

Agriculture Recovery Task Force

Meeting #1

Tuesday August 8th, 2023

10:00am – 11:00am EST

The Agriculture Recovery Task Force will coordinate recovery efforts for Vermont's agriculture and food system in response to the 2023 severe weather and flooding disasters. The task force will coordinate with Vermont Emergency Management and the State Emergency Operations Center.

Charge:

- Identify key priorities through community engagement and subject matter experts.
- Coordinate implementation strategy proposals that support Vermont farmers in recovering lost revenue and assets.
- Communicate critical needs of Vermont's food system to State and Federal policy makers.

Co- Chair – Nicole Dubuque – Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Co-Chair – Roy Beckford – University of Vermont Extension

Agenda:

10:00am – 10:15am – Introductions

10:15am – 10:20am – Review charge/purpose

10:20am – 10:50am – Identify Key Priorities

10:50am – 11:00am – Next Steps

Agriculture Recovery Task Force Members		
Organization	Representative	Supporting staff
VT Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets	Anson Tebbetts Nicole Dubuque (co-chair)	Abbey Willard Nina Gage Steve Collier
VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development	Lindsay Kurrle	
US Small Business Administration	Darcy Carter	
VT Agency of Natural Resources	Julie Moore	Marli Rupe
VT Association of Conservation Districts	Jill Arace	Jennifer Byrne
Vermont Emergency Management	Ben Rose	Stephanie A. Smith
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Terry Hermins	Damian Miller
University of Vermont Extension	Roy Beckford (co-chair)	Dan Lerner
VT Farm and Forest Viability Program, VHCB	Liz Gleason	Mariah Noth
VT Farm to Plate, VSJF	Ellen Kahler	Jake Claro
VT Farm Bureau	Tommy O'Connor	Joe Tisbert
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont	Grace Oedel	
USDA Farm Service Agency	John Roberts	Eileen Powers
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Travis Thomason	
USDA Rural Development	Sarah Waring	