

The Center for Sustainable Agriculture advances sustainable food and farming systems in Vermont and beyond. We cultivate partnership, support innovative research and practices, and inform policy to benefit Vermont communities and the UVM campus.



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# ABOUT THE CENTER

## Who is the Center for Sustainable Agriculture?

The Center was founded in 1994 to engage in research and outreach to help Vermont move forward as a leader in sustainable agricultural practices. Since that time, we have engaged in countless outreach and applied research projects, helped launch new programs within UVM and the state at large, and developed a transdisciplinary, systems-based approach to addressing needs in Vermont's vibrant food system.

We continue to research leading-edge practices and new approaches that help farmers and other food system stakeholders who are seeking profitability, incorporating environmentally regenerative practices, and addressing social and community-based food-related needs. We are a proud part of UVM Extension, and work in close collaboration with other Extension programs as well as many other colleagues on-campus and in the broader community.

## Who Does the Center Work With?

We are glad to work with any farmers who are seeking to increase the sustainability of their operations, whether they are following conventional or organic agricultural practices, or other approaches.

Staff in our current programs serve:

- Farmers raising livestock on pasture, or seeking to transition to grass-based farming.
- Farmers seeking land.
- Land-owners seeking farmers to lease their land.
- New farmers seeking assistance to expand their enterprises on their farm.
- Stakeholders interested in reducing food waste, at both the household and community levels.
- Produce growers who are seeking to document or improve their on-farm food safety practices, or prepare for GAPs certification.



- New American farmers who are involved with the New Farms for New Americans program.
- Aspiring farmers 14-21 years old through the Youth Agricultural Individual Development Account Program.
- Farmers seeking to address run-off and drainage issues.
- Potential collaborators and research partners within UVM Extension, in other departments and colleges within UVM, in the region, around the country and around the world.

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