

FY24 Agriculture Development Grants – Awardees

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Maple

- **Atkins Family Farm (Addison)** – \$94,000 for evaporator upgrades for food safety and efficiency improvements.
- **Bourdon Maple Farm (Windsor)** - \$17,962 for installation of a new high efficiency vacuum pump and flow sensors.
- **Blackberry Hill Maple Syrup & Logging (Orange)** – \$21,250 for construction of a separate, food-safe area for canning and visitors.
- **Blackmore Farms (Franklin)** – \$26,112 for evaporator and processing upgrades for food safety and efficiency improvements.
- **Couture’s Maple Shop and B&B (Orleans)** – \$46,689 for reverse-osmosis machine for food safety and efficiency improvements.
- **Dalestead Farm & Maple (Franklin)** – \$100,000 for increased storage capacity, improvement to sap transport, and a high-efficiency reverse osmosis machine.
- **Foxglove Farm (Addison)** – \$26,977 for construction of a new, high-efficiency area for processing and bottling, as well as improvements for reduction in wood use.
- **Honey-Do, LLC (Lamoille)** – \$75,000 for construction of new building to support launch of new, co-operative production model.
- **Idle Hour Maple (Rutland)** – \$22,669 for installation of vacuum monitoring system for steep sloped operation.
- **Johnson Farm (Chittenden)** – \$57,900 for installation of new potable well and kitchen area for improved food safety.
- **Parent Boys Sugaring (Franklin)** – \$24,700 for upgraded firewood processor to improve efficiency.
- **Umbrella Hill (Lamoille)** – \$56,046 for climate-resilient improvements to sugarbush roadways in response to flooding.

Meat

Awarded in conjunction with Produce Grants

- **5th Quarter (Washington)** - \$158,876 for construction of a second processing room, increasing capacity for processing and co-packing for Vermont farms.
- **Brault’s Market (Orleans)** - \$42,364 for infrastructure upgrades to three coolers, supporting food safe practices and expanding processing capacity.

- **Dubs Farms (Franklin)** - \$44,032 for construction and furnishing of an on-farm processing facility to allow poultry slaughter under VT State inspection for grantee and area farms.
- **Grass Cattle Company (Chittenden)** - \$31,249 for construction of a fulfillment building and purchase of a mobile infrastructure, to improve operational efficiency and to support season extension to meet current market demand.
- **Maplemont (Caledonia)** - \$43,510 for critical infrastructure upgrades to their barn to increase animal and human safety and wellbeing, operational efficiency and support expansion of their flock.
- **Roma's Butchery (Windsor)** - \$247,519 for infrastructural and equipment upgrades to support coming under Vermont State inspection, improve worker safety and wellbeing, and expand capacity for processing.

Produce

Awarded in conjunction with Meat Grants

- **Adam's Berry Farm (Chittenden)** - \$245,123 for construction of an upgraded packing and processing facility to support food safer practices and expanded production and value-added processing.
- **Blue House Mushroom (Chittenden)** - \$36,544 for completion of a production facility that will support doubling of production volumes to meet current market demand and expand into new markets.
- **Clearfield Farm (Addison)** - \$93,415 for purchase of specialized root harvesting equipment to increase operational efficiency, soil conservation and expanded crop production.
- **Crossroad Farm (Orange)** - \$216,650 for construction of a new washing, packing and storage facility to meet efficiency, food safety and worker protection needs for current production volumes.
- **Dutton Berry Farm (Windham)** - \$269,500 for critical upgrades to their cider production facility, to increase food safe infrastructure to support expanded direct-to-consumer market access.
- **Honey Field Farm (Windsor)** - \$118,650 for critical upgrades to wash, pack, and storage facilities to improve food safety, operational efficiency, and season extension
- **Mighty Food Farm (Bennington)** - \$75,213 for climate-resilient improvements to propagation and production greenhouses.