



The Real Organic Project label is working hard to support local organic farmers to get more local produce in stores like the South Royalton Co-op. Please support local farmers!

Anthony Ramos,
Real Organic Project
East Thetford, 2023



COVID-19 Grant in 2020 used
to develop Snug Valley
Multi-Farm Home Delivery &
Local Product Distribution
during pandemic

Ben Notterman,
Snug Valley Farm
East Hardwick, 2020



"Our Working Lands Grant helped to transform an open sided woodshed into a sugarhouse store, with space for grade sampling and teaching about maple production. We also purchased a large Hobart mixer for sugar production. Thank you!"

Bette Lambert, Silloway Maple

Randolph Center 2020



The funds from the Working Land Grant help keep lands like ours in the economically challenged rural area of the NEK working and help enable Vermont's agritourism business to be a vital contributor to the livelihoods of our family and farming partners.

Brian and Jenn Cook, Kingdom Brewing

Newport, 2014



VLSP seeks to enhance and expand the slaughter and processing opportunities for producers of all sizes.

Carl Cushing, Vermont Livestock Slaughter & Processing
Ferrisburgh, 2014; 2022



Working Lands is making it possible for the Vermont Woodworking School to train our students in the most cutting edge technologies and helping us create a stronger, more adaptable workforce for Vermont's wood products industry!

Catherine Emil, VT
Woodworking School
Cambridge 2013, 2023



In addition to the vegetables, Sunrise Farm provides chicken, lamb, honey, and maple syrup to the farm members along with saw timber and biomass chips for the commercial market.

Chuck Wooster and Sue Kirincich,
Sunrise Organic Farm
White River Jct, 2020



Davey Miskell is the Real Organic Project Vermont program leader. Under the Working Lands grant, Davey works to certify Vermont farms under the Real Organic Project label. We are thankful for the support of the Working Lands program.

Davey Miskell
East Thetford, 2023



James has been plugging away at our wash-pack renovation project this winter. Having a larger space for our employees and product storage is going to have an incredible impact on our efficiency and working conditions!

Donegans, Trillium Hill Farm

Hinesburg, 2022



With the support of the Working Lands Grant, Kirby Mulch Company expanded operations to create a viable new business that produces mulch and firewood and in turn supports a sustainable forest economy in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Heath Bunnell, Kirby Mulch Company, LLC

Kirby 2019



Working Lands Grants have helped our farm reach it's full potential. We have been able to create a functional wash/pack space that is the heart of the farm as well as improve our ability to power our off-grid farm with increased solar capacity.

Heidi Choate and Evan Perkins,
Small Axe Farm
Barnett, 2018; 2022



Jake and Taylor Mendell of Footprint Farm, located in Starksboro, VT, raise certified Organic vegetables on 1.5 acres. Footprint Farm is a proud farm partner under the Real Organic Project label.

Jake and Taylor Mendell of
Footprint Farm
East Thetford, 2023



8 years ago we were a fortunate recipient of 2 grants. They allowed us to move into our own facility. We have expanded 3 times since then and continue to purchase 52% of Vermont ingredients while creating high paying local jobs.

Joe's Kitchen
@ Screamin' Ridge Farm

Montpelier, 2013; 2015



We have sold the Jerseys, and the cheese operation, and are now building a herd of heritage Randall Linebacks. Without farming, we would have no working landscape in Vt. , so onward we go! Check out Thistlehillfarm.com for a nice picture.

John and Janine Putnam, Thistle Hill Farm

North Pomfret 2020



Leach Family- Haystack
Farmstead

Pawlet, 2022



Working Lands funding contributed to the development of ACORN's Food Hub at a key time by funding a business plan and feasibility study. We look forward to continuing working with Working Lands and building a resilient food shed in the Champlain Valley.

Lindsey Berk, ACORN
Bristol 2022



The Real Organic Project was started by farmers to protect the meaning of organic. We grow food in the soil, not hydroponically. We raise livestock on pasture, not in confinement.

Linley Dixon and Anthony Ramos,
Real Organic Project
East Thetford, 2023



The most recent of our 2 WLEB grants has been transformative in helping us make custom crafted Vermont grown Maple butcherblock countertops (and other items!) more efficiently, safely and with less waste with the purchase of new equipment. THANK YOU!

Lucas Jenson, The Tree House Hardwoods & Millshop and The Vermont Butcherblock Company

South Burlington 2016



Over seven years ago, the VT Working Lands Coalition was generous enough to provide me with the funding I needed in my early years as a furniture maker. It was the seed funding I truly needed to get started.

Matt Ogelby, Ogelby Woodworks

Waterbury 2015



Thanks to Working Lands funding Sage Farm Goat Dairy has transformed a corner of a barn into a retail space where folks can purchase cheese and other products made on our farm while visiting with animals and learning about our small farmstead dairy.

Molly and Katie Pindell,
Sage Farm Goat Dairy
Stowe 2022