

Why Buy Food From Local Farms?

Increasing both the supply and demand of local food offers many benefits for farmers, food service companies, retailers, and consumers.



- in school cafeterias, children are more likely to eat produce they know comes from local farms, especially when that food is fresh and tasty.
- buying local food strengthens the economy in our community by keeping food dollars close to home for local purchasing and investment by farmers and food processors.
- local farms help keep land open rather than developed, providing wildlife habitat, ecosystem services, and recreational opportunities as well a safe and secure food supply.
- serving local food saves on transportation costs, reducing energy use and carbon dioxide emissions.

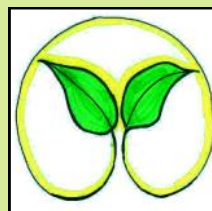
- serving or selling fruits, vegetables, and other products from local sources can help connect your clients to the concepts of eating healthy and buying local.

Purchasing From Local Farms has Never Been so Easy!



See the farms and the food products through Windham Farm and Food Network at

<http://www.windhamfarmandfood.org/>



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Windham Farm and Food Network



**An affordable and reliable source of fresh local produce
....and more**

Who Are We?

The Windham Farm and Food Network is a collaboration of local farms dedicated to increasing the supply of fresh food to institutional buyers in the Windham County area. We deliver directly from farms to over 30 schools, and institutional kitchens and retail outlets such as supermarkets and food coops. We can sell at wholesale because we utilize existing truck delivery routes, on-farm crop storage, and established fulfillment systems - thus, we have minimal overhead.

The Local Network

Windham Farm and Food Network works in partnership with Westminster Organics, University of Vermont Extension, along with many local farms and food processors to coordinate sales and delivery that meets the needs of producers and buyers.



Farm involvement varies depending on the season, availability of specific crops, and buyer demand. Our farms use environmentally sound production practices to protect soil and water quality as well as greenhouses, high tunnels and insulated cold storage to extend the availability of products to well beyond the traditional growing season.

Local farms and food companies currently selling through the Windham Farm and Food Network: Westminster Organics (Harlow Farm), Green Mountain Orchards, Dutton Berry Farm, High Meadows Farm, Old Athens Farm, Grafton Village Cheese Company, Orchard Hill Bakery, Amy's Bakery, Mapleview Café, The Putney School Bakery.

Trust the source of your food...

Windham Farm and Food Network is committed to building trusted relationships with institutional buyers, based on reliability, affordability, great fresh taste, and personal connection. In 2009 our buying partners included: Café Services Schools (Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield Public Schools) **Abbey Group Food Services** (Putney, Gilford, Hinsdale, Leland and Grey, Ludlow Public Schools), **Fitz Vogt Food Services** (S.I.T, Putney School), **Brattleboro Memorial Hospital**, **Brattleboro Boys and Girls Club**, **Head Start Programs**, Area Senior Centers, and the **Brattleboro Housing Authority**.



Start-up Support From



Ordering and Delivery is Easy

View updated inventory and prices, place orders, choose delivery options and print invoices on-line at

<http://www.windhamfarmandfood.org/>
Order on-line or by phone ((802) 579 5519) up to 5 pm before a delivery day, (Monday or Wednesday). Deliveries are made to the buyers door or dock by 2 pm via Westminster Organics' fully-insured truck.



Free Marketing Materials with regular Windham Farm to Food Network Deliveries

To aid in efforts to promote consumption of local food, buyers will be provided with eye-catching **Windham Farm to Food Network posters**; these large and colorful posters show the names and location as well as photos of farms and farmers in the Network.

An Itemized Sales Report and Summary of local purchasing through Windham Farm and Food Network will be provided free of charge to buyers, on a semi-annual basis.