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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 $1.2 billion. This includes $513.8 million in direct sales of agricultural and horticultural products as well as labor and employment impacts and $720.6 million in sales related to agritourism and related labor and employment impacts of agritourism.

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 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 380,000 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 $70 million annually, including dairy, animal and horticultural products.

Livestock: Beef, sheep, swine and poultry are among the types of livestock raised for home food supplies and commercial markets. Specialty livestock such as rabbits, llamas and sheep are grown for wool and specialty fiber markets. Farm-raised fish and game including deer, bison and elk are also included here. New Hampshire egg and turkey products are favorites among local consumers looking for fresh, native foods. $66 million
Ornamental Horticulture: This segment of New Hampshire agriculture includes approximately 150 businesses with greenhouse and nursery plant production and sod. $48 million

Dairy: Approximately 30 million gallons of milk are produced each year on about 90 New Hampshire dairy farms. Purebred cattle are sold all over the world. $42 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

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. $13 million

Apples: New Hampshire orchards produce about one million bushels of apples annually that are sold throughout the Eastern U.S. In addition, apple cider has become a major product line for many orchard operations. $12 million

Maple and Honey: An average of 160,000 gallons of maple syrup is produced each year in New Hampshire from over 530,000 maple taps. Beekeepers raise bees for honey and to provide important crop pollination services for other farmers. $8 million

Berries & Other Fruit: By the quart, bushel or the pound, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and other fruit such as grapes and peaches are enjoyed by New Hampshire consumers each year. $3.6 million

Christmas Trees: New Hampshire grown Christmas trees, including Balsam and Fraser Fir and other species of pine and spruce, are harvested from nearly 200 farms 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

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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.
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 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.

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, and 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.

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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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 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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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
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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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Serving Grafton, Cheshire and Sullivan counties

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 New Hampshire’s economy.

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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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Deerfield Fairgrounds
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Belknap County 4-H Fair
August 5-6, 2023
Earl Leighton
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Cheshire Fair
August 3-6, 2023
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Cornish Fair
August 18-20, 2023
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Deerfield Fair
September 28-October 1, 2023
Administration Office
P.O. Box 156
34 Stage Rd.
Deerfield, NH 03037-0156
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https://www.deerfieldfair.com

Granite State Fair
September 14-17 & 21-24, 2023
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www.granitestatefair.com

Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair
September 8-10, 2023
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Hopkinton State Fair
August 31-September 4, 2023
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Lancaster Fair
August 31-September 4, 2023
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North Haverhill Fair
North Haverhill Fair
July 26-30, 2023
David Lackie
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Sandwich Fair
October 7-9, 2023
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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

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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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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)
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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.

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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
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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 Beekeepers Association
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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www.nhfarmmuseum.org
Dedicated to preserving, understanding and carrying forward New Hampshire’s agricultural heritage.

NH Farm to Restaurant Connection
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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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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.

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Encourages and promotes NH maple products through advertising and publicity. Encourages maple production that meets high standards of the law and tradition.

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

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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.

Small & Beginner Farmers of NH
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The Beginner Farmers of NH is organized as a farmer to farmer network, with the goals of connecting, networking, sharing and helping to access technical information and agricultural education. Our cooperative and collaborative effect will help small and beginner farmers achieve their goals, strengthen our communities and the agricultural industry, economy and quality of life in NH.

Society for the Protection of NH Forests
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HORTICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS

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NH Giant Pumpkin Growers Association
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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 Fruit Growers Association
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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 Vegetable & Berry Grower’s Association
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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.

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Horse Associations

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Advances and promotes the Appaloosa horse.

Granite State Morgan Horse Society  
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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  
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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.
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NH Game Farmers Association
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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.

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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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