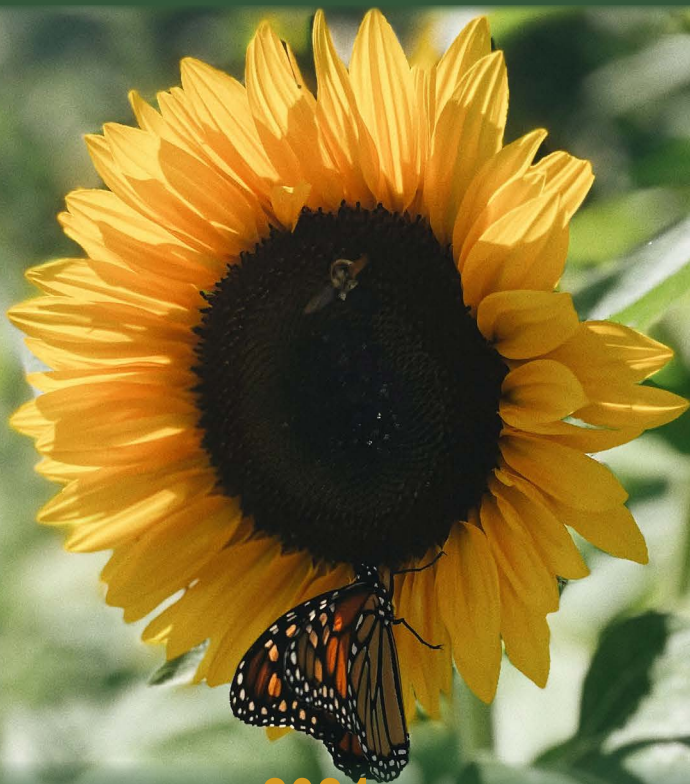


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# AGRICULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

## *A Tapestry of Tradition and Innovation*

Nestled in the heart of New England, New Hampshire's agricultural heritage weaves together centuries-old traditions with modern practices. Despite its relatively small size, the state boasts a diverse range of agricultural businesses and activities, each contributing to its unique tapestry.

### **Farming Heritage:**

- **Historic Farms:** Weathered barns, clapboard houses, and stone walls tell tales of New Hampshire's farming past. These historic properties serve as living museums, preserving the knowledge and techniques of yesteryears.
- **Small Family Farms:** While large-scale agriculture dominates other states, New Hampshire cherishes its small family farms. These intimate operations cultivate crops, raise livestock, and maintain a strong sense of community.
- **New Hampshire Farms** total 3,949, averaging 106 acres in size for a combined 417,187 acres. The market value of agricultural products sold in the state is \$250 million.

### **Crops and Orchards:**

- **Maple Syrup:** As winter loosens its grip, sugar maples awaken. The sweet sap flows, and New Hampshire becomes a maple syrup haven. Visitors flock to sugar shacks during "sugaring season."
  - **471 Maple producers** report nearly \$10 million in sales
- **Apples:** New Hampshire's rolling hills are adorned with apple orchards. With a wide array of traditional and new varieties focused on eating quality, these orchards yield bountiful harvests. Fall foliage and apple-picking festivals draw visitors from afar.
- **Berries:** Blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries thrive in the state's acidic soils. Berry-picking excursions are a favorite summer pastime.
  - **Farms growing fruit, tree nuts & berries** number just over 500, contributing \$19.3 million to New Hampshire's economy.
- **Hay, corn silage and other forage crops** are produced annually on over 1200 farms, with the commodities valued at \$22 million
- **New Hampshire grown Christmas trees**, including spruces, firs, and pines, are harvested from over 150 farms and sold throughout the region for fragrant holiday celebrations. They're worth over \$3.2 million

### **Dairy and Cheese:**

- **Dairy Cows** dot the landscape, producing high quality local milk. These gentle-eyed bovines also contribute to New Hampshire's cheese-making tradition. Over 10,000 Granite State cows produce milk valued at almost \$63 million.
- **Artisanal Cheeses:** From creamy Brie to tangy cheddar, New Hampshire's cheese artisans craft delectable varieties. Farmstead cheeses embody the unique character of the Granite State.

### **Farm-to-Table Movement:**

- New Hampshire's culinary scene embraces farm-to-table dining. Restaurants partner with local growers, ensuring fresh ingredients grace every plate.
- Farmers' markets bustle with colorful produce, artisanal bread, and honey harvested from nearby hives.
- New Hampshire growers provide a large variety of fresh, quality vegetables valued at \$25 million.

### **Agri-Tourism and Education:**

- **Open Farm Days:** Tourists explore working farms, meeting farmers, petting animals, and tasting fresh produce. Understanding where food comes from fosters appreciation for sustainable practices and local produce
- **Educational Programs:** Schools and organizations such as Agriculture in the Classroom, 4H and FFA collaborate with farms, teaching children about agriculture's importance.
- **Harvest festivals, corn mazes, pumpkin patches and other events** draw both locals and tourists. These affairs celebrate nature's cycles and offer fun activities for families while connecting people to the land.

### **Rural Charm and Scenic Beauty:**

- **Farms, orchards, and vineyards** offer picturesque landscapes. Rolling hills, vibrant crops, and open spaces create a serene and visually pleasing environment.
- **Ornamental Horticulture** is the second most economically robust segment of New Hampshire agriculture. Greenhouses, nurseries, sod farms and floriculture businesses number over 450 with a value of nearly \$69 million.
- **Tourists appreciate the chance** to escape urban hustle and bustle, immersing themselves in the tranquility of the countryside.
- **Sunrise over a wheat field, colorful apple orchards, or grazing livestock**—these scenes make for stunning photographs. Speaking of livestock, beef cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and specialty animals such as llamas, along with their associated products, constitute the largest segment of agriculture in the Granite State at \$105 million.

In New Hampshire, agriculture isn't just about sustenance; it's a cultural legacy, a celebration of seasons, and a testament to resilience. Whether savoring a crisp apple or strolling through a sunflower field, visitors connect with the land and its people.

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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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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 select printed formats and online. 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 & Garden Exposition.

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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 maple 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. 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, measure, or count.

The division licenses three main groups (1) businesses, (2) service technicians, and (3) weighmasters. Businesses that use commercial weighing and measuring devices are required to have devices licensed and certified every year. Examples of these devices include, retail motor fuel meters, home heating fuel meters and scales of all sizes, etc. Service technicians are licensed with the division to provide state certification of the commercially used devices. Weighmasters provide weight certificates for consumers using vehicle scales.

Division investigators are tasked and authorized to enforce all state laws and regulations pertaining to commercial transactions. The division audits the three licensed groups indicated above, as well as investigates consumer complaints alleging problems with the determination of quantity, price posting, and package and labeling to verify compliance with RSA 438 and the accompanying Agr 1400 rules.

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 has been closed since 2016 but will be reopening for services in 2024 to provide calibration services to the legal weights and measures community, including both the public and private sectors.

Whenever possible, the division provides education, training, and compliance outreach to licensees and interested members of the community. The division is very active with both the national (NCWM) and regional (NEWMA) weights and measures organizations in order to have a voice for New Hampshire and assist in bringing about positive changes in commercial transactions.

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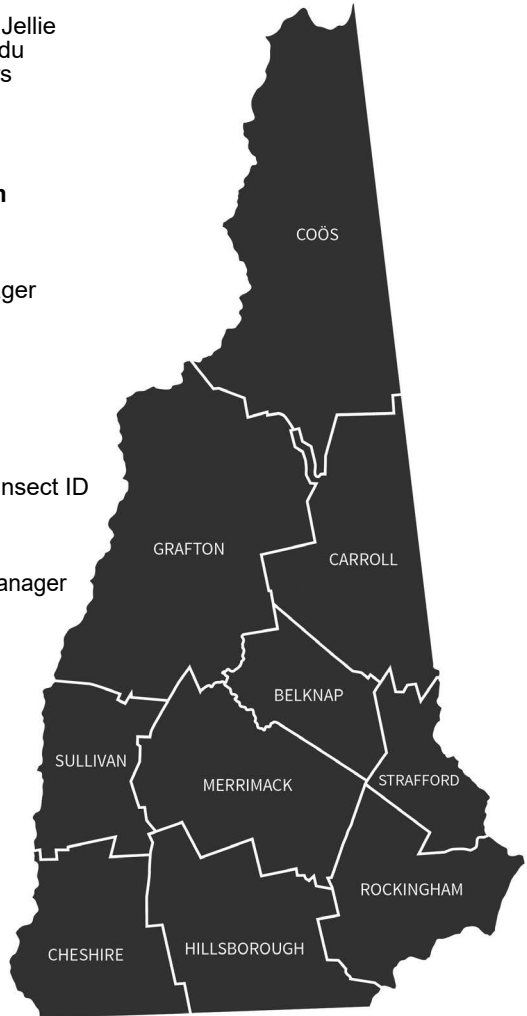
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# **USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE & COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICES**

## **County Conservation District Offices:**

The Conservation Districts assist towns, landowners, farmers, foresters, developers and others to properly plan and conserve the wise use of land and water resources; the Districts also sponsor natural resource conservation programs to bring issues and opportunities of conservation to the attention of the public. Soils information, including Soil Potential Index (SPI) ratings, soils overlays and "Minimum Impact Wetlands Permits" process assistance, are also available through conservation district offices.

## **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service:**

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.

### **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**

(State Office)  
Becky Ross  
State Conservationist  
273 Locust Street, Suite 2D  
Dover NH 03820  
(603) 868-7581  
becky.ross@usda.gov

### **Belknap County Conservation District**

64 Court St.  
Laconia, NH 03246  
(603) 527-5880  
belknapconservationist@gmail.com  
www.belknapccd.org  
Coordinator: Lisa Morin  
District Conservationist:  
Jessica Rock

### **Carroll County Conservation District**

PO Box 533, 73  
Main Street  
Conway NH 03818-0533  
(603) 901-3003  
contact@carrollccd.org  
District Manager: Catherine Dufault  
Acting District Conservationist:  
Kelly Eggleston  
kelly.eggleston@usda.gov

### **Cheshire County Conservation District**

11 Industrial Park Drive  
Walpole NH 03608-9744  
(603) 756-2988, ext. 4  
amanda@cheshireconservation.org  
www.cheshireconservation.org  
District Manager: Amanda Littleton  
Community Engagement Coordinator:  
Matt Smetana  
Program Support Specialist:  
Benée Hershon  
USDA NRCS District Conservationist:  
Wendy Ward

**Coos County  
Conservation District**

4 Mayberry Lane  
Lancaster NH 03584-3616  
(603) 503-9014  
da.cccd@gmail.com  
District Administrator: Whitney Lewis  
Acting District Conservationist:  
Kelly Eggleston  
kelly.eggleston@usda.gov

**Grafton County  
Conservation District**

Grafton County Administration  
Building, Room 30  
3855 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
(603) 787-6973  
pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdnet.net  
District Administrator: Pam Gilbert  
District Conservationist: Tom Ebert

**Hillsborough County  
Conservation District**

Chappell Professional Center  
468 Route 13 South  
Milford NH 03055-3476  
(603) 673-2409  
<http://www.hillsboroughccd.com>  
District Manager: Kerry Rickrode  
Acting District Conservationist:  
Eric Dugas

**Merrimack County  
Conservation District**

Concord Service Center  
10 Ferry Street Suite 211  
Concord, NH 03301-5081  
(603) 223-6023  
info@merrimackccd.org  
District Conservationist: Jessica Rock

**Rockingham County  
Conservation District**

110 North Rd.  
Brentwood, NH 03833-6614  
(603) 679-2790  
District Manager: Vicky Nelson  
Senior Project Manager: Tracy Degnan  
Conservation and Stewardship  
Manager: Arianna Spear  
District Conservationist: Matt Larkin  
629 Calef Hwy  
Suite 203, Knightly Plaza  
Epping, NH 03042-2326  
(603) 679-1587

**Strafford County  
Conservation District**

264 County Farm Road  
Dover, NH 03820-6015  
(603) 749-3037  
District Manager: Alena Warren  
District Conservationist: Matt Larkin

**Sullivan County  
Conservation District**

95 County Farm Rd.  
Unity, NH 03743  
(603) 542-4891  
[conservationdistrict@sullivancountynh.gov](mailto:conservationdistrict@sullivancountynh.gov)  
District Manager: Lionel Chute  
District Conservationist: Wendy Ward

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## CONSERVATION AGENCIES

### State Conservation Committee

Provide guidance, coordination and assistance to county conservation districts and activities of federal, state, county and local government in natural resource conservation.

c/o NH Dept. of Agriculture,  
Markets & Food  
PO Box 2042  
Concord, NH 03302-2042  
(603) 271-3551

Donna Hepp  
NH SCC Board Chair  
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### New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts

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

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Concord, NH 03302-2311  
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admin@nhacd.net

Steve Scapicchio, President  
3 Oak Hill Road  
Tuftonboro, NH 03894  
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[www.nhacd.net](http://www.nhacd.net)

## USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCIES

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.

### USDA/NH Farm Service Agency

(State Office)  
Jeffrey Holmes  
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jeffrey.holmes@usda.gov  
James C. Cleveland Fed. Bldg.  
53 Pleasant Street, Rm 1601  
Concord, NH 03301  
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### Belknap/Merrimack/Hillsborough County, FSA

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**Cheshire-Sullivan County, FSA**

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County Executive Director  
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603-756-2970  
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michael.greene@usda.gov

**Carroll-Coos County, FSA**

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County Executive Director  
4 Mayberry Lane  
Lancaster, NH 03584  
(603) 788-4602, ext. 2  
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**Grafton County, FSA**

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County Executive Director  
19 Archertown Road  
Orford, NH 03777  
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tara.hamlett@usda.gov

**Rockingham-Strafford County, FSA**

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Epping, NH 03042  
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Kelsey.hamilton@usda.gov



[www.fsa.usda.gov/nh](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nh)

**FARM SERVICE AGENCY LOAN OFFICE**

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.

Rebecca Davis, Farm Loan Manager  
10 Ferry Street, Suite 212  
Concord, NH 03301-5081  
(603) 223-6003  
Fax: 855-428-0327  
rebecca.davis2@usda.gov

## **FARM CREDIT EAST FINANCING**

Farm Credit East is a specialized lender and financial services provider that has been committed to the Granite State's agricultural producers for more than 100 years. The customer-owned cooperative serves farmers, nursery and greenhouse operators, vineyard owners and operators, forest products producers, fishermen, part-time growers, and agribusinesses. Farm Credit East's Country Living program provides financing for land and rural homes. In addition to loans and leases, Farm Credit East offers financial services, such as payroll, tax preparation, recordkeeping and business consulting, to help New Hampshire's farm businesses be successful.

### **Bedford Branch Office**

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Bedford, NH 03110  
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David.Bishop@farmcrediteast.com  
bedfordnh@farmcrediteast.com  
Serving Belknap, Carroll, Hillsborough,  
Merrimack, Rockingham and Strafford  
counties

### **White River Junction Branch Office**

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Serving Grafton, Cheshire and  
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### **Derby Branch Office**

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**FARM CREDIT EAST**

**[www.farmcrediteast.com](http://www.farmcrediteast.com)**

## **NH COMMUNITY LOAN FUND**

We provide flexible capital to grow more local food businesses from producer to processor to consumer. We offer comprehensive assessment and customized advice from a diverse network of professionals. Our mission is to serve as a catalyst, leveraging financial, human, and civic resources to enable traditionally underserved people to participate more fully in in New Hampshire's economy.

Charlene Andersen,  
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**[www.communityloanfund.org](http://www.communityloanfund.org)**



## **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.

### **USDA Rural Development State Office for NH/VT**

Sarah Waring, State Director  
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Montpelier, VT 05601  
(802) 828-6080  
Sarah.Waring@usda.gov

### **New Hampshire Lancaster Office**

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janice.leblanc@usda.gov

### **New Hampshire Concord Area Office**

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andrea.ansevinallen@usda.gov  
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### **New Hampshire Conway Office**

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### **Vermont Brattleboro Area Office**

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### **Vermont St. Johnsbury Office**

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### **Vermont Montpelier Office**

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# NEW HAMPSHIRE FAIRS & EXPOS

## **NH Association of Fairs & Expos**

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1 Granite Place South, Suite 211  
Concord NH 03301  
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## **NH Farm & Forest & Garden Exposition**

Deerfield Fairgrounds  
Concord, NH 03302-2585  
info@nhfarmandforestexpo.org  
<https://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org>

## **NH Sheep and Wool Growers**

May 11-12, 2024  
220 Loudon Rd PMB 223  
Concord, NH 03301  
nhswga@nhswga.org

## **Belknap County 4-H Fair**

August, 2024, TBA  
Earl Leighton  
174 Mile Hill Road  
Belmont, NH 03220  
[www.bc4hfair.org](http://www.bc4hfair.org)

## **Cheshire Fair**

August 1-4, 2024  
Office  
247 Monadnock Hwy  
Swanzey, NH 03446  
Phone: (603) 357-4740  
info@cheshirefair.org

## **Cornish Fair**

August 16-18, 2024  
Wayne Gray  
294 Townhouse Rd.  
Cornish, NH 03746  
Phone: (603) 675-5714  
Vendor: (603) 543-3836  
<http://www.cornishfair.org>

## **Deerfield Fair**

September 26-29, 2024  
Office  
34 Stage Rd.  
Deerfield, NH 03037-0156  
Phone: (603) 463-7421  
<https://www.deerfieldfair.com>

## **Granite State Fair**

September, 2024, TBA  
Mark Perry  
72 Lafayette St.  
Rochester, NH 03867  
Phone: (603) 332-6585  
[www.granitestatefair.com](http://www.granitestatefair.com)

## **Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair**

September 6-8, 2024  
Danielle Deyo  
15 Hilldale Lane, Rte 13  
New Boston, NH 03070  
Phone: (603) 641-6060  
[www.hcafair.org](http://www.hcafair.org)

## **Hopkinton State Fair**

August 29-September 2, 2024  
Office  
392 Kearsarge Ave.  
Contoocook, NH 03229  
Phone: (603) 746-4191  
admin@hsfair.org  
<https://www.hsfair.org>

## **Lancaster Fair**

August 29-September 2, 2024  
office  
516 Main St  
Lancaster, NH 03584  
Phone: (603) 788-4531  
<https://www.lancasterfair.com>

## **North Haverhill Fair**

July 24-28, 2024  
David Lackie  
1299 Dartmouth College Hwy  
No. Haverhill, NH 03774  
Phone: (603) 989-3305  
[www.nohaverhillfair.com](http://www.nohaverhillfair.com)

## **Sandwich Fair**

October 12-14, 2024  
Office  
7 Wentworth Hill Rd  
Ctr. Sandwich, NH 03227  
Phone/Fax: (603) 284-7062  
[www.thesandwichfair.com](http://www.thesandwichfair.com)

[www.nhfairs.com](http://www.nhfairs.com)

# **NH WILDLIFE SERVICES**

## **NH Wildlife Services**

USDA APHIS

David Allaben, State Director

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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](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage)**

## **AGRICULTURE AND RELATED ASSOCIATIONS & AGENCIES**

### **Ag in the Classroom**

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nhaitc@farmbureau.org

Deb Robie, Grafton Cou

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[www.agclassroom.org/nh](http://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.

### **Granite State FFA Association**

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Concord, NH 03302-2042

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FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

### **Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)**

Paula Bellemore, Executive Director

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Concord, NH 03301

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[www.LCHIP.org](http://www.LCHIP.org)

LCHIP is an independent state authority that makes matching grants to NH communities and non-profits to conserve and preserve New Hampshire's most important natural, cultural and historic resources.

*Agriculture Associations and Agencies Cont.*

**National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA**

**New England Field Office**

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New England Statistician  
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112  
202-615-9845

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Serves the United States, its agriculture and its rural communities by providing meaningful, accurate and objective statistical information and services.

**NH Agricultural Mediation Program**

Matt Strassberg, Director  
Cara Cargill, Program Manager  
PO Box 2042

Concord, NH 03302-2042

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(800) 511-2213 (toll free)

matts@emcenter.org

carac@emcenter.org

www.nhamp.org

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 Beekeepers Association**

Shane Howard, President

13 Robinson Lane

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Mary Ellen McKeen

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www.nhbeekeepers.org

Encourage the study and advancement of agriculture and the economic importance of bees in NH.

**NH/VT Christmas Tree Association**

Veronica Francis

91 Main Street

Littleton, NH 03561

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info@nh-vtchristmastree.org

www.nh-vtchristmastree.org

The association promotes and develops among the growers and handlers of Christmas trees and related products, a mutual interest in the practical solutions to problems incidental to the production and marketing of their products.

**NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board**

Nigel Manley, Chairman

South Farm

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www.nhchristmastrees.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**

Joyce Brady, President

295 Sheep Davis Road

Concord, NH 03301

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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 03302-2585  
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**

1305 White Mountain Highway  
P.O. Box 644  
Milton, NH 03851-0644  
(603) 652-7840  
nhfarmmuseum.info@gmail.com  
www.nhfarmmuseum.org  
Dedicated to preserving, understanding and carrying forward New Hampshire's agricultural heritage.

**NH Farm to Restaurant Connection**

Matt Provencher, President  
"Vacant" Vice President  
www.nhfarmtorestaurant.com  
Works to bring chefs and NH food and agricultural producers together. It is a standing committee of NH Made, Inc.

**NH Historical Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee (NH Barn Committee)**

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NH Division of Historical Resources  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
19 Pillsbury St.,  
Concord, NH 03301-3570  
(603) 271-8850  
<https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/barns.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 technical assistance, education and outreach.

**New Hampshire Made**

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Administers the statewide membership marketing program for New Hampshire food, products and services.

**NH Maple Producers**

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603-421-4727  
NHMPA  
www.nhmaplemap.com  
info@nhmapleproducers.com  
Encourages and promotes NH maple products through advertising and publicity. Encourages maple production that meets high standards of the law and tradition.

**NH State Grange**

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603-568-3287  
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603-588-6615  
10 Riverside St.  
Hooksett, NH 03106  
Patrons of Husbandry, founded to promote agriculture and improve rural life through community service and social involvement with emphasis on the traditions of faith, patriotism, leadership and family values.

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**NH Timberland Owners Association**

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Cheri Birch, Program &

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54 Portsmouth Street, RM 118

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 224-9699

Fax: (603) 225-5898

[www.nhtoa.org](http://www.nhtoa.org)

Statewide member - upported, non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting responsible forestry and a strong forest products industry through legislative advocacy, education and public outreach.

**NH Winery Association**

Bob Elliott, President

Squamscott Vineyard & Winery

70 Route 108

Newfields, NH 03856

603-770-6719

[newfieldsnh@gmail.com](mailto:newfieldsnh@gmail.com)

[info@nhwineryassociation.org](mailto:info@nhwineryassociation.org)

<https://nhwineryassociation.org>

The NH Winery Association promotes the production of quality NH wines, fruit, and farming that supports our industry.

**Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire (NOFA-NH)**

84 Silk farm Rd.

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 224-5022

[info@nofanh.org](mailto:info@nofanh.org)

[www.nofanh.org](http://www.nofanh.org)

Promotes the use of organic farming and gardening and land care practices in New Hampshire, and the consumption of locally grown organic foods through educational workshops, conferences, discounted seed and soil amendment purchases, farm and garden tours and networking opportunities.

**Society for the Protection of NH Forests**

Jack Savage, President

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(603) 224-9945 Fax: (603) 228-0423

[jsavage@forestsociety.org](mailto:jsavage@forestsociety.org)

[www.forestsociety.org](http://www.forestsociety.org)

The society was founded in 1901 to perpetuate the forests through land protection, education, advocacy and forestry.

It is a non-profit membership organization.

## HORTICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS

### **Granite State Landscape Architects**

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### **NH Fruit Growers Association**

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603-630-1549

The NH Fruit Growers Association (NHFGA) is a non-profit association made up of tree fruit farmers, commercial, and supporting members who share a passion for New Hampshire-grown apples, apricots, peaches, cherries, plums, and pears.

### **NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association**

Barry Leblanc, President  
Ausin Fairhead, V. President  
Robert Demers, Treasurer  
Tess Lambert, Secretary  
nhgpga@yahoo.com  
<https://www.nhgpga.org>  
The association promotes the growing of giant pumpkins in NH. The annual sponsor of the State Weigh-Off and Pumpkin Regatta. Nationally known due to success of its membership.

### **NH Vegetable & Berry Grower's Association**

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Longview Farm  
175 Quincy Road  
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## DAIRY ASSOCIATIONS

### **Granite State Dairy Promotion**

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amy@nhdairypromo.org  
www.nhdairypromo.org  
Promotes the sale and use of milk and dairy products through advertising, nutrition education and works to enhance the image of NH's dairy industry.

### **NH Dairy Sanitation Program**

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*Dairy Associations Cont.*

**New England Dairy**

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NEDFC is a non-profit organization staffed by registered dietitians who specialize in nutrition education. It provides nutrition education programs, services and materials to the region's educators, school food service directors, health professionals and journalists.

**NH Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association**

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128 Bailey Road  
Jefferson, NH 03583  
(603) 586-7950  
yawnocfarm@gmail.com  
Promotes development and breeding of better Brown Swiss cattle.

**NH Milking Shorthorn Breeders**

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GMC Farm  
Cornish Flat, NH 03746  
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Promotes Registered Shorthorn breed.

## **HORSE ASSOCIATIONS**

**Granite State Appaloosa Association**

Jeff Urquhart, President  
jeffurquhartnh@gmail.com  
<https://granitestateappaloosa.com>  
Advances and promotes the Appaloosa horse.

**Granite State Morgan Horse Society**

Pauli Johnson, President  
(603) 770-0757  
HYGREET@aol.com  
www.nhmorgans.com  
The membership is open to all persons owning or interested in Morgan horses and breed, except that members residing out of the State of New Hampshire shall not be eligible to hold office. New members are always welcome.

**NH Arabian Horse Association**

Lora Hedrich, President  
62 Forest Rd.  
Greenfield, NH 03047  
(603) 930-3716  
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Promotes outstanding qualities of the Arabian horse, coordinates horse shows, activities, exhibits and allows enthusiastic owners and admirers alike to come together, share ideas, form friendships and enjoy versatility and beauty of Arabian horses.



### **NH Horse Council**

Christina Keim, President  
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Since 1986, the New Hampshire Horse Council (NHHC) has served as the voice of New Hampshire's diverse horse industry. Through education, advocacy, and coalition building, we support the health, safety, and welfare of all equines in our state, and work to protect the interests of equine enthusiasts.

### **NH Quarter Horse Association**

Stacey McNeil, President  
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75 South Main Street  
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Promoting the Quarter Horse in New Hampshire.

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK**

### **NHBPA (New Hampshire Beef Producers Association)**

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We are a 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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Promotes dairy goats and supports dairy goat owners by providing educational meetings and other events. Sponsors annual Dairy Goat Show.

### **NH Game Farmers Association**

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Promotes alternative livestock in the state of NH.

### **NH Sheep & Wool Growers Association (NHSWGA)**

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