

VGFA Directory of Grass-Fed Products

Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2009

(items received postmarked after this date may not be accepted)

RETURN TO:

VT Grass Farmers Association
P.O. Box 142 Randolph Center, VT 05061
FAX: (802) 656-8874

QUESTIONS? jcolby@uvm.edu or (802) 656-0858

Farm Contact Information

Farm Name: _____ Farmer Name(s): _____
Address (physical address if possible): _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____ Web site: _____

Brief one paragraph description of your farm, including your production methods*, breeds of livestock, general philosophy, and where to buy your products:

Bulk dairy	Type of products/services (circle all that apply): <i>(apples, berries, other)</i>	Handcrafts <i>(wreaths, woodenware, art)</i>
Raw milk <i>(Tier 1 or Tier 2)</i>	Eggs	Trees <i>(Christmas, firewood)</i>
Processed dairy <i>(cheese, yogurt)</i>	Wool, finished products	More <i>(please list):</i>
Vegetables	Visitors <i>(camping, B&B, day hiking trails, hay rides)</i>	_____
Herbs	Compost/manure	_____
Poultry <i>(chicken, turkey)</i>	Hay	_____
Meats <i>(beef, pork, lamb, chevon, other)</i>	Services <i>(tilling, trucking)</i>	_____
Maple Syrup	Horses <i>(lessons, boarding, sales)</i>	_____
Fruit	Honey	
	Flowers	

*Production Methods:

100% grass fed – Feeds only pasture and hay (with mineral supplements)
Mostly grass fed – Rotationally grazes or feeds hay for most of the year, supplements with grain at key times
Grass finished – Primarily raised on grain/mixed feed, grazed for a period of time before butchering
Grain/grass mix – Grain fed, with regular access to pasture (aimed at pork/poultry production)
Certified Organic – Certified and inspected by Vermont Organic Farmers (VOF)/NOFA-VT
Managed organically – Managed according to National Organic Standards (uncertified)
Rotationally grazed – Management system in place to rotate animals through multiple pastures
Free choice – Animals have access to outside paddocks, fresh air, some exercise
Medicated – Medication when deemed necessary
Non-medicated – Alternative medications used, such as herbs, homeopathy, acupuncture, etc.

Be sure to enclose your VGFA membership check for \$40 with this mailing so we may include you in the directory! Thank you!

- Would you like us to list your physical location in the Directory for visitors? YES/NO
 - If so, please list hours of operation, or seasonal dates
- Would you be interested in hosting an open farm visit? YES/NO

To return this form, you may:
 Mail it to VGFA P.O. Box 142 Randolph Center, VT 05061
 email it to jcolby@uvm.edu or
 fax to (802) 656-8874, attn: Jenn
 The form is also available in electronic format on the VPN web site:
www.uvm.edu/pasture

Demographic Survey

(this will NOT be included with your *Directory* listing**¹)

Herd type and numbers of each (average per year)

Dairy cows Heifers Dairy Goats Meat Goats Sheep Horses Hogs
 Beef cows Calves Kids Lambs Foals Feeder pigs
 Other (specify) _____

Farm acreage: _____ owned _____ rented Acres in pasture: _____ Acres in hay: _____

Why did you start farming? _____

How long have you been farming? _____ Grazing? _____

Are you a full-time farmer? _____ If not, how much do you work off-farm? _____

Are you involved with an NRCS program now? _____ Within the last five years? _____

Do you have a business plan? _____ Do you actively use it? _____
 If you do not have a plan or actively use it, why not? _____

Do you feel that your farm business is successful? _____
 If yes, how do you measure its success? _____

Do you plan to exit farming (*circle one*) in the next 1-2 3-5 5-10 10-beyond years?

If you have a plan to exit farming in the next ten years or less, why? _____

What other work experience do you have to complement your farming experience?

What topic or theme would you most like to learn about to help you improve your farm?

¹ Data collected here will be used to inform VGFA and UVM CSA Pasture Program work, as well as assisting to develop an in-depth grazing livestock survey which will be distributed Fall 2010. Any information gathered here will remain strictly confidential.