

## **16 - LEARNING ABOUT AGRICULTURE**

There are many ways you can learn about NH agriculture whether you are new to the ag industry or would like to broaden your ag knowledge base. UNH Cooperative Extension holds a variety of workshops and events year-round and are a great place to start your search for learning. See sheet “17 - UNH Cooperative Extension” for more information about the extension service. If you are interested in a college degree program, the University of New Hampshire is a land-grant university and has many programs of study related to agriculture. There are also other universities in the Northeast with agricultural programs and you are sure to get an excellent education from them all.

Other ways you can learn about what’s going on in NH agriculture are workshops and events put on by agricultural industry groups. See sheet “21 - Networking and Opportunities” to look into an organization that you could join and participate in their events.



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**Website:** <http://extension.unh.edu/>

**Workshops & Events:** <http://extension.unh.edu/events/index.cfm>

### UNH Cooperative Extension Offices

Belknap County.....	603-527-5475
Carroll County.....	603-447-3834
Cheshire County.....	603-352-4550
Coos County.....	603-788-4961
Grafton County.....	603-787-6944
Hillsborough County.....	603-641-6060
Merrimack County.....	603-796-2151
Rockingham County.....	603-679-5616
Strafford County.....	603-749-4445
Sullivan County.....	603-863-9200
NH State Office.....	603-862-1520
Education Center & Info Line..	1-877-398-4769

### Problem Diagnosis and Testing Services

**Soil Testing:** UNH CE been provides soil analysis and nutrient recommendations to researchers, farmers and homeowners. Forms, test descriptions and cost, contact information, and directions on how to take a sample can all be found on their soil testing page. There is a cost for this service. <http://extension.unh.edu/Problem-Diagnosis-and-Testing-Services/Soil-Testing>

**Insect Identification:** The UNH Arthropod Identification Center identifies all insects. Samples can be submitted by mail, or in person. View their website for the submission form. There is a cost for this service. <http://extension.unh.edu/Problem-Diagnosis-and-Testing-Services/Insect-Identification-Service>

**Plant Diagnostic Lab:** The diagnostic services offered by the Lab include identification of plant pathogens, stress-related disorders, and pests. The submission form is on their website and there is a cost for this service. <http://extension.unh.edu/Problem-Diagnosis-and-Testing-Services/Plant-Diagnostic-Lab-Plant-Health-Program>

**Veterinary Diagnostic Lab:** The NHVDL has identified and selected some testing of agricultural importance that can be offered directly to agricultural producers. Testing information and submission forms are on their website. There are costs for their services. <http://www.nhvdل.unh.edu/tests-fees-forms>

### Agricultural Sectors of UNH CE:

- Agriculture Business
- Dairy, Livestock & Poultry
- Field & Forage Crops
- Fruit & Vegetable Production
- Greenhouse & Floriculture
- Integrated Pest Management
- Nursery & Landscape
- Pesticide Safety Education Program
- 4-H/Youth & Family

The UNH Cooperative Extension Agricultural team offers a wide array of workshops & conferences, research and diagnostic services. They also have many newsletters and listservs that you can sign up and receive. Visit their website for more info on these programs: <http://extension.unh.edu/Agriculture>

# 18 - STATE AND FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS

## NH State Agencies

Agency	Description	Contact	Helpful Hints For Farmers
<b>NH Department of Agriculture, Markets &amp; Food (NHDAMF)</b>	Mission: To promote agriculture in the public interest and to serve farmers and consumers in the marketplace. The department assures safe and healthy food supplies, provides accurate information on prices and availability of farm commodities and crops and develops markets for the state's farmers.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/">http://agriculture.nh.gov/</a>	They publish the Weekly Market Bulletin. They have a list of laws and rules pertaining to NH agriculture all in one place. They are a wonderful resource for NH ag related topics.
<b>Division of Agricultural Development</b>	The NHDAMF Division of Agricultural Development works to inform the public of the value of the New Hampshire agricultural industry, including understanding the diversity of businesses and products and to encourage the purchase of local agricultural products.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/agricultural-development/index.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/agricultural-development/index.htm</a>	They are the link between producers and consumers. They publish brochures that you can put your NH farm in that gets distributed around the state.
<b>Division of Animal Industry</b>	The NHDAMF Division of Animal Industry is responsible for the control and eradication of contagious and infectious diseases of livestock and poultry in the state.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/animal-industry/index.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/animal-industry/index.htm</a>	Livestock and poultry licensing, etc.
<b>Division of Pesticide Control</b>	The NHDAMF Division of Pesticide Control works to ensure the safe and proper use of pesticides.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/pesticide-control/index.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/pesticide-control/index.htm</a>	Start here to get your pesticide applicator license and answer questions about pesticide application.
<b>Division of Plant Industry</b>	The NHDAMF Division of Plant Industry mission is to curtail the spread of invasive insects, plants, and pathogens that may negatively impact the agricultural, natural, and human ecosystems in the State of New Hampshire.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant-industry/index.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant-industry/index.htm</a>	Resource for all plant industry licensing and pest control
<b>Division of Regulatory Services</b>	The NHDAMF Division of Regulatory Services is responsible for assuring compliance with New Hampshire laws and Department administrative rules governing the marketing of certain farm commodities.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/index.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/index.htm</a>	Go here for questions about FSMA, GAP Certification, Organic Certification and more.

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<b>Division of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	The NHDAMF Division of Weights and Measures responsibilities include regulating commodities sold by weight or measure in state commerce, striving to ensure and promote accuracy and equity in the marketplace for both consumers and businesses, as well as the licensing of registered service technicians, weighmasters, and commercial devices.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/weights-measures/index.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/weights-measures/index.htm</a>	Go here to register your scales with the state and have them inspected. They hold scale clinics every spring so that you can be up-to-date with your registration.
<b>NH Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>	DHHS is responsible for the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire.	<a href="http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/">http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/</a>	Get information about the homestead food license or about milk sanitation license.
<b>NH Department of Labor</b>	The Department of Labor monitors employers, workers' compensation, and insurance carriers to insure that they are in compliance with New Hampshire labor laws.	<a href="http://www.nh.gov/labor/">http://www.nh.gov/labor/</a>	View labor rules pertaining to agriculture.
<b>NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT)</b>	Mission: DOT strives to maintain a reliable multi-modal transportation system that protects the environment and ensures safe and efficient travel options for residents, businesses, and visitors.	<a href="https://www.nh.gov/dot/">https://www.nh.gov/dot/</a>	Start here to get an EZPass for NH highways. Link to current traffic patterns in the state.
<b>NH Division of Motor Vehicles (NH DMV)</b>	Mission: To enhance public safety on the roadways of New Hampshire by ensuring that our drivers, vehicles, and service providers are properly credentialed and by providing resources for the maintenance of our roadway infrastructure.	<a href="https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/">https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/</a>	Go here to register your farm vehicles, answer questions about farm & ag plates, and get your driver's license. There are locations all over the state that you can visit.
<b>NH Employment Security (NHES)</b>	NHES has 13 local offices located across the state to provide services to job seekers and employers.	<a href="http://www.nhes.nh.gov/">http://www.nhes.nh.gov/</a>	Go here to fill out paperwork for your employees.
<b>NH Fish and Game Department</b>	Guardian of the state's fish, wildlife, and marine resources.	<a href="http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/">http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/</a>	Go here for your hunting and fishing licenses.
<b>NH General Court</b>	NH General Court website has links to the NH House of Representatives and the NH State Senate, as well as all information on current and past NH legislation.	<a href="http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/default.htm">http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/default.htm</a>	View any bill and its text that is currently in the legislature.
<b>Who's Who in NH Agriculture</b>	A booklet of contacts for NH agricultural agencies and organizations published by NHDAMF every year.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/whos-who.pdf">http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/whos-who.pdf</a>	Booklet that has contacts for many agricultural organizations that may not be listed in this publication.

## Federal Agencies

Agency	Description	Contact
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)</b>	The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on public policy, the best available science, and effective management. It is made up of 29 agencies and offices with nearly 100,000 employees who serve the American people at more than 4,500 locations across the country and abroad.	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/">http://www.usda.gov/</a>
<b>USDA Animal &amp; Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)</b>	APHIS is a multi-faceted Agency with a broad mission area that includes protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, regulating genetically engineered organisms, administering the Animal Welfare Act and carrying out wildlife damage management activities.	<a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/</a>
<b>USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)</b>	Mission: To equitably serve all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.	<a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nh">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nh</a>
<b>USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)</b>	NASS conducts hundreds of surveys every year and prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture. Production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm finances, chemical use, and changes in the demographics of U.S. producers are only a few examples.	<a href="http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics%20by%20State/New%20Hampshire/">http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/New Hampshire/</a>
<b>USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</b>	Mission: To provide leadership and administer programs to help people conserve, improve, and sustain our natural resources and environment.	<a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/nh/home/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/nh/home/</a>
<b>USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA)</b>	RMA operates and manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). RMA, through FCIC, provides crop insurance to American farmers and ranchers.	<a href="http://www.rma.usda.gov/">http://www.rma.usda.gov/</a>

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<p><b>U.S. Department of Labor</b></p>	<p>Mission: To foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.dol.gov/">http://www.dol.gov/</a></p>
<p><b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b></p>	<p>Mission: To protect human health and the environment.</p>	<p><a href="http://www3.epa.gov/">http://www3.epa.gov/</a></p>
<p><b>U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)</b></p>	<p>FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation’s food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.fda.gov/">http://www.fda.gov/</a></p>
<p><b>Internal Revenue Service (IRS)</b></p>	<p>The Internal Revenue Service is the nation's tax collection agency and administers the Internal Revenue Code enacted by Congress.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.irs.gov/">https://www.irs.gov/</a></p>

## 19 - PROGRAM FUNDING & GRANTS

### The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)

The FSA provides direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. Each fiscal year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loan funds to beginning farmers and ranchers.

You are encouraged to contact your local FSA Office for more details on this loan program, as well as others.

Find out more information about their loans here: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index>

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	Phone Number
NH FSA State Office	603-224-7941
Cheshire-Sullivan County Office	603-756-2970 ext. 2
Coos-Carroll County Office	603-788-4602 ext. 2
Grafton County Office	603-747-3751 ext. 2
Hillsborough County Office	603-673-1222 ext. 2
Merrimack-Belknap County Office	603-223-6003
Rockingham-Strafford County Office	603-679-4656 ext. 2

### USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is the country's largest conservation agency, encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on the 70 percent of America's lands that are in private hands.

NRCS provides technical guidance and financial assistance to solve natural resources problems.

You are encouraged to contact your local NRCS Office for more details on their programs. The state office phone number is (603) 878-7581. Visit this website to find a contact in your county: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nh/contact/>

## Grant Opportunities for Farmers

An increasing number of grant programs are available to farmers from federal or state sources each with specific objectives. Grants fall into the three general types:

1. Grants for business planning, adding value and increasing farm viability
2. Grants for on-farm research and demonstration projects that are mostly production oriented though some include marketing demonstration projects
3. Grants for farm energy conservation, alternative energy, environmental protection/conservation and waste management

Grants are never available to start a farm and are not a reliable strategy for growing your business. Grants may enable you to expand a particular aspect of your business to make your operation more viable or provide funding to try a new practice on your farm.

Grants are highly competitive so apply only if the project you are proposing clearly meets the grantor’s objectives. Always find out what kinds of projects were funded in the past to determine if your project is in line with what has been funded. ([Guide to Farming in NY](#))

### The Following is a list of Grant Resources for Farmers:

Source	Description	Contact
<b>New Hampshire</b>		
NHDAMF Agricultural Mini-Grant Program	The Agricultural Promotion Mini-Grant Program offers matching grants of up to \$1,000 to organizations that wish to conduct a project focused on promoting New Hampshire agriculture. Grant recipients are selected from a pool of qualified applicants.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/agricultural-development/grant-program.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/agricultural-development/grant-program.htm</a>
NHDAMF Specialty Crop Block Grant Program	NHDAMF is eligible to receive funding from the USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) under the annual Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP). The NHDAMF offers eligible NH organizations the opportunity to apply for a portion of these funds to conduct projects that benefit New Hampshire Specialty Crops.	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/agricultural-development/grant-program.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/agricultural-development/grant-program.htm</a>
<b>Federal</b>		
<b>Grants.gov</b>	<b>Grants.gov is your place to FIND and APPLY for federal grants. You can search by industry or agency.</b>	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/home.html">http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/home.html</a>
ATTRA Funding Opportunities	This list features sustainable agriculture-related funding information updated weekly and searchable by date and keyword.	<a href="https://attra.ncat.org/calendar/funding.php">https://attra.ncat.org/calendar/funding.php</a>



Fund-A-Farmer	FACT's Fund-a-Farmer Project provides small grants to qualifying humane farmers who need assistance in improving the welfare of their farm animals.	<a href="http://www.fundafarmer.org/">http://www.fundafarmer.org/</a>
Northeast SARE	Grant types: Research & Education Grant, Partnership Grant, Farmer Grant, Professional Development Grant, Graduate Student Grant, and Agroecosystems Research Grants. Applications are typically due in November and awards will be granted the following spring/summer.	<a href="http://www.nesare.org/Grants">http://www.nesare.org/Grants</a>
NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)	The Conservation Innovation Grant program (CIG) is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production.	<a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nh/programs/financial/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nh/programs/financial/</a>
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service	The Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) offers grant funds with a 25% match to support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises.	<a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp">https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp</a>
USDA Rural Development	USDA provides funding opportunities for rural small businesses through loans, loan guarantees, and grants. Apply for the Value Added Producer Grant here.	<a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/programs-services-businesses">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/programs-services-businesses</a>

## 20 - OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FARMERS

Topic	Website
Manual of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agriculture in NH	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/bmp-manual.pdf">http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/bmp-manual.pdf</a>
Who's Who in NH Agriculture	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/whos-who.pdf">http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/whos-who.pdf</a>
U.S. Farm Bill	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=farmbill">http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=farmbill</a>
Web Soil Survey	<a href="http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm">http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm</a>
GAP – “Good Agricultural Practices”	<a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp">https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp</a>
GAP - NHDAMF	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/gap.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/gap.htm</a>
FSMA – Food Safety Modernization Act	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/food-safety.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/food-safety.htm</a>
NH Agricultural Mediation Program	<a href="http://nhamp.emcenter.org/">http://nhamp.emcenter.org/</a>
NH Farm to Restaurant Connection	<a href="http://www.nhfarmtorestaurant.com/resources/">http://www.nhfarmtorestaurant.com/resources/</a>
Farm to Institute New England (FINE) - Food Service Toolkit	<a href="http://www.farmtoinstitution.org/food-service-toolkit">http://www.farmtoinstitution.org/food-service-toolkit</a>
Tips for Keeping a Good Credit Score	<a href="http://www.consumerfinance.gov/askcfpb/318/how-do-i-get-and-keep-a-good-credit-score.html">http://www.consumerfinance.gov/askcfpb/318/how-do-i-get-and-keep-a-good-credit-score.html</a>

### Commodity Fact Sheets & Publications:

Commodity	Website
Dairy, Livestock & Poultry - UNHCE	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Dairy-Livestock-Poultry/Fact-Sheets-and-Publications">http://extension.unh.edu/Dairy-Livestock-Poultry/Fact-Sheets-and-Publications</a>
Field & Forage Crops - UNHCE	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Crops-Soils/Fact-Sheets-and-Publications">http://extension.unh.edu/Crops-Soils/Fact-Sheets-and-Publications</a>
Fruit & Vegetables - UNHCE	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Fruit-Vegetable-Production">http://extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Fruit-Vegetable-Production</a>
Greenhouse & Floriculture - UNHCE	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Greenhouse-Floriculture/Factsheets-and-Publications">http://extension.unh.edu/Greenhouse-Floriculture/Factsheets-and-Publications</a>
Nursery & Landscape - UNHCE	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Nursery-Landscape-Publications-Resources">http://extension.unh.edu/Nursery-Landscape-Publications-Resources</a>
Penn State Fact Sheets	<a href="http://extension.psu.edu/business/ag-alternatives">http://extension.psu.edu/business/ag-alternatives</a>
UMass Agriculture Resources	<a href="https://ag.umass.edu/resources/agriculture-resources">https://ag.umass.edu/resources/agriculture-resources</a>
UVM Extension Resources	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu/extension/agriculture/">http://www.uvm.edu/extension/agriculture/</a>

## 21 - NETWORKING & OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways you can network with other farmers and people with rural life interests in your area! From attending workshops and conferences, to visiting your neighbors and neighboring farms, and becoming a part of an agricultural organization, you are sure to meet lots of new friends and allies. See the list below of some of the great agricultural organizations in our state that you can participate in:

Organization	Description	Contact
<b>New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation</b>	The New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation is a membership organization dedicated to advocating for and educating the public about agriculture. NHFBF consists of more than 3,000 families, who are members of the ten organized county Farm Bureaus. By being a member of this “grassroots” organization you have direct access through your county Farm Bureau to establish state and national policy and direction. By working together, members turn Farm Bureau policies into legislative action, accomplishing together what would be impossible to do alone.	<a href="https://nhfarmbureau.org">https://nhfarmbureau.org</a>
<b>NH Farm Bureau Associated Women</b>	Any New Hampshire Farm Bureau woman member is eligible and encouraged to participate in the Associated Women. Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month and are moved around the state to accommodate participants and is a way to learn first-hand about our state’s agricultural diversity.	<a href="https://nhfarmbureau.org/associated-women/">https://nhfarmbureau.org/associated-women/</a>
<b>NH Young Farmers</b>	All agricultural enthusiasts and producers between the ages of 16 to 35, are encouraged to participate in the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Young Farmer program. It is a terrific way to meet others with similar interests in agriculture as well as provides many opportunities to develop professionally and personally. Meetings are held the third Friday of the month.	<a href="https://nhfarmbureau.org/membership/young-farmer-program/">https://nhfarmbureau.org/membership/young-farmer-program/</a>
<b>New Hampshire State Grange</b>	The Grange is, and has long been, the strongest sustained organizational force working effectively towards attaining a good and full life for all citizens of rural America.	<a href="http://www.nhgrange.org">http://www.nhgrange.org</a>
<b>New England Farmers Union</b>	New England Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic well-being and quality of life of family farmers, fishermen, foresters, nursery growers and consumers in all six New England states.	<a href="http://newenglandfarmersunion.org">http://newenglandfarmersunion.org</a>

Organization	Description	Contact
<b>New Hampshire Farmer's Market Association</b>	The mission of the NHFMA is to educate the general public on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle acquired through locally grown agricultural products. We are dedicated to helping consumers understand the economic, social and ecological benefits of this lifestyle for themselves as well as for local farmers, growers and producers.	<a href="http://www.nhfma.net">http://www.nhfma.net</a>
<b>NH Agriculture in the Classroom</b>	Our goal is increase the agricultural literacy of New Hampshire's youth. Educational materials help to integrate agriculture, food and natural resources into K-12 classrooms. By applying authentic agricultural examples to teach core curriculum concepts in science, social studies, math, language arts and nutrition, student awareness can be improved. These programs cultivate an understanding and appreciation of the food, fiber and fuel systems that we all depend upon every day.	<a href="http://www.nhagintheclass.org">http://www.nhagintheclass.org</a>
<b>NH Made</b>	New Hampshire's leading promoter of great products made in the state. NH MADE members often collaborate with one another, offer member-to-member discounts and camaraderie. NH MADE celebrates and member successes and offers members a chance to network with one another at annual Membership Mixers each year.	<a href="http://www.nhmade.com">http://www.nhmade.com</a>
<b>Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH (NOFA - NH)</b>	NOFA-NH helps farmers, land care professionals, gardeners, herbalists and consumers to GROW through education and collaboration; MARKET organic products and services; and CONNECT to cultivate consciousness and change.	<a href="http://nofanh.org">http://nofanh.org</a>
<b>Small &amp; Beginning Farmers</b>	Small and Beginner Farmers of New Hampshire is a farmer to farmer network with the goals of connecting farmers and the community, sharing ideas and information, and accessing technical assistance and agricultural education.	<a href="http://www.beginnerfarmers.org/">http://www.beginnerfarmers.org/</a>
<b>Town Agriculture Commissions</b>	The purpose of an agricultural commission is to protect agricultural lands, preserve rural character, provide a voice for farmers, and encourage agriculture-based businesses and activities.	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource002886_Rep4243.pdf">http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource002886_Rep4243.pdf</a>
<b>Who's Who in NH Agriculture</b>	A booklet of contacts for NH agricultural agencies and organizations published by NHDAMF every year. <b>**See this booklet for other organizations that may not be listed above or below.</b>	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/whos-who.pdf">http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/whos-who.pdf</a>

## Ag Industry/Producer Groups

Ag Industry	Organization	Contact
Aquaculture	NH Aquaculture Association	<a href="http://www.nhaquaculture.com/">http://www.nhaquaculture.com/</a>
Beekeeping	NH Beekeepers Association	<a href="http://nhbeekeepers.org">http://nhbeekeepers.org</a>
Christmas Trees	NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board	<a href="http://www.nhchristmastrees.com/">http://www.nhchristmastrees.com/</a>
Christmas Trees	NH/VT Christmas Tree Association	<a href="http://www.nh-vtchristmastree.org/">http://www.nh-vtchristmastree.org/</a>
Dairy	Granite State Dairy Promotion	<a href="http://www.nhdairypromo.org">http://www.nhdairypromo.org</a>
Dairy	New England Dairy Council	<a href="http://www.newenglanddairycouncil.org/">http://www.newenglanddairycouncil.org/</a>
Equine	NH Horse Council	<a href="http://www.nhorsecouncil.com/">http://www.nhorsecouncil.com/</a>
Equine	NH Horse & Trail Association	<a href="http://www.nhhta.org">http://www.nhhta.org</a>
Equine	NH Quarter Horse Association	<a href="http://www.nhgha.com">http://www.nhgha.com</a>
Forest Products	NH Timberland Owners Association	<a href="http://www.nhtoa.org">http://www.nhtoa.org</a>
Fruit Growers	NH Fruit Grower's Association	<a href="http://www.nhfruitgrowers.org">http://www.nhfruitgrowers.org</a>
Hogs	Northeast Pork Association	<a href="http://www.northeastpork.org/">http://www.northeastpork.org/</a>
Horticulture	NH Arborists Association	<a href="http://www.nharborists.org/">http://www.nharborists.org/</a>
Horticulture	NH Plant Growers Association	<a href="http://www.nhpga.org">http://www.nhpga.org</a>
Landscaping	NH Landscape Association	<a href="http://www.nhlaonline.org">http://www.nhlaonline.org</a>
Maple	NH Maple Producers Association, Inc.	<a href="http://www.nhmapleproducers.com/">http://www.nhmapleproducers.com/</a>
Sheep	NH Sheep & Wool Growers Association	<a href="http://www.nhswga.com">http://www.nhswga.com</a>
Winery/Grapes	NH Winery Association	<a href="http://www.nhwineryassociation.com">http://www.nhwineryassociation.com</a>

## Service Provider eNewsletters & Listservs

Newsletter	Sign-up Here
NH Greenhouse & Floriculture Newsletter	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Greenhouse-Floriculture">http://extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Greenhouse-Floriculture</a>
NH IPM Newsletter	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Newsletters-Email-Alerts">http://extension.unh.edu/Newsletters-Email-Alerts</a>
NH Nursery & Landscape Newsletter	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Nursery-Landscape">http://extension.unh.edu/Nursery-Landscape</a>
NH Vegetable & Fruit Newsletter and/or Listserv	<a href="http://extension.unh.edu/Newsletters-Email-Alerts">http://extension.unh.edu/Newsletters-Email-Alerts</a>
UMass Fruit & Berry Notes Newsletters	<a href="https://ag.umass.edu/fruit/subscribe-to-fruit-publications">https://ag.umass.edu/fruit/subscribe-to-fruit-publications</a>
UMass Vegetable Notes Newsletter	<a href="https://ag.umass.edu/vegetable/vegetable-notes/subscribe">https://ag.umass.edu/vegetable/vegetable-notes/subscribe</a>
USDA FSA Newsletter	<a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/New-Hampshire/newsletters/index">https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/New-Hampshire/newsletters/index</a>
USDA NRCS Newsletter	<a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nh/newsroom/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nh/newsroom/</a>
VT Vegetable and Berry News	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/?Page=newsletters.html">http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/?Page=newsletters.html</a>
Weekly Market Bulletin for NH	<a href="http://agriculture.nh.gov/market-bulletin/index.htm">http://agriculture.nh.gov/market-bulletin/index.htm</a>

## 22 - NATIONAL AND REGIONAL WEBSITES FOR NEW & BEGINNING FARMERS

New Farmer Programs	Website Link
Beginning Farmers	<a href="http://www.beginningfarmers.org">http://www.beginningfarmers.org</a>
Cornell Small Farms Program	<a href="http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/">http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/</a>
CT Agricultural Business Management Guide	<a href="http://www.ctplanningforagriculture.com/pdf/Index_Guide_Pdfs/CTAGBusinessManagementGuide.pdf">http://www.ctplanningforagriculture.com/pdf/Index_Guide_Pdfs/CTAGBusinessManagementGuide.pdf</a>
CT New Farmer Bucket List	<a href="http://newctfarmers.com/new-farmer-bucket-list/">http://newctfarmers.com/new-farmer-bucket-list/</a>
FarmAnswers.org	<a href="https://farmanswers.org/">https://farmanswers.org/</a>
Guide to Farming in New York	<a href="http://www.nebeginningfarmers.org/resources/guides/farming_guide/">http://www.nebeginningfarmers.org/resources/guides/farming_guide/</a>
How to Start Your Small Farm Dream	<a href="http://nesfp.nutrition.tufts.edu/sites/default/files/resources/how_to_begin_your_small_farm_dream.pdf">http://nesfp.nutrition.tufts.edu/sites/default/files/resources/how_to_begin_your_small_farm_dream.pdf</a>
New England Small Farm Institute	<a href="http://www.smallfarm.org/">http://www.smallfarm.org/</a>
Resource Guide for VT's New and Aspiring Farmers	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer/resourceguide71107.pdf">http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer/resourceguide71107.pdf</a>
Start2Farm	<a href="http://www.start2farm.gov/">http://www.start2farm.gov/</a>
USDA Know Your Farmer	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer">www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer</a>
USDA New Farmers	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/newfarmers">www.usda.gov/newfarmers</a>
UVM New Farmer Project	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer/">http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer/</a>

**GOOD LUCK!**