

# CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FARMER COALITION INC.

## Why This?

## Why Now?

- A unified voice for farmers to proactively protect water quality in Lake Champlain
- Advance local farm economic resiliency and environmental stewardship
- Inform & Educate each other and the public
- Facilitate communication between farmers, agencies, and the public to improve water quality.
- A link to resources for farmers looking for solutions

## Farmers Working Together for a Clean Lake Champlain & Thriving Agriculture in Vermont

### Who We Are

We are a group of farmers in the Lake Champlain Basin who have taken a leadership role to show that farm economic resiliency and a clean lake can work together. While we welcome members from the community and local businesses & agencies, we are primarily a farmer-based non-profit corporation that exists to be a unified voice for farmers who proactively address water quality issues in the watersheds of the Lake Champlain Basin. This covers most of Addison, Chittenden, & Rutland counties.

### What We Do

The Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition members meet annually to elect a Board of Directors and vote on other important issues. The Board of Directors meets monthly to conduct the business of the corporation, accept membership applications and keep current on emerging agricultural water quality issues. Occasionally sub-groups of the membership will get together, often by smaller watershed, to discuss issues that are important to them and to provide educational opportunities for the members. The Board of Directors outlines the day-to-day work of the corporation and responds to emerging issues that affect agriculture and water quality. They serve as the 'Voice' of the member farmers on many issues, and partner with other organizations to leverage resources that will assist the members in managing water quality issues that emerge on their farms. The CVFC also educates fellow farmers and the public about agricultural water quality issues in Vermont.



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A non-profit farmer organization working to support Agriculture.

One More Voice with a Different Perspective

### Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition Inc.

#### Board of Directors

**John Roberts**, President—Butterwick Farm  
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**David Conant**, Conants' Riverside Farm, LLC  
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- Be proactive to educate the public about farming
- Speak to the Legislature about farming
- Offer a collective voice to speak about common values
- Share ideas & information with other farmers
- Be a link to resources for farmers to find practical solutions

*If you are interested in becoming a member, call*  
 (802) 388-4969  
 Ask for Jeff or Kirsten  
 or talk to a Board Member!

Find out more at our website!!

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