

Hosting a Food Focused Event on Your Farm

The Legal Side of a Delicious Activity



BREAD & BUTTER FARM





LEGAL FOOD HUB

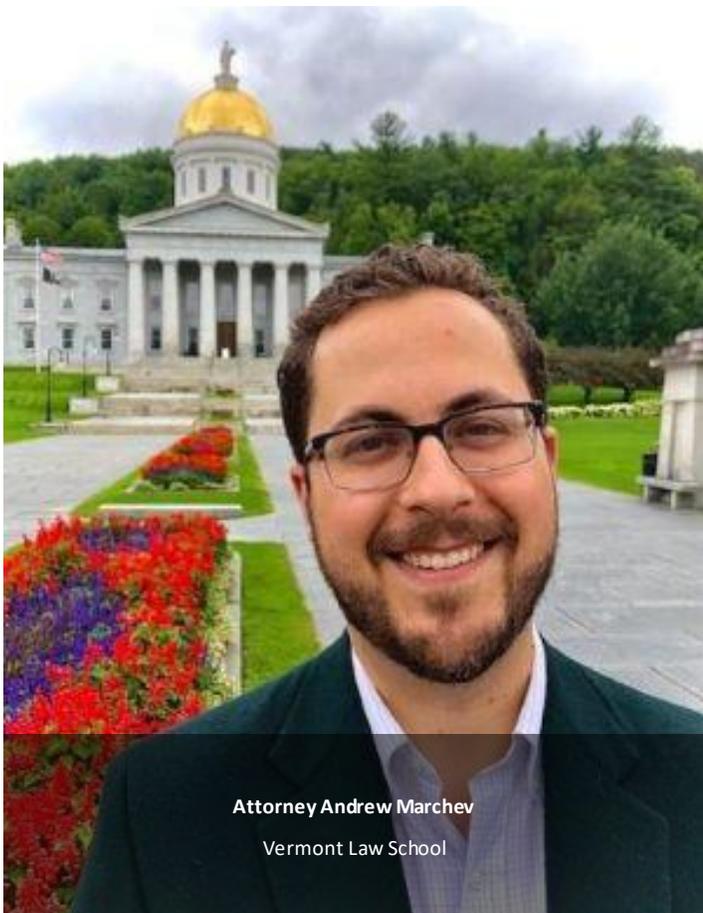
A project of Conservation Law Foundation

- Matchmaking service to pro bono legal services for farmers, food entrepreneurs and food related organizations
- A New England-based network of law firms
- Educational workshops and legal guides
- Currently offered in ME, MA, RI, CT, VT, NH

www.legalfoodhub.org



Our speakers today:



Attorney Andrew Marchev
Vermont Law School



Corie Pierce
Farm Owner, Bread and Butter Farms



Lisa Chase
Director of the Vermont Tourism Research Center @University of Vermont

Entering our 14th Season of On-Farm Events

- Weekly Burger Nights - brings 500 people to the farm, we do between 4-12 events per year (pre-ticketed, food, live music)
- Wednesday Workshops - cooking classes, tours, herbalism workshops, fiber arts, birding (we tap our staff and our CSA members for content)
- Adult Village School Day - 1 day event for adults to spend the day in the woods like our children's Village School
- Music Events - 50 - 150 people (ticketed events, sometimes with food, sometimes without food)
- One off special events
- Barn Dances (new this year! IN our newly renovated barn)
- Taco Fridays - breakfast tacos - about 50 people per week, about 45 per year (every Friday)



What to consider before starting events:

Are you ready to open your farm to the community?

Do you have a dedicated person to run the events?

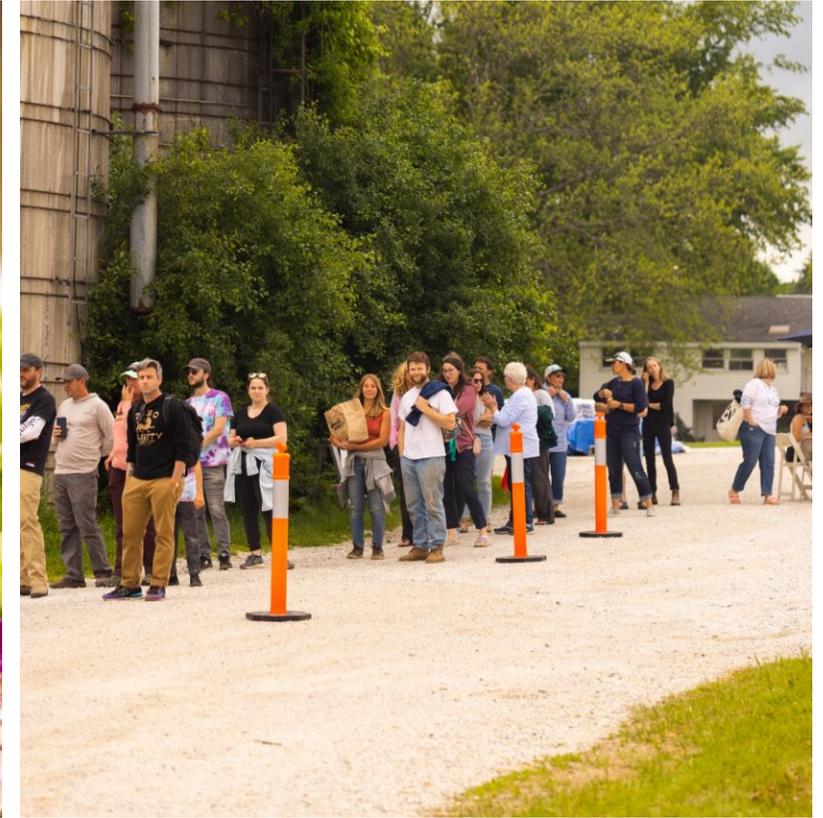
Are you able to staff them (irregular times and frequency)?

Do you have the capacity to go through the regulatory process?

Can you market them?

Will they be financially worth it?





FOOD, PEOPLE MANAGEMENT, EVENT FLOW



EVENT FLOW

- Have dedicated event flow manager - live music, mic to greet people, signage to set expectations
- Clear, obvious spaces and places for people to go
- Portopots, handwashing, trash/recycling stations

EVENT FLOW

PARKING MANAGEMENT



LARGE CROWDS





**PEOPLE
MANAGEMENT**
Have clear roles,
training, and manager
for the food team.



FOOD

Proper Fair Stand Permit in place

Place to prep and stage your food

All supplies needed that will work for the Health Dept.

CHECKLIST:

- Make sure your are allowed, by your town, to do on farm events. Find out from your town what they need.
- Talk to your neighbors and create buy-in with them! (You do not want to have any complaints recorded on the town record)
- Apply for and receive your Fairstand Permit, or other necessary permit from the VT Health Department
- Serve Safe Training for your food manager, cook(s) and owner of the farm (not required but highly recommended - lasts for 5 years, expensive per person)
- Space for food prep - if none available onsite - you need to find a place with a catering license or commercial kitchen
- All internal “ducks in a row”
 - Parking safety
 - Bathrooms
 - Trash/Recycling
 - Staffing
 - Entertainment
 - Signage and flow plan

Maple Sugaring in Vermont, Gleason's Pictorial, 1852



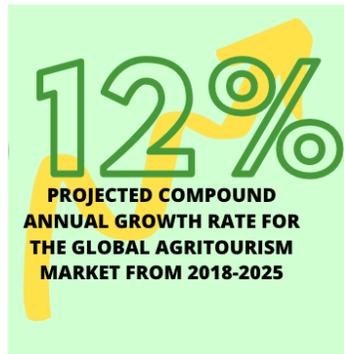
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AGRITOURISM

→ across the globe

Global agritourism market size in 2021:
\$9.2 billion



Projected agritourism market size in 2027:
\$18.6 billion

MARKET SHARE BY TYPE OF AGRITOURISM:

EVENT & RECREATION

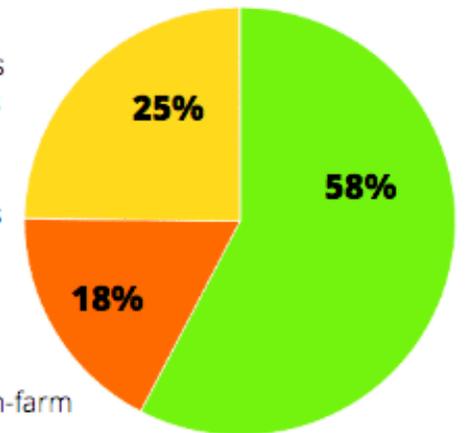
using farm land for marketable experiences such as festivals, hay rides, and corn mazes

EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

hands-on experiences that educate visitors about farm life, such as farm stays and tastings

DIRECT MARKET

direct-to-consumer sales that take place on-farm or through farm stands and markets





AGRITOURISM in the U.S.

\$3.7 billion

estimated total
income from
agritourism in the
U.S. in 2017

farms that sold food **directly to consumers** in 2017

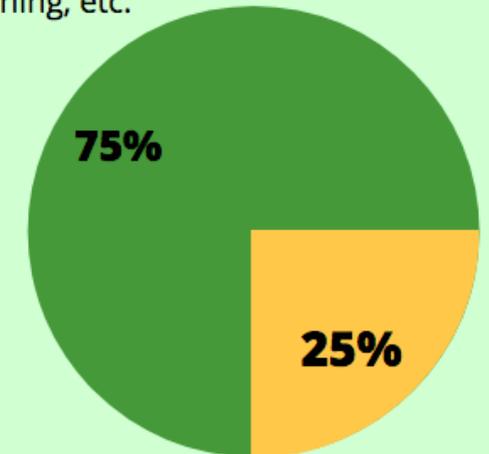
130,056

28,575

farms provided **agritourism and recreational services** in 2017

U.S. AGRITOURISM INCOME IN 2017

- Direct sales of food
- Agritourism & recreational services, such as farm tours, hay rides, hunting, fishing, etc.





AGRITOURISM

in Vermont

\$51.7 million

estimated total income from agritourism
in Vermont in 2017

Agritourism income combines direct sales with
agritourism & recreational services income data.

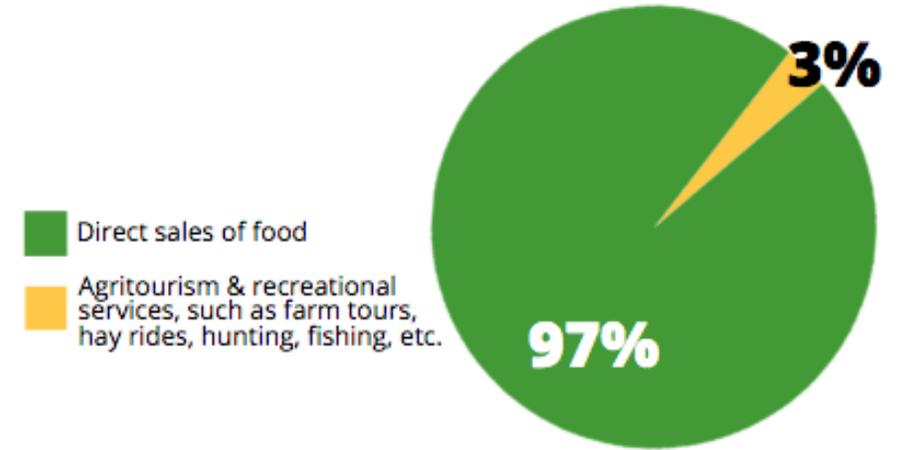
Vermont farms that sold food **directly to consumers** in 2017

1,833

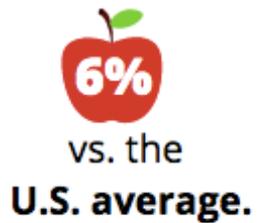
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Vermont farms provided **agritourism & recreational services** in 2017

VT AGRITOURISM INCOME IN 2017

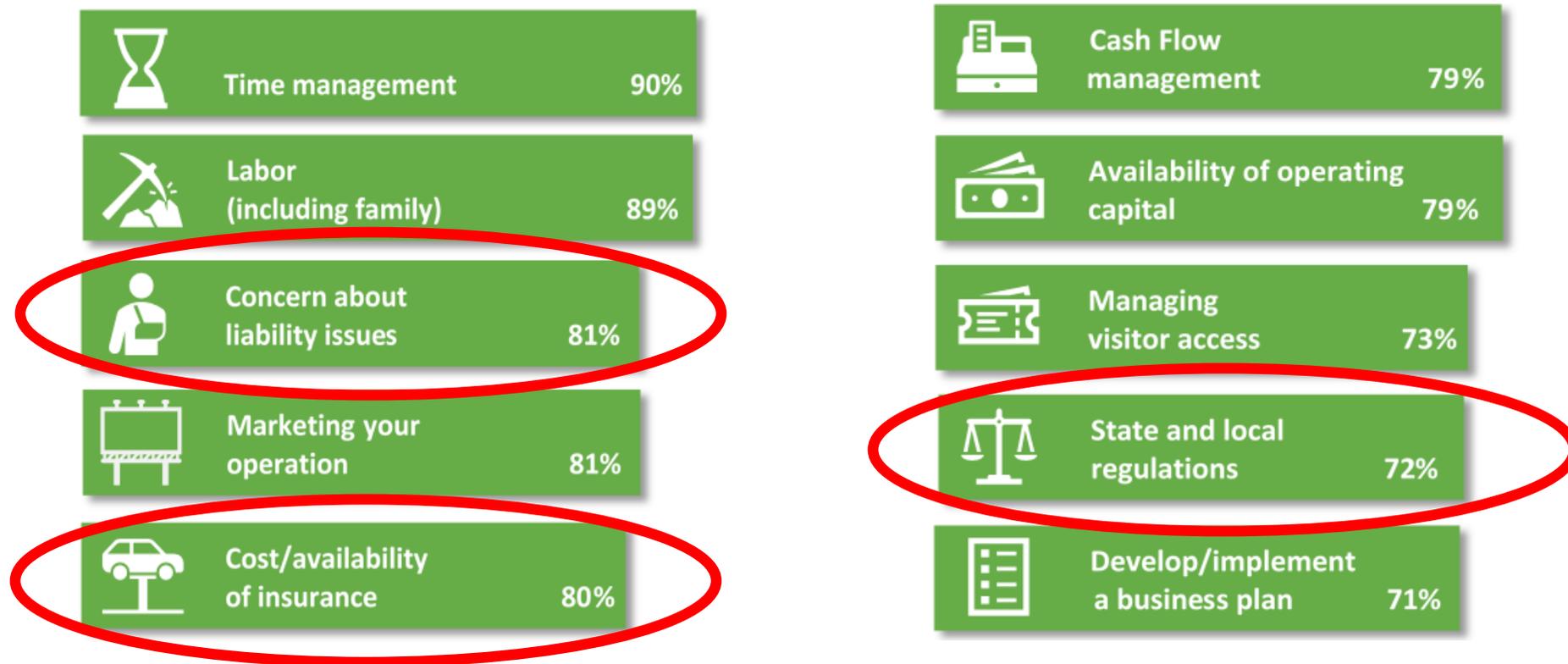


The share of food sold from farms **directly to consumers** in Vermont:



Source: USDA Census of Agriculture (2017) Tables 2 and 7.
<https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/index.php>

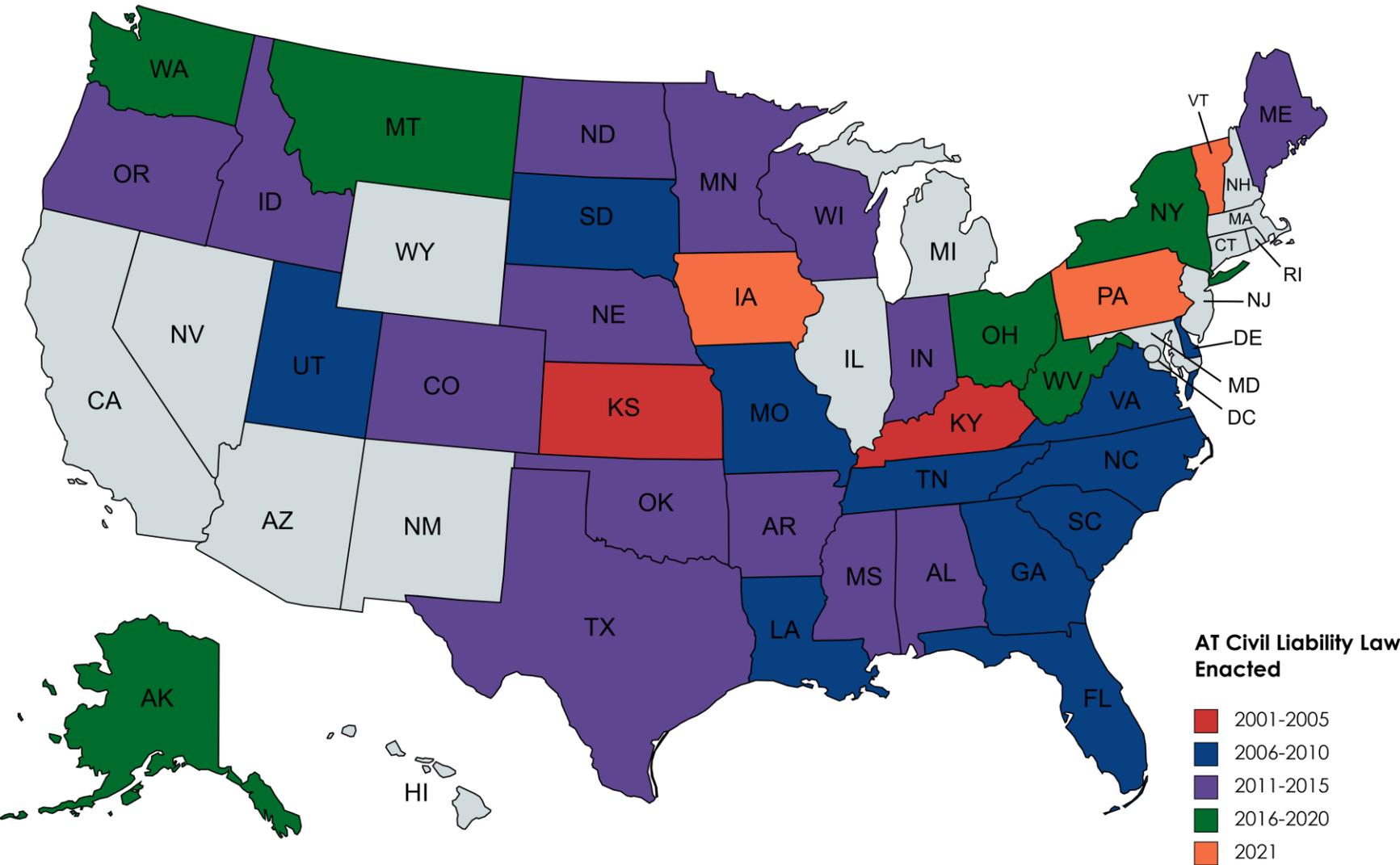
Challenges for agritourism operators



"This has been one of the hardest jobs and ventures I have ever been involved in, and I make little to nothing to show for all the effort and work put into this business."

- West coast operator

Civil Liability Law for Agritourism



Note: the years show when a civil liability law was enacted - this map does not reflect major updates and changes.

Source: Schweichler, J and Schmidt, C.: This work was supported in part by the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) under project # 2020-68006-31683.



Vermont Act No. 31 of 2021: An Act Relating to Limiting Liability from Agritourism

Guide to Navigating Vermont's Agritourism Regulations

Looking to develop an agritourism business? Start here by using the checklists to help you navigate the regulations, permits and licenses required for different scenarios and find points of contact for questions and additional help.

Make sure to check out the
REGULATORY CHECKLIST
(PDF)

What agritourism activity/business are you looking to pursue?

FARMSTAYS 	ON-FARM EVENTS weddings, farm dinners, concerts 	FOOD TRUCK / FOOD STAND 
STORE OR MARKET 	SUMMER CAMP 	FARMSTAND / PICK-YOUR-OWN 
FOOD MADE FROM FARM PRODUCTS 	FARM TOURS / EDUCATIONAL EVENTS 	



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Getting Started: On-Farm Events

Each farm event will be different and unique to your farm! Use the checklist below to determine what meets the needs of your event. Regardless of the type of event, everyone should **familiarize themselves with Act 143 and Act 31**, and follow all applicable regulations and permitting.



Note: Any establishment with food service activities that are more than "occasional" – defined as less than once a month – requires a license from the Vermont Department of Health. The Temporary Food Stand license ("fair stand") is applicable to weekly farmers market vending as well as occasional farm dinners. If other physical facilities are proposed to be regularly used instead of the temporary food stand (a kitchen space on the farm, for example), contact the Department of Health: (802) 863-7221.

Land Use Regulations ▾

Permits ▾

Liability ▾

Licenses ▾

Additional Resources ▾



Other Getting Started Guides

FARM PRODUCT FOODS

FARM TOURS / EDUCATION

FARMSTAND / PICK-YOUR-OWN

FARMSTAYS

FOOD TRUCKS / FOOD STANDS

STORES / MARKETS

SUMMER CAMPS

Resources

REGULATORY CHECKLIST (PDF)



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Licenses ^

- Determine if food will be served at your establishment.
- Obtain a temporary food service establishment license, if necessary.
- Research the coinciding food regulations and obtain permits and licenses as necessary.
- For licensing, operators are expected to demonstrate knowledge of food safety. The ServSafe (or other) certification is not specifically required, however, it is recommended that operators participate in some kind of food safety training to increase knowledge of safe food handling.

The following table can help you navigate the regulations and licenses required for various types of foods and products that you may be selling or serving.

- If you are selling wholesale, follow the regulations listed below.
- If you are producing and serving food regularly, then you may need licensing from the agency for food processing, as well as separate licensing for food service from the Department of Health.
- If you are using products from your farm to make any of these products (for example, jams) then you should follow any regulations listed below for those products.

Food Product	Examples	Agency with Oversight	Permits/Licenses that Apply
Dairy	Milk, cheese	<u>Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Dairy Section</u> Phone: 802-828-2421	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• License based on volume per day, <u>fill out an application</u>• <u>Raw milk regulations</u>
Frozen Dessert	Ice cream, sorbet	<u>Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Dairy Section</u> Phone: 802-828-2421	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Frozen dessert license</u>• A retail license may be needed, <u>read more about information and applications</u>
		Vermont Department of Health, Bakery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If sales are under \$6,500, you may be able to <u>apply for an exemption</u>



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Checklist

This publication provides the basics of entering into an agritourism operation. All of the land use regulations, permits, liabilities, and licenses listed below are things you should consider before implementing an agritourism enterprise. At the end, you will find additional resources for specific agritourism businesses such as weddings, summer camps, and farm dinners.

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Contacts in New England

State	Name	Contact Info	Organization
Connecticut	Stacey Stearns	stacey.stearns@uconn.edu	UConn Extension
Massachusetts	Katie Rozenas-Hanson	katelyn.rozenas@mass.gov	Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
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New Hampshire	Jada Lindblom	Jada.Lindblom@unh.edu	UNH Extension
Vermont	Lisa Chase	Lisa.Chase@uvm.edu	UVM Extension

Legal Food Hub serves all of New England

Funding is provided by the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center (AgMRC), located at Iowa State University, www.agmrc.org. AgMRC is a national website dedicated to providing information to producers and service providers on value-added agriculture businesses. This material is based upon work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant No. 2122374. This work was supported in part by the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) under project # 2020-68006-31683.

Key Legal Considerations for On Farm Events



ANDREW MARCHEV, ESQ.
LEGAL FOOD HUB FELLOW
AT THE VERMONT LAW
AND GRADUATE SCHOOL



Agenda

1. Intro to speaker and VT Legal Food Hub
2. Definitions: What is an On-Farm Event (legally)?
3. Need-to-asks before you host (20,000 foot view)
(a.k.a. 50% of law school in 2 minutes)
4. Closer Look: Zoning
5. Closer Look: Department of Health
6. Educating Yourself Further
7. Questions



Who is presenting?

- Andrew Marchev, attorney from Vermont, focusing on agricultural law.
- Legal Food Hub: Project that matches working lands enterprises with attorneys who are willing to do some work for free.
- Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS): Research, education and assistance for working lands enterprises and food entrepreneurs, hands on experience for law and policy students.
- Vermont Law and Graduate School: Premier environmental and land use law and policy school in South Royalton.



What will I learn?

Worst thing lawyers say, “It depends”

BUT we say it so often, because it’s TRUE!

So, I will NOT be giving legal advice, and I will NOT be citing specific laws,

Rather, I will talk about:

- General patterns
- Ways to educate and help yourself
- Resources



Definitions: What is an on-farm event?

D I F F E R E N T R E L A T I O N S H I P S

- Typical farm-customer relationship is off premises
- Typical farm-employee relationship covered by ag exemptions from employment law
- Typical agricultural zoning contemplates intensive use of land, but with low traffic and few people
- Inviting folks onto the premises opens up a whole new world of liabilities, both civil and admin
- Typical worker for an event is not considered a farm worker for the purposes of the exemptions
- Event and commercial land uses tend to increase traffic and people in the area

Takeaway:
On farm events are
“a whole new world”



“Need-to-asks” before hosting an event

TORTS (A.K.A. PERSONAL INJURY)

Safety

- Who is visiting?
How accident prone are they?
- What is the expectation?
What are other folks doing?
 (“industry standard”)
Expectation setting
- Reasonably safe
- Reasonably accessible
- Duty to warn

Expectations CONTRACTS

- What do you require of the visitors/customers *before* they are allowed onto premises
- What are you promising?
Can you deliver?
- Is there agreement?
- Documentation! (Waivers, agreements, form contracts, etc.)

PROPERTY / LAND USE

Impact on neighbors

- Does your town/county have zoning?
- What zone are you in?
- Permitted uses v.s. conditional uses
- Ag v.s. commercial uses
- Nuisance (1/2 tort, 1/2 property)
- Who are your neighbors?

“Need-to-asks” before hosting an event

EMPLOYMENT LAW

- Do you currently take advantage of any exemptions for ag work?
- Will the employees who are farm workers also be event workers?
- Will you hire additional people for events?
- Employees/contractors/volunteer/intern

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

- Who inspects establishments for health where you are? At what level: (town, country or state)
- Do they require a permit for:
 - Restaurants?
 - Hotels/Motels/BnB's?
 - Food truck/catering?
 - Entertainment venue?
 - Other?
- If you apply to any categories, what is required? Inspections?
- Does your event require multiple permits? (e.g. health and fire)

AG EXCEPTIONALISM

- Are there exemptions from any of the previous requirements because you are a farm?
- Do any of those exemptions not apply because of the particular nature of your activity?
- E.g. in Vermont

INSURANCE!!!

TO HAVE & TO HOLD

- Make sure you have insurance that covers what you are doing.
- If insurance won't cover a particular activity, make sure you know that.
- Maintain your insurance coverage:
 - Keep paying it
 - Avoid activities that void the coverage

DO ASK & DO TELL

- Give your insurance a call with the specifics of what you are planning.
 - Most of the time will be OK
 - But always worth getting their perspective
- If something happens, even if no claim arises, keep them informed
- Better to ask and find out, then to not ask and find out later

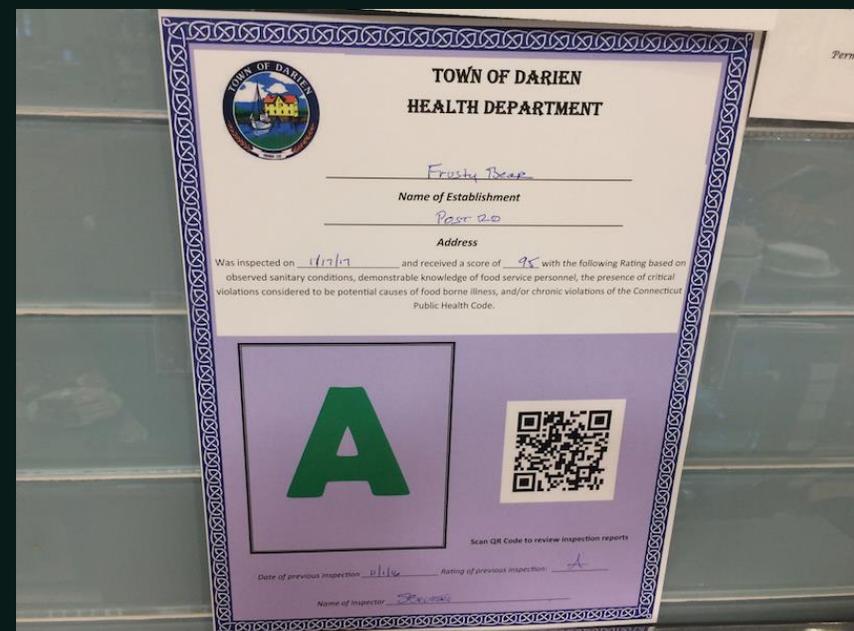
Our Focus Today

ZONING



PERMITS

(HEALTH AND FIRE)



Zoning or Planning?

-Both Municipal level laws of limited application

Municipal=below the state, i.e. town, city or county

-The plan is a document that focuses on how the municipality will develop over time (future).

~Typically administered by a Planning Board or
Development Review Board

~Typical application will be when subdividing your land, or
building a major building

-Zoning is one of the tools of planning

>Looks at the present



Zoning, what is it?

Ideally a compromise

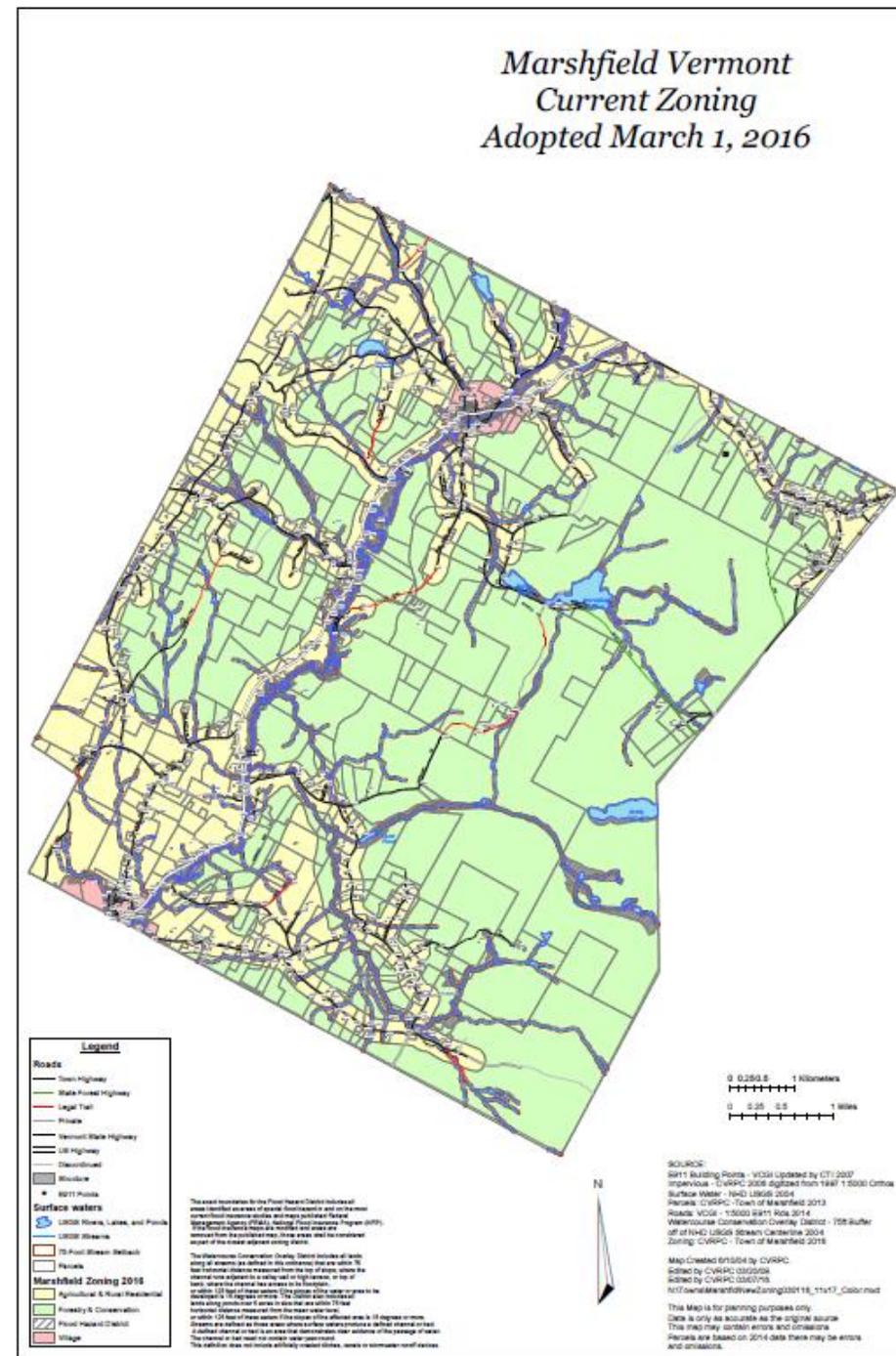
Zoning divides a municipality into zones

- > Different mix of uses for each zone
- > Typically triggered by construction or major renovation
- > BUT a dramatic enough change in use will also trigger

-Typically set out in the form of zoning regulations

-Primary tools:

- Prohibition or Review
- Dividing of area into zones
- Requiring of permits
- Withholding permit until certain conditions are met



Zoning

Ben and Jerry's example



Zoning

“Does it even apply to me?”



- Does your town/county have zoning?
- What zone are you in?
- Permitted uses v.s. conditional uses
- Ag v.s. commercial uses

Do we even have zoning?

-Your town's website is the best place to start.

-Look for:

“Zoning”, “Planning”, “Town Plan”, “Land Use”

Ideally there is a set of zoning regs right on the website

Next best thing is a contact information for the people in charge. Look for:

“Zoning administrator”, “Planning Board”,

“Code Enforcement Officer”,

“Development Review Board”

If no information, or no website, try to find either the

-Town Clerk, or -Town Manager

Counties have equivalents, e.g. “County Clerk”

Search



Photos: Martin Covered Bridge, by Deanna Martin; Bailey Pond, by Rich Baker; Storm Clouds by Andrea Carbonneau Photography; Marshfield Waterfall by Bobbi Brimblecombe

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Contact Info

Town Clerk's Office
122 School Street, Room 1
Marshfield, VT 05658
802-426-3305
[email](#)

Office hours:
Tuesday-Friday
8:00-12:00
12:30-4:00

News

TOWN MEETING 2023

The Selectboard voted to go ahead with traditional town meeting, but will be asking voters if they want to move future meetings to Saturday or an evening meeting, or switch to Australian Ballot. Stay tuned for more info.

Requests for Appropriations

The Marshfield Budget Committee met on December 20, 2022 to consider requests for appropriations. See the requests here.

Dog Licenses

2022 Dog Licenses were due by April 1st - what are you waiting for? Don't

Calendar

February 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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Zoning and Planning



Zoning Information

Roles of Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and Development Review Board

Zoning Documents and Fees

Links to the Town Plan and current regulations

Zoning Minutes

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Applications

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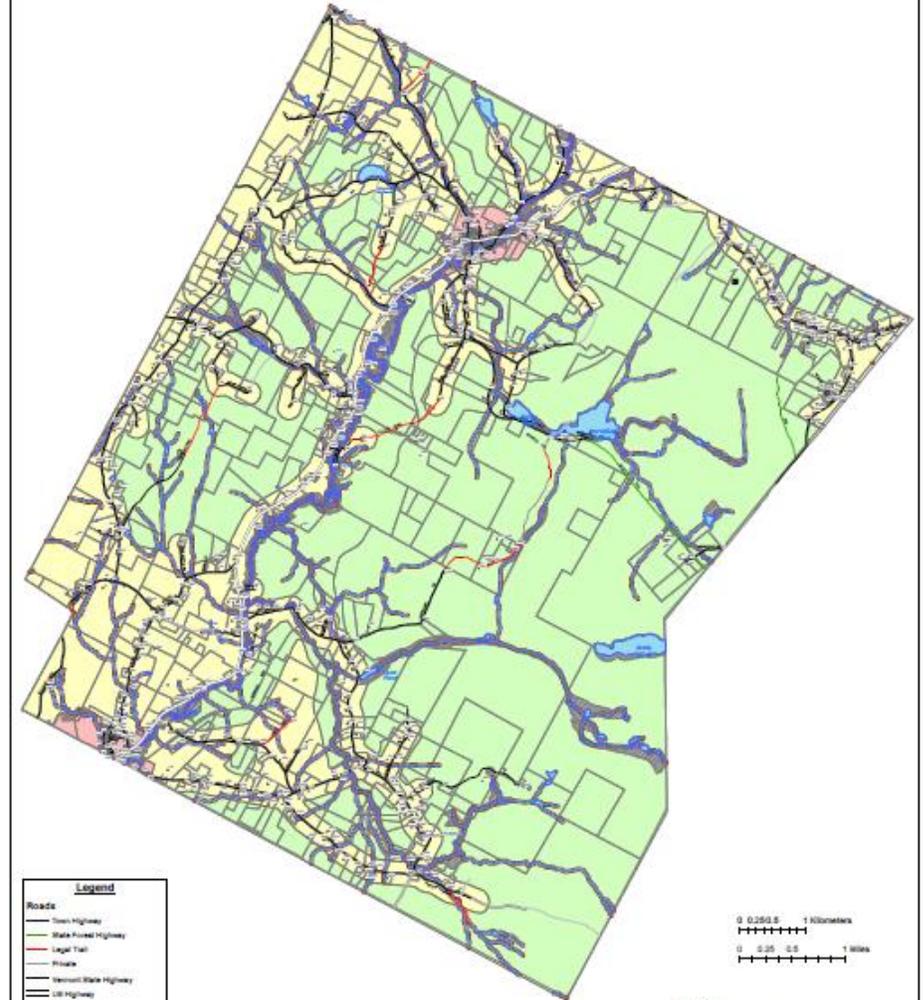
Zoning Documents and Fees

-  [Zoning Fees](#) September 21, 2021
-  [Zoning Regulations](#) Adopted March 1, 2016 with fees adopted September 21, 2021
-  [Subdivision Regulations](#) Adopted March 4, 2014
-  ~~[Zoning Map](#)~~ Adopted March 1, 2016
-  [Marshfield Town Plan](#) Adopted August 21, 2018
-  [Telecommunications Ordinance](#) Adopted March 4, 2003

What Zone am I in?

- Use the legend to understand the zones
- Find where you are on the map

Marshfield Vermont Current Zoning Adopted March 1, 2016



Legend

Roads

- Town Highway
- State Route Highway
- Legal Trail
- Private
- Intersect State Highway
- US Highway
- Discontinued
- Shoulder
- RDTT Points

Surface waters

- 75 Foot Stream Buffer
- Private
- USGS Stream
- USGS Stream

Marshfield Zoning 2016

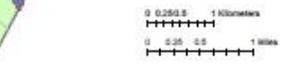
- Agricultural & Rural Residential
- Priority B Conservation
- Forest/Forest/Drainage
- Wetland

The exact boundaries for the Flood Hazard Overlay Districts of any identified areas of excess flood hazard and/or the Vermont State Agency (VSA) Safety Flood Insurance Program (SFIP) are shown on the map. These areas will be updated as soon as the information is available.

The Watershed Conservation Overlay District includes all water bodies and adjacent lands within the 100-foot buffer zone measured from the top of bank, where the stream bed elevation is at least 10 feet higher than the adjacent lands, when the stream bed elevation is 10 degrees or more above the adjacent lands. The District also includes all lands within 100 feet of the stream bed elevation.

Intervenor status measured from the mean water level within 100 feet of the stream bed elevation. The District also includes all lands within 100 feet of the stream bed elevation.

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SOURCE:
SRT1 Building Points - VDOT Updated by CTI 2007
Impervious - CVRAC 2008 digitized from 1997 1:25000 Ortho
Surface Water - NH-D 1960s 2004
Private - CVRAC - Town of Marshfield 2013
Roads - VDOT - 1:50000 SRT1 2014
Watershed Conservation Overlay District - 100 Buffer
off of NH-D USGS Stream Centerline 2004
Zoning - CVRAC - Town of Marshfield 2016

Map Created/Edited by CVRAC
SRT1 by CVRAC 08/07/09
NH-D 1960s by CVRAC 08/07/09
NH-D 1:50000 SRT1 2014 by CVRAC 08/07/09

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Permitted Use? Conditional Use?

Section 420 Agricultural and Rural Residential

In the Agricultural and Rural Residential District, the following uses are permitted:

1. Agricultural uses and forestry
2. One or two family dwelling

The following uses are permitted after issuance of a conditional use permit by the Development Review Board.

1. Public wastewater treatment and disposal facilities
2. Public water treatment and supply facilities
3. Commercial and industrial uses upon the finding by the Development Review Board, in addition to other necessary findings, that such is appropriate in the District and will not be detrimental to the other uses within the District or to the adjoining land uses.
4. Rooming and boarding house
5. Hospital
6. Religious institution
7. State facility
8. Multiple family dwelling.
9. Kennel
10. Development on slopes between 15-25%. Development on slopes greater than 25% is prohibited.
11. Fourth or more dwelling per lot with site plan approval and conditional use approval.

Permitted Use?

Conditional Use?

- Ironically, permitted uses do NOT require a permit.
They are already allowed
- Conditional uses require *review*
After review, a conditional use permit is issued
- If the use is neither permitted, nor conditional,
it is prohibited



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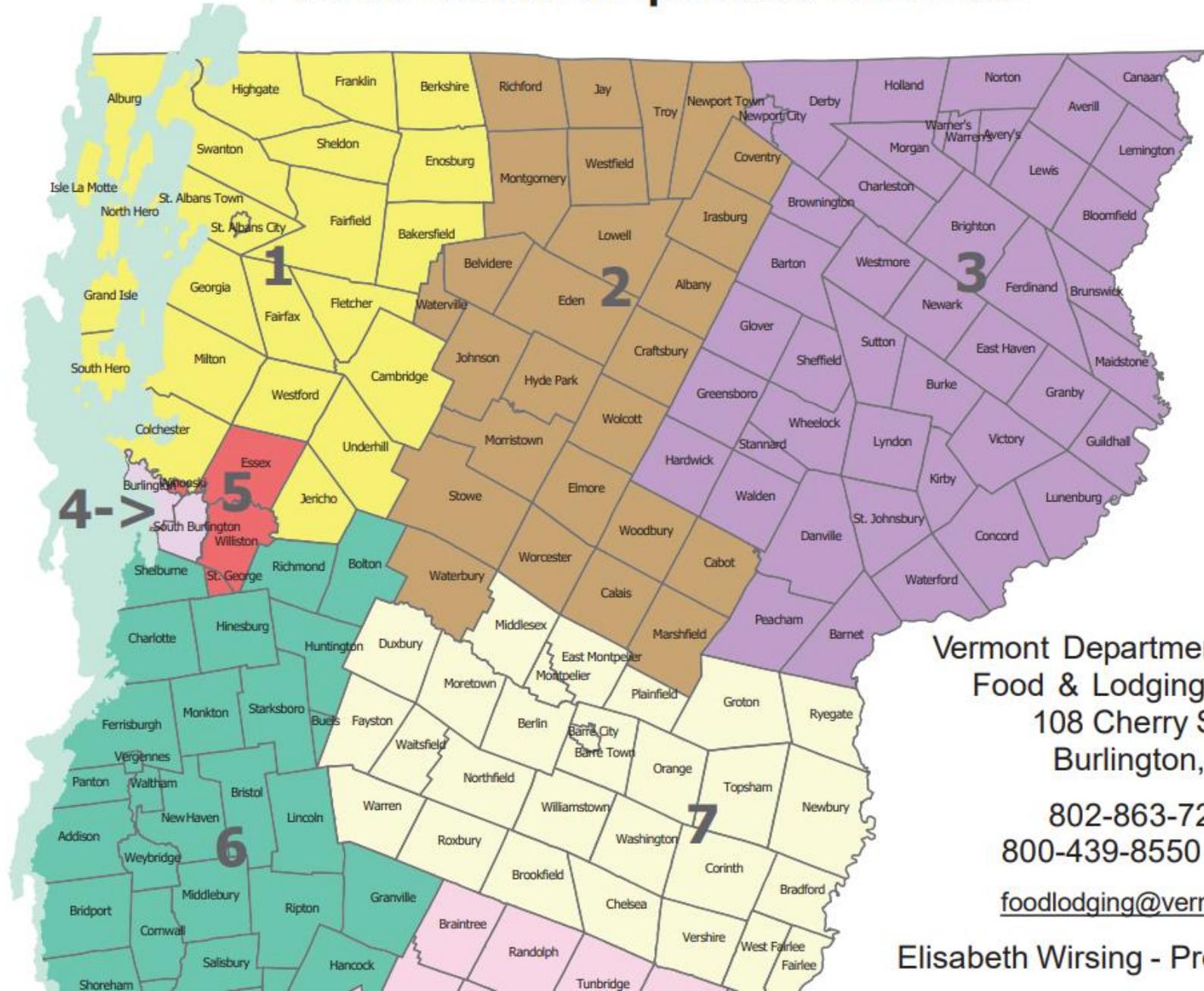


- Does your town, county or state have a department of health? (or equivalent, sometimes called different things)
- Do they require a permit for:
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 - Entertainment venue?
 - Home based food business?
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Inspections?
- Does your event require multiple permits? (e.g. health and fire)

Health Inspection Program	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Health Inspection Program</h2> <p>Lisa Silva, Program Manager</p> <p>Emergency Consultation and Disease Reporting hotline: 1-800-821-5821.</p> <p>Program Mission</p> <p>The Health Inspection Program exists to provide licensing and inspection services for a number of different types of businesses to protect the public health. These businesses include restaurants, lodging, campgrounds, youth camps, public swimming pools and spas, tattooists, micropigmentation, body piercing, electrolysis, school cafeterias, and mass gatherings.</p>
HIP Complaint Form	
Online License Renewal	
Consumer Product Safety Commission	
Forms & Applications	
Links to Related Sites	
Posters/Policies	

New Hampshire Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer Contact Information				
TOWN/CITY	FIRST and LAST NAME		TOWN/CITY MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE AND EMAIL
ACWORTH	Jennifer	Bland	PO Box 37, 13 Town Hall Rd. Acworth NH 03601	860-601-2223 Jlb1365@att.net
	Appt. Expire Date: 3/30/2023			
ALBANY	Joseph	Ferris	1972A NH Route 16 Albany NH 03818	447-6038 jjoezach@rcn.com 447-6038 cwryan6861@gmail.com
	Cathy	Ryan		
	Appt. Expire Date: 4/30/2023			
ALEXANDRIA	Michael	Provost	47 Washburn Rd Alexandria NH 03222	744-3220 mikedebpro@metrocast.net
	Appt. Expire Date: 4/1/2025			

Public Health Inspection Districts



Vermont Department of Health
Food & Lodging Program
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Fire Permits (briefly)

- Usually triggered by specific kinds of new construction
- BUT, sometimes triggered by:
 - Major renovation or change
 - Renovation involving new electrical or plumbing
 - *Major change in use*
- Sometimes very large tents require a fire safety permit
 - E.g. in Vermont its 12,000 sq. ft. tent or greater
- Fireworks often require a permit too



Fire Safety Considerations for Short-Term Rental Operators

Smoke Alarms

- Photoelectric type smoke alarms are required in the immediate vicinity of sleeping rooms, inside each sleeping room, and on all floor levels including the basement. All newly installed smoke alarms must be hard wired into the buildings electrical system.
- Smoke alarms in sleeping rooms of buildings constructed prior to 1994, may be of the 10-year photoelectric lithium powered tamper resistant type.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Outside each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. An additional detector shall be installed in each sleeping

Electrical Safety:

Ground Fault Current Interrupters (GFCI) are required in the following areas;

- Bathrooms, Garages and accessory buildings that have a floor located at or below grade level not intended as habitable room and limited to storage areas, work areas, and areas of similar use, outdoors, Crawl spaces, Unfinished portions or areas of the basement not intended as habitable rooms, kitchens, where the receptacles are installed to serve the countertop surfaces, sinks, where the receptacles are installed within 6ft from the top inside edge of the bowl of the sink, boathouses, bathtubs or shower stalls, where receptacles are installed within 6ft of the outside edge of the

<https://firesafety.vermont.gov/buildingcode/codesheets>

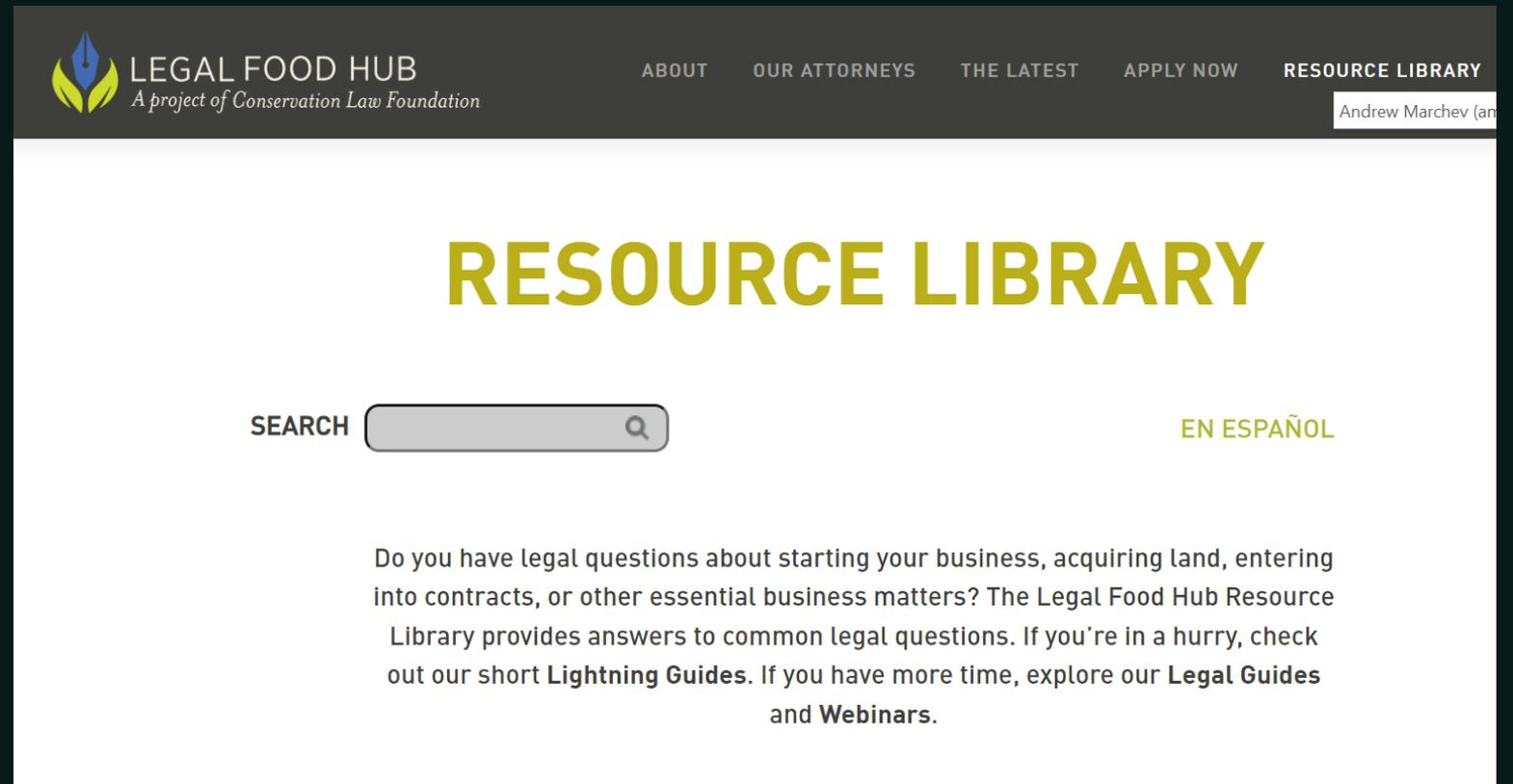
Key Takeaways

- New construction and major changes in use tend to be triggers that require some form of permitting from a state or municipal authority
- Always good to go direct to the source

Legal Food Hub Resource Library

HTTPS://WWW.LEGALFOODHUB.ORG/RESOURCE-LIBRARY/

- Many helpful materials
- Some state specific, but you can still extrapolate enough to be useful to you in initial planning
- Searchable!

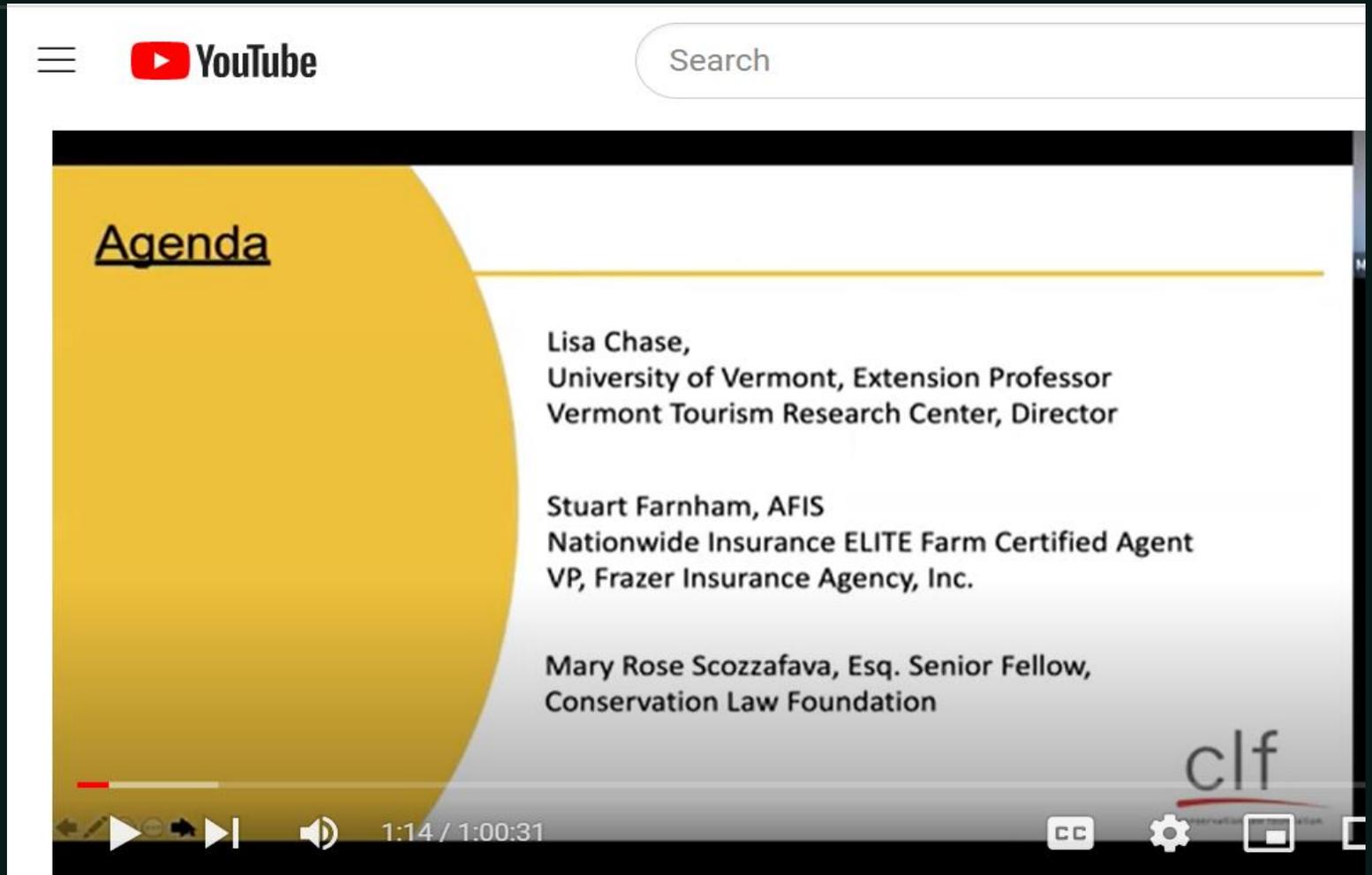


The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo for the Legal Food Hub, a project of the Conservation Law Foundation. Navigation links include ABOUT, OUR ATTORNEYS, THE LATEST, APPLY NOW, and RESOURCE LIBRARY. A user profile for Andrew Marchev is visible. The main heading is 'RESOURCE LIBRARY' in large green letters. Below it is a search bar with the word 'SEARCH' and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a link for 'EN ESPAÑOL'. The main content area contains a paragraph of text: 'Do you have legal questions about starting your business, acquiring land, entering into contracts, or other essential business matters? The Legal Food Hub Resource Library provides answers to common legal questions. If you're in a hurry, check out our short **Lightning Guides**. If you have more time, explore our **Legal Guides** and **Webinars**.'

LFH Resource Library: Opening Your Farm to Visitors

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=LOMMAMATK4A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOMMAMATK4A)

- Really good coverage of the torts, contracts (liability waivers), and insurance part of our intro
- Only 2 years old, still good info
- Free!



Opening Your Farm to Visitors and Controlling for Liability

Legal Food Hub Resource Library:

HTTPS://WWW.LEGALFOODHUB.ORG/RESOURCE-LIBRARY/EMPLOYMENT/

- Really good coverage of employment law
- Free!

Legal Food Hub > Resource Library > Employment

EMPLOYMENT

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Employment Payroll Tax Basics
FOR EVERYONE


Maine Employment Rules for Agricultural Workers
FOR FARMERS


Is your Farm Apprenticeship Legal?
FOR FARMERS

Other excellent resources

- Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS)
<https://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/centers-and-programs/center-for-agriculture-and-food-systems/projects>
- Your local university ag extension
- National Agricultural Law Center (NALC)
- National Association of State Dept's of Ag (NASDA)
- Farm Commons (website with resources and podcast)

Questions?

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