



Center for an Agricultural Economy

The Center for an Agricultural Economy supports rural communities and working landscapes by building a more interconnected local food system in Vermont. **Click on the bolded words below to learn more and see videos about our programs.**



CAE cultivates community by responding to our shared human need for physical and social nourishment. Our **Community Connections** program is a combination of events, resources, and services that are designed with and for farmers, food producers, partners, and neighbors to nourish shared vitality. Community Connections helps build greater collective support and resilience through shared learning, food justice, and community organizing.

Place-Based Education helps youth connect to food through community and to community through food.

Food Justice recognizes food as a human right.



CAE strengthens the agricultural economy by providing farmers and food producers a wide array of industry resources and information, access to capital, and income-generating opportunities through adaptive social enterprises.

The **Vermont Farm Fund** is a community-based credit model in service of a community-based food system.

The **Vermont Food Venture Center** is a hub for food processing and innovation, where food businesses can rent three commercial kitchens to test or scale up their business models.

Farm and Food Business Resources leverages industry tools and insights to support farmers and business owners as they manage the complexities of starting and sustaining successful farms and food enterprises.



Just Cut purchases locally grown vegetables and prepares a line of ready-to-use products for K-12 schools, hospitals, and colleges throughout Vermont and into New Hampshire.



Atkins Field is a public green space filled with gardens, an orchard, an outdoor classroom, and a food forest. People play in the dirt, get curious, and explore ways they can grow food and connect with each other.



Farm Connex is a local food logistics and transportation partner that helps with all aspects of self-distribution. We service locations in the first and last mile of Vermont, connecting our producers to a larger base of regional consumers.



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