



# New Farmer Project

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University of Vermont Extension **CENTER** for **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

**L**aunched in January 2010, UVM Extension's New Farmer Project serves as a clearinghouse for information, and provides an integrated program of education and technical assistance for aspiring and beginning farmers throughout Vermont. A key component is an interactive website where beginning farmers can access online and on-the-ground farm development resources.

Visit <http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer> to learn more.

Check back often; we are adding new information and tools weekly.

## Available Now . . .

- **Monthly Webinars**—Online, real-time presentations are offered every month. Anyone can attend for free, and all sessions are recorded so they can be viewed anytime. Past webinars include *Practical Poultry Production*, *Pricing for Profit*, and *Intro to Soil Health*. Click on the webinar link at [www.uvm.edu/newfarmer](http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer).
- **Classes & Workshops**—With farmers as co-instructors, we offer workshops on topics of specific interest to beginning farmers. Online, in the classroom, and on-the-farm, these learning opportunities provide the practical knowledge you will need to start and maintain a successful farm business.
- **New Farmer E-mail List**—Stay up-to-date on news, events and learning opportunities. Click on the "Join the New Farmer E-mail List" at [www.uvm.edu/newfarmer](http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer).
- **Resource Guide**—In collaboration with the Vermont New Farmer Network, the *Resource Guide for Vermont's Beginning and Aspiring Farmers* has been updated and published online. This guide discusses common challenges that new and aspiring farmers face, provides descriptions and links to organizations serving new farmers in Vermont, and provides information about various resources. Find the *Guide* on the left hand menu at [www.uvm.edu/newfarmer](http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer).
- **Land Link and Land Access Consulting**—Learn about farming opportunities and connect with farmland owners through the land access components of the project. Online listings of opportunities will complement information on purchase and sale, alternative land lease arrangements and farm management opportunities.
- **Fact Sheets, Videos & More**—Collaborating with experts throughout Extension, we're providing a broad range of information specific to new farmers.
- **Newsletter/Blog**—Keeping on top of upcoming events and learning opportunities offered throughout Vermont will be streamlined when farmers sign-up for the e-newsletter. You'll also get alerts and information on seasonally important issues on the New Farmer Blog.
- **Calendar of Events**—An online calendar is available at [www.uvm.edu/newfarmer](http://www.uvm.edu/newfarmer) to help you find out about a variety of educational and networking events.

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