



Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)

Policy Priorities

Action Needed this Session

- Securing permanent funding and support for the **Local Foods Incentive Grant** that provides a financial incentive to school districts and supervisory unions to purchase local food for their school meal programs, as well as permanent funding and support for Universal Meals.
- Securing a clear, time-bound and funded commitment to **stop contamination of soils with microplastics and PFAS**, and establishing funding and other support mechanisms for farmers whose land is found to be contaminated.
- Securing immediate relief and long-term support for **organic dairies in crisis**.
- Reinvesting tax revenue from cannabis sales into communities disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition, and improving access to the cannabis market for growers.

Big Picture Issues we Champion

- Streamlining access to agricultural programs, grants and services.
- Dramatically **reducing pesticide use** in agriculture.
- Increasing support for **organic agriculture as a climate solution**, including as a means of meeting emissions reductions targets set by the Global Warming Solutions Act.
- Increasing access to **affordable healthcare & childcare**.
- Improving access to **land, housing, and nourishing food** for historically marginalized populations.
- Continued engagement on **Payment for Ecosystem Services** models to ensure they center farmer needs, social justice outcomes, and holistic ecosystem function.

Fundamental Programs we Support

Working Lands Enterprise Initiative (WLEI)

Vermont Housing & Conservation Board Farm & Forest Viability Program

Farm to School & Early Childhood Grants

Land Access & Opportunity Board

Vermont Farm to Plate Investment Program

Partnerships & Coalitions



WORKING LANDS COALITION



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