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New Hampshire Agriculture

- **A viable, dynamic industry integrated within New Hampshire's communities**
- **Diverse products and services with local to international markets**
- **Steward of nearly a half million New Hampshire acres**
- **Major influence on the State's character and quality of life**

New Hampshire agriculture has changed over the years. Today's industry is quite diverse, encompassing many crop, livestock and specialty products. The value of New Hampshire's agricultural industry is approximately \$1.5 billion. This includes \$336 million in direct sales of agricultural and other horticultural products and services and \$1.2 billion in sales related to agritourism (direct and indirect spending).

Farming activity provides the fields, pastures and meadows that buffer New Hampshire's residential and commercial development and affords the views of the hills, valleys and mountains. Without land kept open by farming, there would be no greenbelts around our towns and cities and without farming, there would be no barns, silos, or sugar houses that give our state its special character.

Some 4,400 individual operations qualify as commercial farms in New Hampshire, managing 470,000 acres including crop, pasture, maple and Christmas tree production, conservation and other agricultural uses. The state's farms produce a wide variety of conventional bulk commodity crops, with milk and apples being the most significant. New Hampshire farms produce many specialty and horticultural crops for markets both within and beyond the state.

New Hampshire agricultural exports total over \$94 million annually, including dairy, animal and horticultural products.

Dairy: Approximately 30 million gallons of milk are produced each year on 122 New Hampshire dairy farms. Purebred cattle are sold all over the world. **\$53.5 million**

Ornamental Horticulture: This segment of New Hampshire agriculture includes over 500 businesses with greenhouse and nursery plant production and sod. **\$53 million**

Horses: Pleasure horses are important to many aspects of New Hampshire recreation. Standardbreds and thoroughbreds raised and trained in New Hampshire are vital to racing. Horse farms are major consumers of local hay crops. **\$50 million**

Hay/Forage & Field Crops: Hay, corn silage and other forage crops are produced annually on thousands of New Hampshire acres. These are grown for on-farm consumption by livestock and for cash crops as well. **\$41.5 million**

Livestock: Beef, sheep, swine and poultry are among the types of livestock raised for home food supplies and commercial markets. Specialty livestock such as angora goats and rabbits, llamas and sheep are grown for wool and specialty fiber markets. Farm-raised fish and game including deer, bison and elk are gaining markets in restaurants and other outlets. New Hampshire egg and turkey products are favorites among local consumers looking for fresh, native foods. New Hampshire research farms have developed poultry strains that have influenced flocks worldwide. **\$40.5 million**

Vegetables: Through direct-to-consumer outlets such as farm stands and markets, as well as regional supermarkets, New Hampshire growers provide a large variety of fresh, quality vegetables to local consumers. **\$10.3 million**

Apples: New Hampshire orchards produce about one million bushels of apples annually that are sold throughout the Eastern U.S. and Europe. In addition, apple cider has become a major product line for many orchard operations. **\$8.2 million**

Maple and Honey: An average of 90,000 gallons of maple syrup is produced each year in New Hampshire from over 400,000 maple taps. Beekeepers raise bees for honey and to provide important crop pollination services for other farmers. **\$7 million**

Christmas Trees: New Hampshire grown Christmas trees, including Balsam and Fraser Fir and other species of pine and spruce, are harvested from across the state and sold throughout the region for fragrant holiday celebrations. Other evergreen products such as wreaths and roping are made at numerous farm operations and widely sold. **\$3 million**

Berries & Other Fruit: By the quart, bushel or the pound, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and other fruit such as peaches are enjoyed by New Hampshire consumers each year. Wild, low-bush New Hampshire blueberries are a baker's favorite! **\$2.6 million**

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Our mission is to create market development opportunities for New Hampshire agricultural producers that result in increased sales of New Hampshire farm and food products. We work 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.

We do this through promotional initiatives and marketing programs, including tradeshow opportunities and events, media and networking. Numerous publications, directories and market information are available in printed formats and on the internet. The division also works with various trade organizations throughout the state and country to encourage economic development activities that benefit New Hampshire agricultural businesses.

The division publishes the Weekly Market Bulletin for the farm community, operates the New Hampshire Building at the Eastern States Exposition and is a presenting sponsor of the NH Farm & Forest Exposition.

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The division is led by the state veterinarian who also oversees the Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Animal Population Control Program, and shares joint responsibility with the University of New Hampshire/NH Agricultural Experiment Station for the NH Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This provides a comprehensive approach to the protection of public health and the economy from threats of animal disease origin.

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Regulates all aspects of the sale, use, and manufacture of pesticides in new Hampshire, under the direction of the Pesticide Control Board with the intention of protecting New Hampshire citizens and the environment while recognizing the benefits of the proper management of pesticides. This is accomplished through the registration of pesticides, licensing of pesticide applicators and dealers, issuance of special permits, promotion of integrated pest management practices, and the enforcement of state and federal pesticide regulations.



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The primary mission of the division is to promote and protect plant health by curtailing the spread of dangerous insects, diseases, and weeds moved in commerce. The Division of Plant Industry works with citizens, agricultural producers like farmers, beekeepers and nurserymen, the green industry, and the wood products industry, to reduce the introduction and spread of destructive plant pests moved in trade. This is achieved through licensing, certification, and audit-based programs, inspections, pest surveys, and outreach. The division also conducts science-based surveys targeting specific exotic plant pests, diseases, and weeds that are identified as threats to agricultural, landscaped, and natural habitats.

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The mission of the division is to assure regulatory compliance in the marketing of certain farm products and agricultural commodities, and enhance market access for farmers by providing state and federal quality and process verification programs.

The Division's work consists of a number of diverse programs, including the review and inspection of the production, processing, packaging and marketing of agricultural products for compliance with state and federal laws and rules pertaining to grade, labeling and quality standards. Covered agricultural products include: maple products, apples, cider, honey, shell eggs, and raspberries. Regulatory Services regulates agricultural commodities through registration and labeling requirements, and through sampling and analysis. Such commodities include: commercial feed & pet food, commercial fertilizer, liming materials, horticultural growing media, and seeds. The Division takes appropriate action when a noncompliance or violation is found.

Regulatory Services also investigates complaints involving the mismanagement of agricultural nutrients and provides technical and financial assistance to landowners with grants to support efforts to minimize adverse effects to water of the state. Inspectors monitor farmland enrolled in the state's Agricultural Lands Preservation program. The division implements three federal programs: the National Organic Certification program, the Good Agricultural Practices program, and the Country of Origin Labeling program. The National Organic Certification Cost Share Programs are also administered by the Division.

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The Division is responsible for 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.

The Division provides licensing services for service technicians, weighmasters, and 3,200 businesses with various commercial devices. The Division also provides education, training and compliance outreach to licensees. The Division's auditing programs and enforcement services assist in verifying compliance with RSA 438 and RSA 339:30-a.

The Division investigates complaints alleging problems with determinations of quantity in commercial transactions including, but not limited, to: (1) accuracy of metered devices (e.g. gas pumps); (2) accuracy of weighing devices including scales used in direct sale transactions (e.g. cash register scales, deli scales, candy scales, farm stand scales, vehicle scales); (3) accuracy of scanning devices (e.g. accurate pricing at register); (4) packaged commodities (e.g. net weight); and (5) price posting of commodities (e.g. price per pound).

The Division also operates the State's Metrology Laboratory. The laboratory is the custodian of the official mass, volume and length standards for the State and provides calibration services to the legal weights and measures community including both the public and private sectors.



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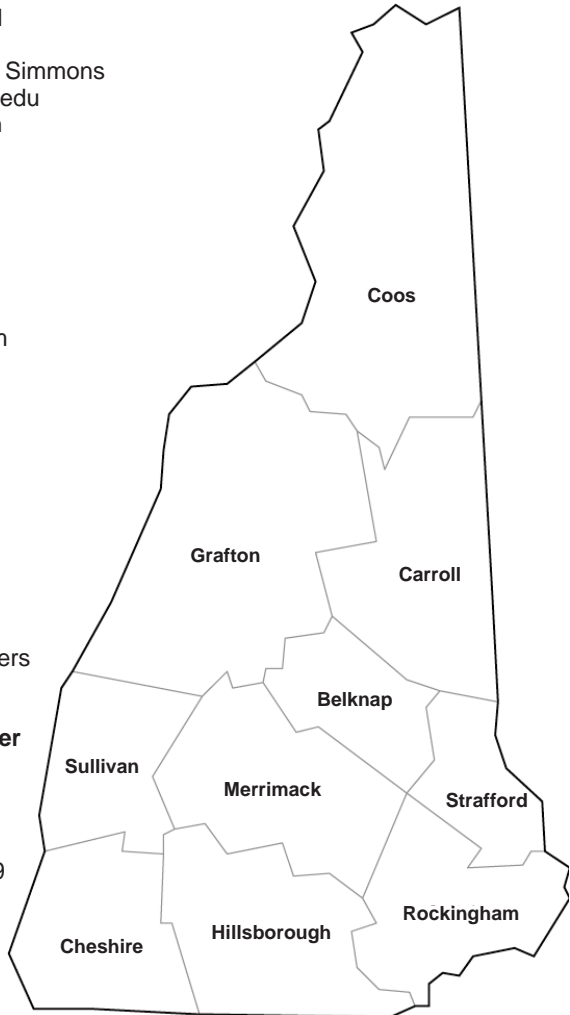
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Lancaster NH 03584-3616
788-4651, ext. 102 Fax: 788-2538
District Administrator: Carolyn
McQuiston
District Conservationist: Kelly
Eggleston

**Grafton County
Conservation District**

19 Archertown Road, Suite 1
Orford NH 03777
353-4651 Fax: 855-433-1151
pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdn.net
District Administrator: Pam Gilbert
District Conservationist: Beth Ann
Finlay

**Hillsborough County
Conservation District**

Chappell Professional Building
468 Route 13 South
Milford NH 03055-3476
673-2409 Fax: 855-428-0333
<http://www.hillsboroughccd.com/>
District Manager: Kerry Rickrode

District Conservationist: Heather Foley
Soil Conservationist: Catherine Magee

**Merrimack County
Conservation District**

The Concord Center
10 Ferry Street Suite 211
Concord NH 03301-5081
223-6023 Fax: 223-6030
info@merrimackccd.org
District Manager: Stacy Luke
Soil Scientist: Karen Dudley
Program Coordinator: Rebecca
Yohe

**Rockingham County
Conservation District**

110 North Rod.
Brentwood NH 03833-6614
679-2790
Executive Director: Lenny Lord
Epping Field Service Center
Tracy Degnan, Conservation Spe-
cialist
Office Manager: Diane Knopp
629 Calef Hwy
Suite 203, Knightly Plaza
Epping, NH 03042-2326
679-1587 Fax: 679-2860

**Stafford County
Conservation District**

264 County Farm Road Unit 3
Dover NH 03820-6015
749-3037 Fax: 603-743-3667
District Manager: Alena Warren
District Conservationist: Dan Wright

**Sullivan County
Conservation District**

95 County Farm Rd.
Unity NH 03743
542-4891 Fax: 863-4730
conservationdistrict@
sullivancountynh.gov
District Manager: Lionel Chute
District Conservationist: Steven Pytlik

www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov

Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

A locally directed non-profit, to create and implement projects that conserve and develop land, water and community resources.

North Country RC&D Area Council

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279-5340

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Serving Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Strafford counties.

www.nhrcd.net

Conservation Agencies

State Conservation Committee

Provide guidance, coordination and assistance to county conservation districts and activities of federal, state, county and local government in natural resource conservation.

c/o NH Dept. of Agriculture,
Markets & Food
PO Box 2042
Concord NH 03302-2042
271-3551

Linda Brownson, Chair
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New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts

Coordinate and implement statewide natural resource programs and provide support to and a forum for county conservation districts.

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USDA Farm Service Agency

The Farm Service Agency administers farm commodity and resource conservation programs dealing with nearly all facets of agriculture. Key programs are: Farm Loan Programs, Conservation Reserve Program, Loan Deficiency Payments, aerial photography, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Farm Storage Loan Program, Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Program, Wool and Mohair Market Loans/Loan Deficiency Payment Program. Trade Adjustment Assistance and Milk Loss Contract Program. FSA also assists NRCS with Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Grasslands Reserve Program.

USDA/NH Farm Service Agency

(State Office)

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Farm Service Agency Loan Office

Statewide farm lending, low interest rate loans for beginning & existing farmers.

Farm Service Agency

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Farm Credit Financing

Financial services provider for farm and farm related businesses; provide credit, consulting, leasing, record keeping, payroll, tax prep, appraisal and crop insurance. Contribute to a prosperous, productive agriculture by enhancing the income and well being of farmer members by providing a dependable source of credit and financial services.

Farm Credit East

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Yankee Farm Credit

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New Hampshire Community Loan Fund

We serve as a catalyst, leveraging financial, human, and civic resources to enable traditionally underserved people to participate more fully in New Hampshire's economy.

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www.communityloanfund.org

USDA Rural Development

Community and economic development financing and technical assistance providing loans, loan guarantees and grants for homeownership or home repairs, rural rental housing development; business and cooperative development; community facilities highlighting first responders, child and rural health care; and water and wastewater systems. Renewable Energy for America Grant and Loan Guarantee Program fund renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements for farmers, agricultural businesses, and small businesses; Value Added Producer Grants fund planning activities and working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products, including farm-based renewable energy for eligible independent producers, farmers and agricultural producer groups. Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans.

USDA Rural Development State Office for NH/VT

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New Hampshire Concord Area Office

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Gregg MacPherson
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New Hampshire Conway Office

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Conway NH 03818
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Vermont Brattleboro Area Office

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USDA Rural Development
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NH Farmers' Market Association

Farmers' markets offer the colorful and tasty bounty of local farms and gardens all year long. Shop for fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, locally prepared foods and specialty items at dozens of summer or winter season markets. Contact the NH Farmers' Market Association:

Wendy Stevens, President
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www.nhfma.org

NH Fairs & Expos

Belknap County Fair

August 11-12

Earl Leighton
174 Mile Hill Road
Belmont NH 03220
968-7988
www.bc4hfair.org

Cheshire Fair

August 2-5

Laurie Burt
247 Monadnock Highway
Swanzy NH 03446
357-4740
info@cheshirefair.org
www.cheshirefair.com

Cornish Fair

August 17-19

Wayne Gray
294 Townhouse Road
Cornish NH 03746
675-5714; Vendor 543-3836
www.cornishnhfair.com

Deerfield Fair

September 27-30

Administration Office
34 Stage Road
Deerfield NH 03037
463-7421
www.deerfieldfair.com

Hillsborough County Ag Fair

September 8-9

Danielle Deyo
15 Hilldale Lane, Rte. 113
New Boston NH 03070
641-6060
www.hcafair.com



Hopkinton State Fair

August 31-September 3

Administration Office
392 Kearsarge Ave
Contoocook NH 03229
746-4191
www.hsfair.org

Lancaster Fair

August 30-September 3

Lisa Tetreault
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PO Box 515
Lancaster NH 03584
788-4531
www.lancasterfair.com

North Haverhill Fair

July 19-22

David Lackie
1299 Dartmouth College Hwy.
PO Box 207
North Haverhill NH 03774
989-3305
www.nohaverhillfair.com

Rochester Fair

September 13-16

Vicky Poland
72 Lafayette Street
Rochester NH 03867
332-6585
www.rochesterfair.com

Sandwich Fair

October 6-8

Dan Peaslee
7 Wentworth Hill Road
Center Sandwich NH 03227
284-7062,
www.thesandwichfair.com

Seacoast Country Fair

September 13-16

Ken Churchill
280 Exeter Road
Epping, NH 03042
772-2990
www.Seacoastcountryfair.com

Stratham Fair
July 25-29
Francisco Marin
252 Portsmouth Ave.
PO Box 595
Stratham NH 03885-0595
772-4977
www.strathamfair.com

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Wildlife Management

NH Wildlife Services

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The USDA Wildlife Services program helps citizens, organizations, industries and government agencies resolve conflicts with wildlife to protect agriculture, other property, and natural resources, and safeguard human health and safety. Professional wildlife biologists and specialists implement effective, selective, and responsible strategies that value wildlife, the environment, and the resources being protected.

www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage

Agriculture and Related Associations & Agencies

Ag in the Classroom

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Coordinator
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Ag in the Classroom is a non-profit resource organization providing curriculum materials on a variety of agricultural topics for grades K-6 as a way to improve student agricultural literacy. NHAITC sponsors theme oriented staff development and in-class presentations for educators and students. All materials are available on loan to educators and farmers.

Small & Beginner Farmers of NH

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The Beginner Farmers of NH is organized as a farmer to farmer network, with the goals of connecting, networking, sharing and helping to access technical information and agricultural education. Our cooperative and collaborative effect will help small and beginner farmers achieve their goals, strengthen our communities and the agricultural industry, economy and quality of life in NH.

Agriculture Associations and Agencies Cont.

Granite State FFA Association

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FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Land & Community Heritage & Investment Program (LCHIP)

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www.LCHIP.org
The state's most important natural, cultural and historical resources.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

New England Field Office
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gary_keough@nass.usda.gov
www.usda.gov/nass/
Serves the United States, its agriculture and its rural communities by providing meaningful, accurate and objective statistical information and services.

NH Agricultural Mediation Program

Matt Strassberg or Julie Hoyt
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www.nhamp.org
The New Hampshire Agricultural Mediation Program is a non-profit organization that is certified by the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets,

and Food and USDA. NHAMP provides free mediation services on credit issues, loans, compliance with USDA conservation programs, and other agricultural issues.

NH Aquaculture Association

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Hillsboro Aqua Farm
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Hillsboro NH 03244
801-0410
dgile@conknet.com
Provides a forum for networking, production education and industry promotion.

NH Beekeepers Association

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Weare, NH 03281
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Mary Ellen McKean
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www.nhbeekeepers.org
Encourage the study and advancement of agriculture and the economic importance of bees in NH.

NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board

Nigel Manley, Chairman
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Bethlehem NH 03574
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Fax: 444-4015
info@therocks.org
www.nhchristmastrees.com
Promotes and supports the NH Christmas tree products industry through the implementation of effective programs and activities to enhance awareness of the industry, increased sales and utilization of real Christmas trees and associated products and further the interests of the Christmas tree growers of NH.



NH Farm Bureau Federation

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Concord NH 03301
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dianec@nhfarmbureau.org
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Robert Johnson, Policy Director
Diane Clary Executive Director
Denis Ward, President
Non-profit, volunteer-based general agriculture organization representing 3,100 farm families and their supporters. Monitors ag and forestry legislative issues. Offers numerous member benefit programs.

NH Farm & Forest Expo

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The NH Farm & Forest Exposition is an organization that was formed to create a venue to serve two purposes: 1) to bring together the farming and forestry community for educational opportunities, for networking and to socialize; 2) to highlight the agricultural and forestry industries to the public, presenting a positive, progressive image.

NH Farm Museum

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Rte 125
Milton NH 03851-0644
652-7840
nhfarmmuseum@outlook.com
www.farmmuseum.org
Dedicated to preserving, understanding and carrying forward New Hampshire's agricultural heritage.

NH Farm to Restaurant Connection

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www.nhfarmtorestaurant.com
Works to bring chefs and NH food and agricultural producers together.

It is a standing committee of NH Made, Inc.

NH Maple Producers

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Encourages and promotes NH maple products through advertising and publicity. Encourages maple production that meets high standards of the law and tradition.

NH State Grange

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Patrons of Husbandry, founded to promote agriculture and improve rural life through community service and social involvement with emphasis on the traditions of faith, patriotism, leadership and family values.

NH Historical Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee

(NH Barn Committee)
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03301-3570
271-3483
Fax: 271-3433
https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/barn_committee.htm
<https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/barn.html>
Formed by the State Legislature in 1999 in response to the alarming loss of many of the state's barns and other historic agricultural outbuildings, the committee helps barn owners across the state to preserve these historic structures by providing technical assistance, education and outreach.

Agriculture Associations and Agencies Cont.

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NH Timberland Owners Association

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Statewide, member-supported, non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting responsible forestry and a strong forest products industry through legislative advocacy, education and public outreach.

NH/VT Christmas Tree Association

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info@nh-vtchristmastree.org
www.nh-vtchristmastree.org
The association promotes and develops among the growers and handlers of Christmas trees and related products, a mutual interest in the practical solutions to problems incidental to the production and marketing of their products.

Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA-NH)

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Promotes the use of organic farming and gardening and land care practices in New Hampshire, and the consumption of locally grown organic foods through educational workshops, conferences, discounted seed and soil amendment purchases, farm and garden tours and networking opportunities.

NH Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture

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Coalition of agencies, organizations and individuals working to sustain NH agriculture into the future through a variety of projects and activities.

NH Winery Association

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The NH Winery Association promotes the production of quality NH wines, fruit, and farming that supports our industry.



Society for the Protection of NH Forests

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The society was founded in 1901 to perpetuate the forests through land protection, education, advocacy and forestry. It is a non-profit membership organization.

Horticulture

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NH Fruit Growers Assn.

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www.nhfruitgrowers.org
The association promotes the interests of the tree fruit, primarily apple, growers of New Hampshire.

NH Plant Growers Assn.

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NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association

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The association promotes the growing of giant pumpkins in NH. The annual sponsor of the State Weigh-Off and Pumpkin Regatta. A quarterly newsletter is provided to all members that provides information on events and workshops. Nationally known due to success of its membership.

NH Vegetable & Berry Grower's Association

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Brookdale Fruit Farm
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465-2241
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Dairy Associations

Granite State Dairy Promotion

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www.nhdairypromo.com

Promotes the sale and use of milk and other dairy products through advertising and nutrition education and works to enhance the image of agriculture in general.

NE Dairy & Food Council

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bstory@newenglanddairy.com
www.newenglanddairy.com
NEDFC is a non-profit organization staffed by registered dietitians who specialize in nutrition education. It provides nutrition education programs, services and materials to the region's educators, school food service directors, health professionals and journalists.

NH Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association

David Conway
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Jefferson NH 03583
586-7950
Promotes development and breeding of better Brown Swiss cattle.

NH Holstein-Friesian Club

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Haverhill NH 03765
989-3379
Fax: 989-3379
gamblinfarm@charter.net

NH Jersey Cattle Club

Rosella Sawyer, Secretary
26 Bridge Street
Walpole NH 03608
756-3404
Fax: 756-4049
Promotes the Jersey breed and dairy industry.

NH Milking Shorthorn Breeders

Marcia Clark
GMC Farm
Cornish Flat, NH 03746
469-3560
Promotes Registered Shorthorn breed.

General Livestock

NH Dairy Goat Association

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Mont Vernon NH 03057
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http://nhdga.tripod.com
Promotes dairy goats and supports dairy goat owners by providing educational meetings and other events. Sponsors annual Dairy Goat Show.



NH Game Farmers Assn.

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yankeefarmersmarket@gmail.com
Promotes alternative livestock in the state of NH.

Northeast Pork Association

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NH Sheep & Wool Growers Association

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Concord, NH 03301
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Horse Associations

Granite State Appaloosa Assn.

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Advances and promotes the Appaloosa horse.

Granite State Morgan Horse Society

Pauli Johnson, President
HYGREET2@aol.com
770-0757
www.nhmorgans.com
The membership is open to all persons owning or interested in Morgan horses and breed, except that members residing out of the State of New Hampshire shall not be eligible to hold office. New members are always welcome.

NH Arabian Horse Assn.

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www.nharab.org

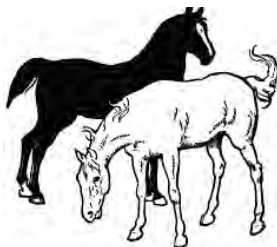
Promotes outstanding qualities of the Arabian horse, coordinates horse shows, activities, exhibits and allows enthusiastic owners and admirers alike to come together, share ideas, form friendships and enjoy versatility and beauty of Arabian horses.

NH Horse Council

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www.nhhorsecouncil.org
Promotes the interests of the entire equine industry of NH. Acts as a liaison among various horse groups, disseminates information and educates both the legislature and general public. Acts as official voice of state equine industry.

NH Quarter Horse Assn.

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Promoting the Quarter Horse in New Hampshire.



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