tank; 27"x18"x72 " \$50; goulds 20 gallon pressure tank - 32" x19 " with jet pump on top \$100: Call 802-948-2211 (10/15)

Hay, Feed & Forage

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

Square Baled Hay. 2015 crop. Excellent quality, mixed grass with some clover. \$3/bale in the field. \$4/bale in the barn. South Woodstock, 802-457-3779. (9/15)

ADDISON COUNTY

Excellent hay, small square bales \$3.85 per bale. Delivery possible. New Haven 802-377 - 5455 (9/15)

2015 crop. 1st and 2nd cut wrapped round bales. 1st and 2nd cut dry round bales. 2nd cut small square bales. Delivery available anywhere. Thanks Jim 802-342-1131 (10/15)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Good quality first and second cut hay and organic first and second cut. Straw and 9 day Large and small squares bales whole or pressed by bales at farm we load or direct delivery by trailer load. 802-844-



6266 (10/15)

Goats

Portable goat milking stand 24"x48". 2 pieces, folds for transport, expanded metal, like new \$220. 802-755-6349 (8/15)

Nubian X Alpine goats for sale from small organic herd with top milking lines. Healthy, handsome black with white markings and horns: sweet-heart yearling buck; yearling doe; two year old mother and April daughter combo; April buckling. Penelope 802-723-4014 (9/15)

Horses & Other Equine

Draft horse equipment for sale. Pioneer forecart, \$800. Pioneer forecart with logging arch, \$1500, Pequa 80 bushel ground driven spreader, \$3500, I&J one row draft cultivator, \$1200. (802) 434-7732 (8/15)

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

Connemara Cross mare - 14.2 hands, 13 years. Bay-English/



Western- good on trails-dislike ring work! Easy keeper-nice manners. Calm on trails in company. Make an offer. lsreuther@gmail.com 802-483-9321 (8/15)

Horse Equipment

24 yy 15.3 h Molly Mule out walks most horses, easy keeper will get along with most horses, donkeys, not crazy about sheep. Not for an inexperienced rider. Loads good for farrier, vet utd shots \$550 OBO. 802-353-8656 have-wool@gmail.com (8/5)

Antique cutter sleigh in parts and pieces. Great restoration project. lsreuther@gmail.com 802-483-9321 (8/15)

For Sale: 1976 Hartman 2 horse trailer. Good condition, stored under cover in Chelsea, inspected.

Asking \$1000. David Childs, Orange. 476-6748 or email dsamchilds@aol.com. (8/15)

Poultry & Rabbits

Dwarf baby rabbits, aged 4 1/2 months. Males and females, brown and white with brown markings. Accustomed to being handled by children. \$20 each or two for \$35. Call 802-235-1133 or email orchardnubians@aol.com (8/15)

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Sheep

Sheep flock of 4 Ewes, 1

Ram Tunis Breed, 3 yrs old
\$1,200.00 802-728-6077
(8/15)

Katahdin ewe with 2 ewe

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

Reg Border Leicester 4 yr old

halter broke ram \$250. OBO
802-375-5795 (8/15)

Electric sheep shears, very little

use, comes with carrying case and extra blade \$300 new asking \$150. 802-635-7027
(8/15)

2 yr. old proven registered

shetland ram (fawn color). 2

yr. old twin borderleicester/

shetland wethers Fritz and Franklin. Noah 1 yr. old borderleicester/cormo/shetland wether. Norman 1 yr. old black/white spotted borderleicester/shetland wether. 3 month old white shetland ram lamb, 3 month old twin gulmoget ram lambs, 3 month old chocolate merino/shetland ram lamb. Call or e-mail for more information or pictures. Maybelle Farm LLC, 14 Melbourne Rd. Wardsboro, Vt. 802-896-6218, 896-6013, or maybelle-farm@gmail.com (10/15)

Jacob Sheep - From the original imported Jacob's Ladder flock. Several ewes, rams, and lambs. \$250-\$400. Call 802-897-7861 or email: hescock@sover.net or visit: www.jacob-sladdersheep.com (10/15)

Sugaring Equipment

Leader 4x12" arch stake gri-man woodsaver blower, also Leader preheater to fit 4x7 flue pans. Best offer. Used 2015 season pans. 802-948-2767 (10/15)

40" x 5' Leader Stainless front pans \$400 802-276-3385 (10/15)

Purebred Corriedale sheep flock. All young stock from championship bloodlines. Excellent fleeces, with very large, fast-growing lambs. (200 pounds at twelve months). 10 ewes; 10 lambs; 1 ram. Very healthy, well-conditioned animals. Must sell for health. \$4,900 OBO (802) 673-4852 (10/15)

Wanted

Two row disc style (as opposed to shovel style) corn planter

in good condition with additional plates for corn and various beans 802-316-7815 (8/15)

In fair shape -not too rusty "York rake" for small team of equines 4x6 or 4x8 802-353-8656 (8/15)

1000 Gallon Fuel tank on skids. Must be in good shape Starksboro 802 453 2918 (8/15)

I need a wood splitter capable of splitting 30" minimum blocks for sugaring. PTO or gas-powered acceptable. Please reply at ablaifall@yahoo.com or text 802-356-1086. No voicemail. Thanks! (8/15)

Wanted: Used 16 foot silo unloader in good working condition Wanted 300 feet

of Jamesway gutter cleaner chain in good condition. Phone 802-746-8979 Robert Ketchum (9/15)

Small to medium PTO or belt driven corn sheller. 802-316-7815 (9/15)

Mccormick 100 manure spreader in decent shape, does not have to be working.) phone # is 802-765-4823 (9/15)

5' horse-drawn single-action disc harrow with 15-16" discs, can be with tongue or with draw bar to tow behind forecart. Call 802-436-1448 or email fjordworks@yahoo.com (10/15)

McCormick-Deering 100 manure spreader in descent shape, does not have to be working. Call or email. (802) 765-4823Chevydp@aol.com (10/15)

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both in taste and numbers, partially because we've had some hot, sunny weather during ripening. We had one stretch of cooler, rainier days and the taste definitely dropped off. Peppers are looking good. The summer-bearing raspberries produced well, and the fall crop is starting to take shape. Not a crazy amount of Japanese beetles here, interested in how bad the pressure is on other people's raspberries. Markets seem strong. Great time at the Farmer Olympics last Wednesday at Maple Wind Farm! Thanks to NOFA and other organizers for putting on a great event.

(Plainfield NH) Recent rains have lessened the drought conditions as we continue late seedings and transplanting for fall. Weather was tough this year; we never really recovered from the very dry spring. Strawberries were doing well until six days of greasy,

damp conditions helped the Botrytis and Anthracnose bloom. Close picking by the field crew helped in keeping later fruit clean and marketable. A light blueberry crop (50%) this year, due to much winter injury. Wholesale sales down a bit from years past, but farmstand sales remain strong, Weather this year got us behind in doing things in a "timely" fashion. Weeds got ahead, and field crew worked too many hours just trying to keep things in some sort of balance. Insect pressure a bit lighter for us this year. Trying to maintain enough protectant sprays to keep foliage healthy on fall crops. Have missed some violent thunderstorms the last couple of weeks, but some of my nearby farmer friends have not been so lucky.

(Newburyport MA) Good weather, good crops, good sales, but OH THE WEEDS! So busy with harvesting and sales we just can't get to the weeds.

Update From The UVM Plant Diagnostic Clinic

by Ann Hazelrigg

Allium-Continue to see damage from onion leek moth. One suspected larvae was tunneling around a garlic bulb. <http://web.entomology.cornell.edu/shelton/leek-moth/description.html>

Seeing all the usual suspects on onion crops including: Botrytis, Alternaria and thrips. Cornell is going to offer an Allium school in Vermont and New York (Albany area) sometime in September in the late afternoon and will discuss all things onion, including latest findings on leek moth. Date and location has not been selected yet. We will send out the info when we get it.

Brassics-Continue to see damage from black rot in kale, Brussels sprouts, etc. Look for V-shaped yellow lesion on leaf edges. http://vegetablemndonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Crucifers_BR.htm

Leaf spots (many fungi) are picking up on fall

plantings. Be sure to remove any earlier plantings to get rid of any extra inoculum.

Cucurbits-Downy mildew has been ID'd in Massachusetts. This fungus-like organism blows in on storm fronts and wipes out crops (melon, squash, pumpkin, cukes) quickly. If you have lost your late cuke planting in the past, it is likely this disease. Look for yellow spots on upper leaf surface, somewhat angular, with dirty-looking spores on undersides. <https://ag.umass.edu/fact-sheets/cucurbits-downy-mildew>

You can track progress of the disease here <http://cdm.ipmpipe.org/scripts/map.php>

Till under old plantings and keep leaf tissue protected with fungicides.

For latest fungicide recommendations go to: <https://nevegetable.org/crops/disease-control-7>

Watch for plectosporium on pumpkins, summer squash, zucchini and gourds. <https://ag.umass.edu/fact-sheets/cucurbits-plectosporium>

White flecking should be obvious on stems and they

become very brittle. Scab may be on the increase due to rains on summer squash, melons, watermelon and pumpkins. Look for small sunken holes in fruit with greenish sporulation on fruits. <http://ag.umass.edu/fact-sheets/cucurbits-scab>

Control by rotation and fungicides before fruiting.

Solanaceae- Early blight and Septoria are prevalent on lower tomato leaves. Keep up fertility to help the plants 'outrun' the disease. Just ID'd late blight on tomato in Monkton and Bristol. Early blight and hopper burn common on early potatoes. Black cankers caused by Fusarium spp. diagnosed on wilting peppers. Also, just diagnosed the first case of bacterial canker in pepper in the state. This very serious disease also attacks tomato and can quickly wipe out a high tunnel. http://vegetablemndonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Tomato_Bacterial.htm

For help with a diagnosis, contact the UVM Plant Diagnostic Clinic: 656-0493 or ann.hazelrigg@uvm.edu

Buy Local Market

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importance of local food, community, and workplace wellness. A band of musically-inclined Agency of Agriculture employees entertained the crowd as the Agency's mascot, "Clover the Cow," posed for photos with young shoppers.

"We are so pleased by terrific turn-out for our first summertime Buy Local Market," said VAAFM's Local Foods Administrator, Abbey Willard. "Both farmers and shoppers have been very positive about their experience, even in the midst of some unpredictable weather. We hope to make this an annual event!"

The State's Local Food Wellness and Consumer Awareness is an effort born out of Act 38 (2007) and Title 6 (2011), which aimed to increase the amount of local food procured by Vermont institutions in an effort to create opportunities for local farmers. Since then, the program has evolved to include employee wellness.

The goals of the program include:

- Connecting farmers to state employees as a new



Driscoll Sinnott contemplates the merits of his pepper purchase. Below, Pam Bockes (guitar), Linda Young (harp), and Susan Reid (fiddle) entertain the crowd.

- Increasing state employees' access to local food
- Improving workplace wellness through better nutrition
- Increasing Ag Literacy (an understanding and appreciation for how food is produced) among state employees

As part of this initiative, the Agency of Agriculture launched the first State of Vermont Workplace CSA, connecting farmers and state employees and enabling deliveries of fresh, local food to worksites across the state. Program administrators

have also worked to increase local purchasing in state government, and to provide employees with resources to connect with farmers in their home communities. VAAFM also organizes an annual wintertime Buy Local Market each January as part of the Farm Show at the Chaplain Valley Exposition.

For more information about the Agency of Agriculture's efforts to support local farmers and increase consumption of local food, visit http://agriculture.vermont.gov/producer_partner_resources/market_access_development



A happy shopper shows off her purchase.



The Vermont Agency of Agriculture's Abbey Willard is interviewed at the Buy Local Market by John Dillon, news director for Vermont Public Radio.

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