The Vermont Farmer is important
Vermont farmers bring food to our table every day; keep our working landscape open; and make a sustainable, agricultural economy possible. Farmers are important to our Vermont way of life.

The Problem
Our farmers are at risk. A farmer is 800% more likely to die while working than those in other jobs. The leading cause of farm fatalities is tractor overturns. The Northeast has the highest rate of tractor overturns in the country.

The Consequences for our farmers and farms
Farm fatalities deliver a crushing blow. Seven of 10 farms go out of business within a year of a fatal tractor rollover. More than half of tractor rollover injuries require hospitalization for the farmer and 70 lost work days.

The Proven Solution
Fortunately, ROPS (A roll bar and a seat belt) are 99% effective in preventing rollover deaths and serious injuries.

The Program
The Vermont Rebates for Roll Bars Program offers a 70% rebate (up to $765.00) to any Vermont tractor owner who registers with the program and installs a roll bar kit. Our toll-free hotline provides information about where to get the right kit and how much it will cost. Over 300 farmers have registered with our program and 100+ have already installed roll bar kits! 100% of our rebate funding is donated by local businesses and organizations.

Your Support is Key
Your support is critical to the ROPS program success. A total of $70,000 is needed for the third year of the campaign (2012-13) to equip over 100 more tractors with ROPS, creating a “framework of safety” for Vermont farmers.