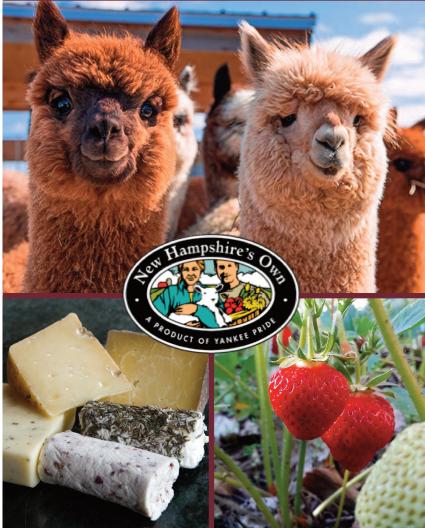
# NEW HAMPSHIRE AGRICULTURE





# WHO'S WHO IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AGRICULTURE

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#### **New Hampshire Agriculture**

- A viable, dynamic industry integrated within New Hampshire's communities
- Diverse products and services with local to international markets
- Steward of nearly a half million New Hampshire acres
- Major influence on the State's character and quality of life

New Hampshire agriculture has changed over the years. Today's industry is quite diverse, encompassing many crop, livestock and specialty products. The value of New Hampshire's agricultural industry is approximately \$1.4 billion. This includes \$188 million in direct sales of agricultural and other horticultural products and services and \$1.2 billion in sales related to agritourism (direct and indirect spending).

Farming activity provides the fields, pastures and meadows that buffer New Hampshire's residential and commercial development and affords the views of the hills, valleys and mountains. Without land kept open by farming, there would be no greenbelts around our towns and cities and without farming, there would be no barns, silos, or sugar houses that give our state its special character.

Some 4,100 individual operations qualify as commercial farms in New Hampshire, managing 430,000 acres including crop, pasture, maple and Christmas tree production, conservation and other agricultural uses. The state's farms produce a wide variety of conventional bulk commodity crops, with milk and apples being the most significant. New Hampshire farms produce many specialty and horticultural crops for markets both within and beyond the state.

New Hampshire agricultural exports total over \$1.4 billion annually, including dairy, animal and horticultural products.

**Dairy:** Approximately 30 million gallons of milk are produced each year on about 100 New Hampshire dairy farms. Purebred cattle are sold all over the world. **\$52 million** 

**Ornamental Horticulture:** This segment of New Hampshire agriculture includes over 500 businesses with greenhouse and nursery plant production and sod. **\$53 million** 

**Hay/Forage & Field Crops:** Hay, corn silage and other forage crops are produced annually on thousands of New Hampshire acres. These are grown for on-farm consumption by livestock and for cash crops as well. **\$21 million** 

**Livestock:** Beef, sheep, swine and poultry are among the types of livestock raised for home food supplies and commercial markets. Specialty livestock such as angora goats and rabbits, llamas and sheep are grown for wool and specialty fiber markets. Farm-raised fish and game including deer, bison and elk are gaining markets in restaurants and other outlets. New Hampshire egg

and turkey products are favorites among local consumers looking for fresh, native foods. New Hampshire research farms have developed poultry strains that have influenced flocks worldwide. Pleasure horses, ponies and donkeys. \$27 million

**Vegetables:** Through direct-to-consumer outlets such as farm stands and markets, as well as regional supermarkets, New Hampshire growers provide a large variety of fresh, quality vegetables to local consumers. **\$18 million** 

**Apples:** New Hampshire orchards produce about one million bushels of apples annually that are sold throughout the Eastern U.S. and Europe. In addition, apple cider has become a major product line for many orchard operations. **\$9 million** 

**Maple and Honey:** An average of 90,000 gallons of maple syrup is produced each year in New Hampshire from over 400,000 maple taps. Beekeepers raise bees for honey and to provide important crop pollination services for other farmers. **\$6 million** 

**Christmas Trees:** New Hampshire grown Christmas trees, including Balsam and Fraser Fir and other species of pine and spruce, are harvested from across the state and sold throughout the region for fragrant holiday celebrations. Other evergreen products such as wreaths and roping are made at numerous farm operations and widely sold. **\$3 million** 

Berries & Other Fruit: By the quart, bushel or the pound, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and other fruit such as peaches are enjoyed by New Hampshire consumers each year. Wild, low-bush New Hampshire blueberries are a baker's favorite! \$3.6 million

Key Source: Lee, Daniel S., The Economic Contribution of the Agriculture Industry in New Hampshire; Calendar Year 2013 (The Institute for New Hampshire Studies, Plymouth State University, 2015); 2017 Census of Agriculture, USDA, NASS.

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Supporting and promoting agriculture, and serving consumers and business for the benefit of the public health, environment, and economy.

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The Office of Commissioner serves as the hub of the department-providing leadership, administrative and business support to all divisions, and statewide policy leadership and advocacy for agriculture. Administers departmental affairs, develops policy and oversees a number of programs which protect farmers, consumers and the environment. The commissioner is an ex-officio member of numerous boards, including the University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees, Milk Sanitation Board, Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee, Pesticide Control Board, Land & Community Heritage & Investment Program, State Conservation Committee, and Current Use Advisory Board.

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The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) is the federal food safety law that applies to farms growing fruits and vegetables that may be eaten raw. FSMA is intended to reduce the risk of microbial contamination of fresh produce by shifting focus from responding to contamination to preventing it. It is administered by the federal Food & Drug Administration (FDA).

The NH Produce Safety Program offers readiness reviews for farms to help farmers understand the rules as they apply to their operations and will be conducting compliance inspections, as well.



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The Division's mission is to create market development opportunities for New Hampshire agricultural producers that result in increased sales of New Hampshire farm and food products. We work to inform the public of the value of the New Hampshire agricultural industry, including understanding the diversity of businesses and products and to encourage the purchase of local agricultural products.

We do this through promotional initiatives and marketing programs, including tradeshow opportunities and events, media and networking. Numerous publications, directories and market information are available in printed formats and on the internet. The division also works with various trade organizations throughout the state and country to encourage economic development activities that benefit New Hampshire agricultural businesses.

The division publishes the Weekly Market Bulletin for the farm community, operates the New Hampshire Building at the Eastern States Exposition and is a presenting sponsor of the NH Farm & Forest Exposition.

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The Division is responsible for the prevention and control of contagious and infectious diseases of livestock and poultry in the state. The core missions are livestock and poultry health, emergency preparedness and response, food safety. Some of these duties are completed in cooperation with USDA, while most are the responsibility of the State. The division is lead state agent for State Emergency Operations Plan Emergency Support Function 11 Agriculture, Cultural, and Natural Resources and is involved in many public health and food safety activities and policy discussions (e.g. rabies, EEE, Salmonella, etc.). The division licenses pet shops, animal shelters, livestock dealers, poultry dealers and people feeding garbage to swine, and assists law enforcement officers with the investigation of cruelty to animals. The division utilizes the expertise and assistance of a USDA Veterinary Medical Officer within various regulatory programs.

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The division is led by the state veterinarian who also oversees the Animal Population Control Program and is an ex officio member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine. The division shares joint responsibility with the University of New Hampshire/NH Agricultural Experiment Station for the NH Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This provides a comprehensive approach to the protection of public health and the economy from threats of animal disease origin.

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Regulates all aspects of the sale, use, and manufacture of pesticides in new Hampshire, under the direction of the Pesticide Control Board with the intention of protecting New Hampshire citizens and the environment while recognizing the benefits of the proper management of pesticides. This is accomplished through the registration of pesticides, licensing of pesticide applicators and dealers, issuance of special permits, promotion of integrated pest management practices, and the enforcement of state and federal pesticide regulations.

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The primary mission of the division is to promote and protect plant health by curtailing the spread of dangerous insects, diseases, and weeds moved in commerce. The Division of Plant Industry works with citizens, agricultural producers like farmers, beekeepers and nurserymen, the green industry, and the wood products industry, to reduce the introduction and spread of destructive plant pests moved in trade. This is achieved through licensing, certification, and audit-based programs, inspections, pest surveys, and outreach. The division also conducts science-based surveys targeting specific exotic plant pests, diseases, and weeds that are identified as threats to agricultural, landscaped, and natural habitats.

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The mission of the division is to assure regulatory compliance in the marketing of certain farm products and agricultural commodities, and enhance market access for farmers by providing state and federal quality and process verification programs.

The Division's work consists of a number of diverse programs, including the review and inspection of the production, processing, packaging and marketing of agricultural products for compliance with state and federal laws and rules

pertaining to grade, labeling and quality standards. Covered agricultural products include: maple products, apples, cider, honey, shell eggs, and raspberries. Regulatory Services regulates agricultural commodities through registration and labeling requirements, and through sampling and analysis. Such commodities include: commercial feed & pet food, commercial fertilizer, liming materials, horticultural growing media, and seeds. The Division takes appropriate action when a noncompliance or violation is found.

Regulatory Services also investigates complaints involving the mismanagement of agricultural nutrients and provides technical and financial assistance to landowners with grants to support efforts to minimize adverse effects to water of the state. Inspectors monitor farmland enrolled in the state's Agricultural Lands Preservation program. The division implements three federal programs: the National Organic Certification program, the Good Agricultural Practices program, and the Country of Origin Labeling program.

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The mission of the Division of Weights and Measures is to verify and promote accuracy and equity in the marketplace for both consumers and businesses, by supporting and regulating commerce sold by weight or measure.

The division licenses (1) businesses that use legal for trade devices commercially, (2) service technicians, and (3) weighmasters. The division provides education, training, and compliance outreach to licensees and interested members of the community.

Division investigators are tasked and authorized to enforce all state laws and regulations pertaining to commercial transactions. The division investigates consumer complaints alleging problems with the determination of quantity, price posting, and package labeling and conducts periodic audits to verify compliance with RSA 438 and RSA 339:30-a.

The division also has a metrology laboratory, which is the custodian of the official mass, volume, and length standards for the State of New Hampshire. The lab is authorized to provide calibration services to the legal weights and measures community, including both the public and private sectors.

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USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, a federal agency working through NH's local conservation districts provides technical and financial assistance through a partnership effort, lead by NH's conservation districts and includes natural resource conservation efforts related to soil and water erosion and erosion control, water quality, stream bank protection, wetlands restoration, farmland protection, forestland improvement, wildlife habitat restoration. flood control and soil and resource inventories.

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Coordinate and implement statewide natural resource programs and provide support to and a forum for county conservation districts.

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The Farm Service Agency administers farm commodity and resource conservation programs dealing with nearly all facets of agriculture. Key programs are: Farm Loan Programs, Conservation Reserve Program, Loan Deficiency Payments, aerial photography, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Farm Storage Loan Program, Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Program, Wool and Mohair Market Loans/Loan Deficiency Payment Program. Trade Adjustment Assistance and Milk Loss Contract Program. FSA also assists NRCS with Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Grasslands Reserve Program.

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FSA provides state-wide farm lending, including low interest rate direct and guaranteed loans for beginning, disadvantaged and veteran farmers, as well as existing farmers.

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Financial services provider for farm and farm related businesses; provide credit, consulting, leasing, record keeping, payroll, tax prep, appraisal and crop insurance. Contribute to a prosperous, productive agriculture by enhancing the income and well being of farmer members by providing a dependable source of credit and financial services.

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#### **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Community and economic development financing and technical assistance providing loans, loan guarantees and grants for homeownership or home repairs, rural rental housing development; business and cooperative development; community facilities highlighting first responders, child and rural health care; and water and wastewater systems. Renewable Energy for America Grant and Loan Guarantee Program fund renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements for farmers, agricultural businesses, and small businesses; Value Added Producer Grants fund planning activities and working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products, including farm-based renewable energy for eligible independent producers, farmers and agricultural producer groups. Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans.

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#### **Belknap County Fair**

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#### **Cheshire Fair**

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#### **Cornish Fair**

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#### Hillsborough County Ag Fair

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#### Lancaster Fair

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#### NH WILDLIFE SERVICES

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The USDA Wildlife Services program helps citizens, organizations, industries and government agencies resolve conflicts with wildlife to protect agriculture, other property, and natural resources, and safeguard human health and safety. Professional wildlife biologists and specialists implement effective, selective, and responsible strategies that value wildlife, the environment, and the resources being protected.

www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage

# AGRICULTURE AND RELATED ASSOCIATIONS & AGENCIES

Ag in the Classroom Debbi Cox State Coordinator 295 Sheep Davis Road Concord, NH 03301 (603) 224-1934 Fax: 228-8432 nhaitc@farmbureau.org Deb Robie, Grafton County Coordinator wehunt4@myfairpoint.net www.agclassroom.org/nh Ag in the Classroom is a non-profit resource organization providing curriculum materials on a variety of agricultural topics for grades K-6 as a way to improve student agricultural literacy. NHAITC sponsors theme oriented staff development and in-class presentations for educators and students. All materials are available on loan to educators and farmers.

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The New Hampshire Agricultural Mediation Program is administered by a non-profit organization that is certified by the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food & USDA. NHAMP provides free mediation services on farm loans, credit issues, USDA adverse decisions, leases, family farm transitions, farmer/neighbor conflicts, organic certification, ag easements, and other issues.

#### **NH Aquaculture Association**

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### NH/VT Christmas Tree Association

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#### NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board

c/o The Rocks

Nigel Manley, Chairman

Christmas Tree Farm 4 Christmas Lane Bethlehem, NH 03574 (603) 444-6228 Fax: 444-4015 info@therocks.org www.nhchristmatrees.com Promotes and supports the NH Christmas tree products industry through the implementation of effective programs and activities to enhance awareness of the industry, increased sales and utilization of real Christmas trees and associated products and further the interests of the Christmas tree growers of NH.

#### **NH Farm Bureau Federation**

Denis Ward, President 295 Sheep Davis Road Concord, NH 03301 (603) 224-1934 Fax: 228-8432 www.nhfarmbureau.org Robert Johnson II, Policy Director Leandra Pritchard, Interm Office Administrator leandrap@nhfarmbureau.org Non-profit, volunteer-based general agriculture organization representing 3,100 farm families and their supporters. Monitors ag and forestry legislative issues. Offers numerous member benefit programs.

#### NH Farm, Forest & Garden Expo PO Box 2585

Concord, NH 03302-2042 (603) 271-3551 info@nhfarmandforestexpo.org www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org

The NH Farm & Forest Exposition is an organization that was formed to create a venue to serve two purposes: 1) to bring together the farming and forestry community for educational opportunities, for networking and to socialize; 2) to highlight the agricultural and forestry industries to the public, presenting a positive, progressive image.

#### NH Farm Museum

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Dedicated to preserving, understanding and carrying forward New
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#### NH Farm to Restaurant Connection

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Works to bring chefs and NH food and
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#### NH Historical Agricultural Structures Advisory Committe (NH Barn Committee)

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barn.html

Formed by the State Legislature in 1999 in response to the alarming loss of many of the state's barns and other historic agricultural outbuildings, the committee helps barn owners across the state to preserve these historic structures by providing techincal assistance, education and outreach.

#### **New Hampshire Made**

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#### **NH Maple Producers**

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#### **NH Winery Association**

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#### Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA-NH) 84 Silk farm Rd.

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### Society for the Protection of NH Forests

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#### **NH Plant Growers Association**

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### NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association

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### NH Vegetable & Berry Grower's Association

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#### NH Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association

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#### NH Holstein-Friesian Club

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#### **NH Jersey Cattle Club**

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#### Granite State Morgan **Horse Society**

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#### NH Arabian Horse Assn.

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Promotes the interests of the entire equine industry of NH. Acts as a liaison among various horse groups, disseminates information and educates both the legislature and general public. Acts as official voice of state equine industry.

NH Quarter Horse Assn. Stacey McNeil, President PMB 106 75 South Main Street Concord, NH 03301 (603) 228-1244 smcneil@nhqha.com www.nhqha.com Promoting the Quarter Horse in New Hampshire.

#### GENERAL LIVESTOCK

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We are a nonprofit membership organization that represents the business interests and way of life important to farm families who raise cattle. We serve as the voice of New Hampshire's beef cattle business, including cattle breeders, producers, and feeders.

#### **NH Dairy Goat Association**

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