

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out the information below as completely as you can—it helps us target our educational efforts, avoid redundant mailings, and better serve you, our members!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am (check one box only)

- An experienced grazier
- A beginning grazier
- Looking to graze animals
- Interested in grass farming

I primarily graze (check all that apply)

- Dairy Cattle       Beef Cattle
- Sheep                 Pigs
- Goats                  Poultry
- Other/Diversified    Horses

I would be interested in volunteering time to help the VGFA fulfill its mission!

Membership investment is \$40/farm or family, and expires December 31st.

Make checks payable to the  
**Vermont Grass Farmers' Association**  
& mail to:

VGFA P.O. Box 142  
Randolph Center, VT 05061

*The Vermont Grass Farmers' Association is a group of farmers and neighbors growing the vitality of grass-based farming in Vermont. Our aim is to increase the sustainability of Vermont farms, with improved profitability, better resource protection, and a higher quality of life for farmers. Your membership supports our work toward better grazing information, infrastructure, and support networks. **Join today!***



For more information on the VGFA and its activities, contact:

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[www.uvm.edu/pasture](http://www.uvm.edu/pasture)

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## BENEFITS

**Mini Grants & Technical Support**  
Grazing plans and technical assistance are just a phone call or e-mail away, plus members may apply for on-farm mini grants up to \$1000.

**Pasture Walks & Workshops**  
Facilitated on-farm discussions as well as formally organized educational workshops and courses.

**Quarterly Newsletter**  
The Solar Dollar keeps VGFA members updated on pasture related news, technical information, and events.

**Pasture Calendar**  
A monthly listing of pasture walks, workshops, conferences, and farm tours around Vermont and the region.

**VT Grazing Conference**  
VGFA members pay reduced registration costs at this popular annual educational event.

**Directory of Grass-Fed Products**  
This directory provides customers with information on where to buy grass-fed meat and dairy products in Vermont.

**Statewide/Regional Representation**  
VGFA has direct contact with the VT State Technical Committee setting local and national agricultural support policy. Also, VGFA has membership in the Northeast Pasture (Research) Consortium, setting regional priorities for grazing research in a region from Maine to West Virginia.

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VGFA BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is elected annually by the VGFA membership, and is currently made up of the following members:

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We also recognize:

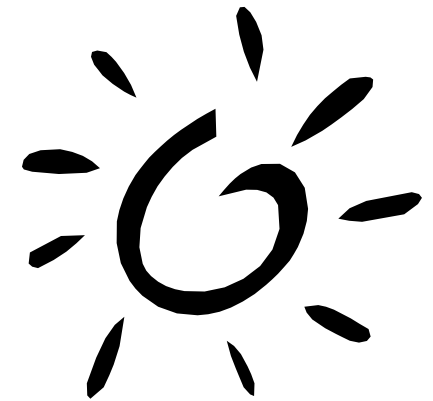
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