

2019-2020 Session

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Senate Committee on Agriculture

(Room 26)

The Senate Committee on Agriculture has jurisdiction over matters relating to agriculture.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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15 minutes	Forests, Parks and Recreation
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after Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Floor Forests, Parks and Recreation
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Update

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

10:00 AM **Farm to Plate Report**

Room 10

Kristyn Achilich, Academic Program Coordinator, The
Farm at St. Michael's College

Jake Claro, Farm to Plate Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Jenn Colby, Pasture Program Coordinator, UVM
Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Taylor Foster, Certified AICP Planner, CSA Manager,
Pete's Greens

Mary Ellen Franklin, Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship
Education Program Coordinator, UVM Extension
Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger
Free Vermont

Mary Niebling, Community Economic Development
Director, Capstone Community Action

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Vermont Legal Aid**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Vermont
Legal Aid

Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

9:30 AM **Vermont Fresh Network**

Helen Labun, Vermont Fresh Network

10:00 AM

Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

Marie Audet, Farmer, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer
Coalition

Kirsten Workman, UVM Extension, Champlain Valley
Farmer Coalition

11:00 AM

Rural Vermont

Introductions

Caroline Gordon, Intern, Rural Vermont

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Farmer, Field Organizer,
Rural Vermont

11:30 AM

Vermont Farm Bureau

Introductions

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Bernie Juskiewicz, Vermont Farm Bureau

Friday, January 18, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM School Lunch Program

Doug Davis, Director, Food Service, Burlington School District

Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:00 AM Committee Discussion and Planning

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

15
minutes
after
Floor

Vermont Farm Bureau

Farmer introductions

Ethan Allen Room

Sara Griswold

Terry Gulick

Chip Hellus, Vice President, Vermont Farm Bureau

Mike Isham

Jennifer Lambert

Roger Osinchuk

Bruce Shields, Vice President, Vermont Farm Bureau

Murray Thompson

Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau

Anne Tisbert, Valley Dream Farm

Mary White

Arthur Whitman

11:15 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Ethan Allen Room

John Hollar, Lawyer, Downs Rachlin Martin

Trey Martin, Lawyer, Downs Rachlin Martin

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM The Future of Farming in Vermont

Ethan Allen Room

Roger Allbee, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on
Rural Development

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

Dan Smith, Consultant, Consultant

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Agricultural Finance

hearing is in Ethan Allen Room

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

9:30 AM Dairy Commission Report

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Ethan Allen Room*

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

10:30 AM Green Mountain Dairy Farmers

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers

11:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Workers Compensation

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial
Regulation

Friday, January 25, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Advanced wood heating

Jake Marin, HVAC Program Manager, Efficiency
Vermont

Adam Sherman, Interim Director, Biomass Energy
Resource Center

Abby White, Director of Communications, Efficiency
Vermont

10:00 AM Agriculture Environmental Stewardship

*Joint Hearing with House Natural Resources, Fish, and
Wildlife Committee, Senate Agriculture Committee, and
Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee
Room 11*

Jeff Carter, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, UVM Extension

Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension

Josh Faulkner, UVM Extension

Tim Kayhart, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

Jack Lazor, Owner, Butterworks Farm

Scott Magnan, Franklin and Grand Isle Farmer's
Watershed Alliance

Amy Richardson, Connecticut River Watershed Farmers
Alliance

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

11:30 AM **Implicit Bias Training**

Ethan Allen Room

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

15 **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**
minutes

after *Animal and Plant Traceability*

Floor

Cary Giguere, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of
Agriculture

10:30 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency
of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **University of Vermont Extension**

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

10:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Vermont Economic Development Authority

Jo Bradley, CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority

Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Operating Officer, incoming CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority

10:30 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Yankee Farm Credit

Michael Farmer, Chief Operating Officer, Yankee Farm Credit

11:00 AM **Committee Discussion and Planning**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

4:45 PM Vermont Farm Show

Capital Cook-Off

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Dairy Update

Bissonnette Room at the Essex Fairgrounds

Vermont Farm Show

Dairy Dinner following

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services IV
and Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

11:00 AM Northeast Kingdom Collaborative

*Senators not at the Dairy Briefing will meet with
representatives of NEK in Room 26*

Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard
VT

Jon Jewett, Special Project Manager, Hardwick Yellow
Barn Business Accelerator, Center for an Agricultural
Economy

Alison Low, Senior Planner, Northeast Vermont
Development Association

Hannah Pearce, Co-owner, Hillside Farm and Pearce's
Pastured Poultry

Tracy Zschau, Conservation Director, Vermont Land
Trust

Friday, February 1, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands
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Overview

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

9:30 AM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development
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Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Roland Rainville, Farmer

Bill Rowell, Board Member and Green Mountain Dairy
Farm owner, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:00 AM S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Ansley Bloomer, Assistant Director, Renewable Energy
Vermont

Andy Boutin, General Manager, Pellergy, LLC

11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

Hemp Collaborative

Ethan Allen Room 10-11 AM

Brenden Beer, Owner, Kitchen Cabinet Medicinals

Dan Chang, Owner, Kria Botanicals

Carl Christianson, Owner, Northeast Processing

Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management

Bill Lofy, Owner, Kria Botanicals

11:00 AM **Break**

11:15 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Kara Shannon, ASPCA

11:45 AM **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**

Sen. John Rodgers, Sponsor

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 10*

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of
Agriculture

10:00 AM Farm to School

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 10*

Jim Birmingham, Food Service Director, Montpelier
Public Schools

Rebecca Bishop, Assistant Director, Bennington County
Head Start & Early Head Start

Peter Burmeister, Owner, Burelli Farm

Opal Carney, Student, Green Mountain Technology and
Career Center

Emilie Choquette, Student, Green Mountain Technology
and Career Center

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cynthia Greene, Farm to Early Childhood Specialist,
Shelburne Farms

Myla Judd, Student, Green Mountain Technology and Career Center

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Abbie Nelson, Co-Director, VT Food Ed. Every Day & Education Director NOFA-VT

Chris Parker, Food Service Director, Newbrook Elementary School

Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director, Vermont FEED

Sam Rowley, Educator, Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, Hyde Park

Calvin Smith, Student, Green Mountain Technology and Career Center

Harley Sterling, Food Service Director, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union

Remington Vogan-Schneider, Student, Green Mountain Technology and Career Center

Barrett Williams, Principal, Sharon Elementary School

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program
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Hemp Processing Center Proposal
Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee and House Commerce and Economic
Development Committee
Ethan Allen Room

David Muller, Entrepreneur

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**

Netaka White, Consultant

10:30 AM **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**

Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management

Nathan Maez, Head of Marketing, Go Farm Hemp

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Stephanie Smith, Land Use Chief, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Netaka White, Consultant

Friday, February 8, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Salvation Farms**

Rep. Avram Patt, President, Board of Directors,
Salvation Farms

Theresa Snow, Director, Salvation Farms

9:30 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Steve Rowe, CEO, Newtrient

10:00 AM **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Floor** **Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of
Lake Champlain**

Wayne Elliott, committee member, Vermont Citizens
Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake
Champlain

David Mears, committee member, Vermont Citizens
Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake
Champlain

Mark Naud , Vice Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory
Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

11:00 AM **Working Lands Enterprise Initiative**

Presentation in Room 10

11:30 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Mike Winchell, Senior Hydrologist, Stone Environmental,
Inc.

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

Committee discussion and possible vote

9:15 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Agricultural Education

Mark Canella, Agricultural Business Program Director,
UVM Extension

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:30 AM Committee Discussion and Planning

11:00 AM Regenerative Agriculture

*Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

Ethan Allen Room

Jesse McDougall, Studio Hill Farm

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Brad Lawes, Owner, Lawes Agricultural Services
Caroline Potter, PRO-Dairy
Jim Walsh, Phoenix Feeds
Rick Zimmerman, Executive Director, Northeast
Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

10:00 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Farmer Coalitions Pilot Project for ecosystem services

Marie Audet, Farmer, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition
Jeff Carter, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, UVM Extension
Ben Dykema, Owner, Wilcon Farm
Larry Gervais, Farmers Watershed Alliance
Walter Gladstone, Owner, Newmont Farm
Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension
Jeffrey Sanders, UVM Extension

11:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Wood pellets

Tabitha Bowling, Owner, Kingdom Pellets

Chris Brooks, Owner, Vermont Wood Pellet Company

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

Friday, February 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Working Lands Enterprise Board

WLEB and Animal Welfare Discussion

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:00 AM S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Vermont Housing & Conservation Coalition**

In House Agriculture and Forestry Committee Room.

Allen Karnatz, Senior Farm Project Director, Vermont
Land Trust

Erika Lynch, Babette's Table, Waitsfield

Robin Morris, Mad River Food Hub, Waitsfield

Phelan O'Connor, Pigasus Farm, South Hero

Stephen Park, Fully Belly Farm, Monkton

Sarah Park, Full Belly Farm, Monkton

Justin Sauerwein, Almanack Farm, Chelsea

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association

Robert Congdon, Vermont State Fair, Rutland
Fernand Gagne, Franklin County Field Days
Lonna Kantorski, Vermont State Fair, Rutland
Diane Norris, Vice President, Addison County Fair and
Field Days
Jason Sicard, , Orleans County Fair
Megan Sutton, , Addison County Fair and Field Days

10:30 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Vicky Drew, State Conservationist
Jim Eikenberry, Wetlands Specialist, Natural Resources
Conservation Service
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Committee meeting in Ethan Allen Room

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

10:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Committee meeting in Ethan Allen Room

Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director,
Vermont Natural Resources Council

Benjamin Heath, Vice President, Hamlin Consulting
Engineers

Mark Magnan, Owner, Magnan Farm

Richard Nelson, Nelson Farms

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Rebekah Weber, Lake Champlain Lakekeeper,
Conservation Law Foundation

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Election of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector
General, and Trustees of UVM and State Agricultural
College**

Joint Assembly

Friday, February 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Poultry and Compost

George Cross, Owner, Dog River Farm

Kurt Ericksen, Assistant General Manager, Vermont
Compost Company

Buzz Ferver, Owner, Full Circle Farm

Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management

Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard
VT

Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste
Program, Department of Environmental
Conservation

Shelley Mehlenbacher, Assistant State Veterinarian,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Bill Pearce, Co-owner, Hillside Farm, Albany

Hannah Pearce, Co-owner, Hillside Farm and Pearce's
Pastured Poultry

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency
of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

9:30 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources
Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

10:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Molly Dillon, Deputy Commissioner, Banking,
Department of Financial Regulation

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

11:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency
of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Kara Shannon, ASPCA

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Nancy Everhart, Agricultural Director, Vermont Housing
& Conservation Board

Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

10:15 AM Rural Vermont

*Introductions and issues
meet in Lt. Governor's office*

Brooke Decker

David Hartshorn, Owner, Hartshorn Farm

Amy Todisco, Hartshorn Farm and Vermont Farm
Immersion Program

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Farmer, Field Organizer,
Rural Vermont

Friday, March 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**9:00 AM H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school
grant assistance**

Rep. John O'Brien, Reporter

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm to School
Network

9:15 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of
Agriculture

Randy Quenneville, Section Chief, Meat Inspection
Section, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:30 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Rebekah Weber, Lake Champlain Lakekeeper,
Conservation Law Foundation

11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:00 AM **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

The General Assembly is on break for Town Meeting Day week

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources
Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

Rebekah Weber, Lake Champlain Lakekeeper,
Conservation Law Foundation

11:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Lyn Desmarais, , Vermont Farm Bureau

Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kara Shannon, ASPCA

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:30 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency
of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

11:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Meeting Details

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9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Committee bills

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

10:30 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Ted Brady, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of
Commerce and Community Development

11:30 AM **S.122 - An act relating to nutrient management plans**

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

Friday, March 15, 2019

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

10:00 AM **Committee bills**

Wetlands

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Floor** **School Nutrition Day**

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger
Free Vermont

Jaycie Puttlitz, Wellness Coordinator, Winooski School
District

Heather Torrey, Assistant Director, Burlington School
Food Project

11:45 AM H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education

12:00 PM School Nutrition Day

Kathy Alexander, Food Service Director, Mount Abraham Unified School District and Addison Northwest School District

Doug Davis, Director, Food Service, Burlington School District

Alison Forrest, Brewster Pierce School

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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8:30 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief, Department of Environmental Conservation

9:00 AM Federal Farm Bill Update

Wendy Wilton, USDA Farm Service Agency

9:50 AM Break

10:00 AM Vermont Farm Bureau

*Introductions and Issues
Ethan Allen Room*

11:00 AM Rural Vermont

*Introductions and Issues
Lt. Governor's office*

Thursday, March 21, 2019

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9:00 AM To Be Determined

Henry Commack, Sales Manager, Kimball Brook Farm

10:00 AM

H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

*In House Agriculture and Forestry Committee.
Overview of bill*

11:00 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Committee discussion of latest draft

Friday, March 22, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Action Committee

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Tess Kennedy, Lobbyist, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Meg Nelson, Lobbyist, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief, Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department of Environmental Conservation

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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9:00 AM **H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment Program**

Rep. Charen Fegard, Reporter

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**

Joint Assembly

1:30 PM **St. Albans Cooperative Young Cooperators**

Introductions and Issues

Senate Agriculture Room 26

4:00 PM **2+2 Agriculture Education Program**

Reception in Cedar Creek Room

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Meeting Details

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9:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

9:30 AM **On-farm Slaughter**

Mary Lake, Shearer, butcher, and shepherd, Tunbridge,
Vermont

Randy Quenneville, Section Chief, Meat Inspection
Section, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

Friday, March 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**
Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

9:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**
Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**
Budget presentation

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Action Committee

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department of Environmental Conservation

11:00 AM

Conservation Districts

Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Jeannie Bartlett, District Manager, Franklin County, Natural Resources Conservation Districts

Sarah Damsell, Manager, Orleans County, Natural Resources Conservation Districts

Jeff Farber, Conservation Programs Manager, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Tucker Malone, Conservation Programs Technical Coordinator and Land Treatment Planner, St. Albans, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Justin Michaud, Conservation Planner, Newport, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Hilary Solomon, Manager, Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Rep. Rodney Graham, Reporter of bill

Rep. Terry Norris, Reporter of bill

9:30 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency
of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Section 12

Frank Huard, Huard Family Farm

10:45 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of
Agriculture

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Friday, April 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment Program**

- **H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance**

walk-through of bills and committee discussion

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm to School
Network

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor** **H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment Program**

- **H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance**

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director, Vermont FEED

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

7:45 AM Sidebar Breakfast

*Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
Cafeteria*

9:00 AM NOFA-VT

Erin Buckwalter, Acting Director, NOFA VT
Maddie Kempner, Membership and Advocacy
Coordinator, NOFA VT

9:30 AM Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

*Introductions and Issues
Room 10*

Art Whitman, Chair Government Relations Committee,
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance
Rick Zimmerman, Executive Director, Northeast
Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

**10:00 AM Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance and Green Mountain
Dairy Farmers Cooperative Federation**

*Comments on wetlands bill and other legislation
Room 10*

Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier

Dustin Machia, Machia and Sons Dairy, Sheldon

Cy Nelson, Dairy farmer, Derby

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Ferdinand Waibel, Brouillette Farms, Berkshire

Marty Waterman, President, Vermont Feed Dealers and
Manufacturers Association

11:00 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Committee discussion

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

11:30 AM Confirmation Hearing

*Appointment of Anson Tebbetts to Secretary of Agency of
Agriculture, Food, and Markets*

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides

Room 10

Samantha Alger, Research Affiliate, Plant and Soil
Science Department, UVM

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, Reporter of bill

Judy Bellairs, Pollinator Protection Leader, Vermont
Chapter of the Sierra Club

Ross Conrad, Owner, Dancing Bee Gardens

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

John Hayden, Owner, The Farm Between

Larry Keefe, President, Vermont Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Sylvia Knight, Resident, Burlington

Bill Mares, Former President, Vermont Beekeepers
Association

James Maroney, Owner/Operator, Oliver Hill Farm

Matt McMahon, Lobbyist, McLean, Meehan & Rice

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jack Rath, President, Vermont Beekeepers Association

Greg Smela, Webmaster, Vermont Beekeepers
Association

David Tremblay, Apiary Inspector, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Henry Witte, Manager, Montpelier Aubuchon Store
#045

Friday, April 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Room 10

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of Natural Resources

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief, Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department of Environmental Conservation

11:00 AM

H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

Room 10

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor** **H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance**

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides

Testimony and committee discussion

Kanika Gandhi, Clean Energy and Environmental Advocate, VPIRG

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Syngenta, Bayer

11:45 AM H.82 - An act relating to the taxation of timber harvesting equipment

Rep. Thomas Bock, Reporter of bill

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.82 - An act relating to the taxation of timber harvesting equipment

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

**9:15 AM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**10:30 AM H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school
grant assistance**

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition
Programs, Agency of Education

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm to School
Network

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:30 AM **H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Friday, April 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school
grant assistance**

Juliana Banach, Department of Children and Families

Pat Duda, Director, Department for Children and Families

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Judy Rex, , Department of Children and Families

Nicole Tousignant, Medicaid Program Coordinator,
Department of Children and Families

9:30 AM **H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides**

- **H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Committee Discussion

Frank Huard, Owner, Huard Family Farm

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **FLOOR**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

Bills in Committee

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Dairy Farmers of America**

Jackie Klippenstein, Senior Vice President of
Government, Community and Industry Affairs, Dairy
Farmers of America

Stephanie Walsh, Director, Industry and Community
Affairs, Dairy Farmers of America

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

Discussion and possible vote

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Committee discussion

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

12:00 PM Gilbert King

author, "Devil in the Grove"
Senate Chamber

2:00 PM Senate Floor

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**9:00 AM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

*Presentation of Neonicotinoid Pesticides; Safety and Use
Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 10*

Mike Bald, Founder and Owner, Got Weeds?

Judy Bellairs, Pollinator Protection Leader, Vermont
Chapter of the Sierra Club

Ross Conrad, Owner, Dancing Bee Gardens

Erica Cummings, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Nona Estrin, East Montpelier

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Bill Mares, Former President, Vermont Beekeepers
Association

10:15 AM Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT

*Introductions and Issues
Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 10*

Cat Buxton, Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition
Abbie Corse, Owner, Corse Family Farm
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Steve Fortmann, Owner, Ghost Dog Dairy/Fortmann
Farm

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co.

Frank Huard, Owner, Huard Family Farm

Amy Huyffler, Strafford Organic Creamery

Maddie Kempner, Membership and Advocacy
Coordinator, NOFA VT

Joie Lehouillier, Owner, Foote Brook Farm

Eden Marceau-Piconi, Owner, 5 Birds Farm

Judith Schwartz, Author, Journalist, Bennington

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Farmer, Robinson Hill Beef

Friday, April 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Animal feed regulations
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9:15 AM H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment Program

Amendment

Sen. Randy Brock, Reporter, Sponsor of Amendment

9:50 AM Animal feed regulations

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:15 AM Raw milk

Jane Clifford, Dairy Producer, Starksboro

Frank Huard, Owner, Huard Family Farm

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:45 AM H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition
Programs, Agency of Education

11:00 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency
of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Break**

12:15 PM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after** **H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment
Program**

Brock amendment
Ethan Allen Room

Sen. Randy Brock, Reporter, Sponsor of Amendment
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Executive Officer, Vermont
Economic Development Authority

11:00 AM Raw milk

Ethan Allen Room

Steve Fortmann, Ghost Dog Dairy/Fortmann Farm

Eileen Wolfe, Council on Public Health, American
Veterinary Medical Association

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**9:00 AM H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment
Program**

Committee discussion - proposal of amendment

9:15 AM Raw milk

Veronica Fialkowski, Epidemiologist, Vermont
Department of Health

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Steve Fortmann, Ghost Dog Dairy/Fortmann Farm
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management
Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates,
Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:15 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Permits for mosquito control; raw milk

Matthew Chapman, General Counsel, Agency of Natural Resources
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management
Mabel Huard, Huard Family Farm
Frank Huard, Owner, Huard Family Farm

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Agency of Natural Resources

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

9:45 AM **To Be Determined**

11:00 AM **H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake
Champlain Committee
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Agency of
Natural Resources
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Senate Floor**

The Senate expects to be in session all morning.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Committee discussion

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Friday, May 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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Monday, May 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Senate Floor
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Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Friday, May 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Monday, July 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **St. Albans Co-op and DFA Merger**

impacts of the proposed merger of Dairy Farmers of America and the St. Albans Co-Op on Vermont's farmers, environment and rural economy

Alice Allen, Dairy farmer

Rob Baum, Member, NDPO

Leon Berthiaume, CEO, St. Albans Cooperative
Creamery

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

Pete Hardin, Editor and Publisher, The Milkweed

Harold Howrigan, President, Board of Directors, St.
Albans Cooperative Creamery

Brad Keating, Senior Vice President and Chief
Operating Officer, Dairy Farmers of America

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

Senate Convenes

**15
minutes
after
Adjournment**

Committee Check-in and Priorities for 2020

11:15 AM

Legislative Study Committee on Wetlands

Report on work of committee

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Update from the Secretary of Agriculture

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

EB Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Anson Tebetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

10:45 AM **S.209 - An act relating to the bonding requirements for milk handlers**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

EB Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.194 - An act relating to standards for the sale of hemp seeds**

- **S.214 - An act relating to regulation of the cultivation and sale of cannabis**

Sen. John Rodgers, Sponsor

10:00 AM **S.192 - An act relating to prohibiting the use of the herbicide glyphosate**

Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

2:00 PM **Governor's State of the State Address**

Joint Assembly-House Chamber

Friday, January 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.192 - An act relating to prohibiting the use of the herbicide glyphosate**

Patty Casey, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

11:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15
minutes
after
Floor
adjourns** **To Be Determined**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM **S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools
and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to
purchase locally produced foods**

Kathy Alexander, Food Service Director, Mount
Abraham Unified School District and Addison
Northwest School District

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Bob Hildebrand, Food Service Director, The Abbey
Group

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger
Free Vermont

Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director, Vermont FEED

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Auditor's Report

"Where's the Money Flowing? Cost-Effectiveness of Lake Champlain Clean Water Efforts"

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

10:30 AM Farm to Plate Report

Jake Claro, Farm to Plate Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Sarah Danly, Farm to Plate Network Manager, Sustainable Jobs Fund

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Shane Rogers, Rooted in Vermont Project Manager, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Food Hubs

Eric DeLuca, Principal, Leverage Point Consulting
Erika Lynch, Mad River Food Hub, Waitsfield
Robin Morris, Mad River Food Hub, Waitsfield

10:00 AM Gund Institute for Environment, UVM

Stephen Posner, Gund Institute for Environment

11:00 AM S.194 - An act relating to standards for the sale of hemp seeds

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Soil Conservation Practice and Payment for Ecosystem Services Working Group**

The Agriculture Committee will be meeting in Room 5, the Senate Appropriations Room.

Nancy Everhart, Agricultural Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

11:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.209 - An act relating to the bonding requirements for milk handlers**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Catherine DeRonde, Senior Economist, Agri-Mark

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM S.194 - An act relating to standards for the sale of hemp seeds

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, American Seed Trade
Association

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

1:55 PM Senate Floor Convenes

2:00 PM Governor's FY2021 Proposed Budget Address

Joint Assembly - House Chamber

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of pesticides

Sen. Tim Ashe, Sponsor

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, American Seed Trade
Association

9:30 AM Vermont Agriculture Strategic Plan Report

Room 10

*Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

Mark Cannella, Associate Professor, University of
Vermont Extension

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Jenn Colby, Pasture Program Coordinator, UVM
Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Adeline Druart, President, Vermont Creamery

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director,
Vermont Farm to School Network

Janice St.Onge, President, Flexible Capital Fund

Will Stevens, Owner, Golden Russet Farm

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Netaka White, Owner, Tak About Hemp

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Vermont Forest Carbon Sequestration Working Group Final Report Act 83 of 2019
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Sen. Ruth Hardy

Jim Shallow, Director of Strategic Conservation
Initiatives, The Nature Conservancy

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and
Recreation

10:00 AM	S.209 - An act relating to the bonding requirements for milk handlers
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Leon Berthiaume, CEO, St. Albans Cooperative
Creamery

Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and
Communications Manager, St. Albans Cooperative
Creamery

**11:00 AM S.192 - An act relating to prohibiting the use of the
herbicide glyphosate**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

**11:30 AM S.265 - An act relating to the use of food residuals for
farming**

**11:45 AM S.272 - An act relating to the use and management of
pesticides**

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

Friday, January 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Grazing and Pasture Management

Report

Cheryl Cesario, Champlain Valley Crop, Soil and
Pasture, UVM Extension

Jenn Colby, Pasture Program Coordinator, UVM
Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

10:00 AM Break

Vermont Farm Bureau

Room 10 (10:15)

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Rob Carey, Vermont Farm Bureau, Rutland County

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Jake Guest, former Organic Dairy Farmer

Bruce Hallett, Owner, Hallett Sheep Farm

Heidi Krantz, Vermont Horse Council, Vermont Farm
Bureau

Jennifer Lambert, Dairy Farmer/operator, Lambert Farm

Justin Poulin, Poulin And Daughters Farm, Randolph

Anna Poulin, Poulin and Daughters Farm, Randolph

Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm
Bureau

Arthur Whitman, Vermont Seed Dealers Association,
member, Vermont Farm Bureau

11:30 AM Senate Floor Convenes

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor Convenes

Shaun Fielder, Town Manager, Hardwick

Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard
VT

Ben Notterman, Owner, Snug Valley Farm

Jon Ramsey, Executive Director, Center for an
Agricultural Economy

**10:00 AM Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition legislative
day**

Richard Hall, Owner, Fairmont Farm, Inc.

Miles Hooper, Owner, Ayer's Brook Goat Dairy

Jennifer Lambert, Dairy farmer, Washington

Justin Rich, Owner, Burnt Rock Farm

Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Land Trust

Shannon Varley, Owner, Strafford Village Farm

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Strategic Plan

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM Medical Monitoring

effects of S.37 on Agriculture

Warren Coleman, Lobbyist, MMR

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau

11:15 AM Rural Vermont

meet with members of Rural Vermont in Room 47

Beth Champagne, Resident, St. Johnsbury

Kurt Erickson, Vermont Compost Company
Buzz Ferver, Owner, Full Circle Farm
Carolyn Grodinsky, Grow Compost
Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co.
Alison Levin, Community Harvest
Lynn Wild, Montpelier Tree Board

4:30 PM Vermont Farm Show

Cook-off at Farm Show

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.336 - An act relating to establishing standards for the sale of hemp seed

Committee discussion

10:00 AM Dairy Update

Vermont Farm Show

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and

Friday, January 31, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Council on State Government

Representatives talk about pesticides

Bob Haefner, Council of State Governments

Tara Sad, Council of State Governments

9:15 AM S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to purchase locally produced foods

. **S.265 - An act relating to the use of food residuals for farming**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor Convenes

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15
minutes
after
adjournment** **S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to purchase locally produced foods**

Doug Davis, Director, Food Service, Burlington School District

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kali McPeters, American Farmland Trust

Chris Parker, Food Service Director, Windham Central Supervisory Union

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Afterschool Program

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

*Farmland Access and Transition
Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 32*

Sam Burr, Owner, Last Resort Farm

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Emily Donegan, Owner, Donegan Family Farm

Nancy Everhart, Agricultural Director, Vermont Housing
and Conservation Board

Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Land Trust

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and
Conservation Board

Tracy Zschau, Vice President for Conservation, Vermont
Land Trust

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM **S.207 - An act relating to the sale or distribution of milk and dairy products**

. **S.208 - An act relating to the standards for the intrastate sale of milk**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to purchase locally produced foods**

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition
Programs, Agency of Education

**10:00 AM S.336 - An act relating to establishing standards for the
sale of hemp seed**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Sen. John Rodgers, Sponsor

**10:30 AM S.207 - An act relating to the sale or distribution of milk
and dairy products**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**11:00 AM Neonicotinoid research for treated seed and the
environment**

Room 10

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

Erica Cummings, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura Klaiber, Research Scientist, Miner Institute

Friday, February 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to purchase locally produced foods**

Jed Davis

9:40 AM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Strategic Plan

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

9:45 AM **Committee bills**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:55 AM **S.336 - An act relating to establishing standards for the sale of hemp seed**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM S.272 - An act relating to the use and management of pesticides

Mike Bald, Founder and Owner, Got Weeds?

Judy Bellairs, Pollinator Protection Leader, Vermont
Chapter of the Sierra Club

Nat Shambaugh , Retired Chemist

11:30 AM Senate Floor Convenes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor Convenes

15 minutes after Floor S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of pesticides

- **S.192 - An act relating to prohibiting the use of the herbicide glyphosate**

Mike Bald, Founder and Owner, Got Weeds?

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy Farmers

Andrew Shively, Highway Division Hazardous Materials Unit Manager, VTrans

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Sarah Vose, State Toxicologist, Department of Health

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain
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Wayne Elliott, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

9:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

10:00 AM **Farm to School Awareness Day**

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 11*

David Baker, Superintendent, Windsor Southeast
Supervisory Union

Teddy Chamberlain, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Meg Dawkins, Staff, Berlin Elementary School

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Gavin Haines, Student, Berlin Elementary School

JJ Hansen, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Phin Hilferty, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Camryn Hoffman, Student, Cabot School

Craig Locarno, Food Service Director, Windsor
Southeast Supervisory Union

Sophia McCaffrey, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Kadence McCalister, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Beth Miller, Community Impact Director, Rutland County
Parent Child Center

Lucas Richer, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Nene Riley, Teacher, Cabot School

Silas Robbins, Student, Cabot School

Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director,
NOFA VT

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director,
Vermont Farm to School Network

Jake Stafford, Student, Berlin Elementary School
John Stafford, Student, Berlin Elementary School
Peter Stratman, Teacher, Cabot School
Mary Zigman, Rutland County Parent Child Center

4:00 PM **2020 Farm to School Awareness Day**

State House Cafeteria

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Field Trip**

*Perfect Circle Farm
Joint Field Trip with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

11:30 AM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Strategic plan

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, February 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **NOFA-Vermont**

report on NOFA

John Hayden, Owner, The Farm Between
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
Grace Oedel, Executive Director, NOFA VT

10:00 AM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

FY21 Governor's Proposed Budget for Agriculture

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

**15
minutes
after
adjournment**

Committee Discussion and Review

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs & Field Days
Association

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

11:00 AM **S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of
pesticides**

Tom Eaton, Agricultural Consulting Services

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers

Jim Walsh, Quality Control Manager, Phoenix Feeds and
Nutrition

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council

Room 10

*Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

Kristin Haas, Member, Livestock Care Standards
Advisory Council

**10:00 AM S.265 - An act relating to the use of food residuals for
farming**

Kurt Ericksen, General Manager, Vermont Compost
Company

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste
Program, Department of Environmental
Conservation

John Leddy, Northwest Vermont Solid Waste
Management District

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association

Robert Congdon, Vermont State Fair, Rutland
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs & Field Days
Association
Alan Howe, Tunbridge Fair
Dave Martin, Vermont Farm Show
Diane Norris, Vice President, Addison County Fair and
Field Days
Jason Sicard, , Orleans County Fair

9:00 AM New Approach to Dairy Pricing and Sustainability

*Room 10
Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

Roger Allbee, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Food
and Markets
Daniel Smith

10:30 AM Election of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges

*Joint Assembly
House Chamber*

following Senate Convenes

Friday, February 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Lake Carmi Update

Rob Evans, President, Franklin Watershed Committee
Oliver Pierson, Lakes and Ponds Program Manager,
Department of Environmental Conservation
John Tucci, CEO, Everblue Lake Solutions

9:50 AM Dairy Proposal

*Committee discussion on Thursday presentation on Dairy
Pricing and Sustainability*

E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

10:00 AM

S.336 - An act relating to establishing standards for the sale of hemp seed

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of pesticides

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy Farmers

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nat Shambaugh , Retired Chemist

11:30 AM Senate Convenes

12:00 PM Letter to Appropriations Committee on FY2020 Budget

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

Phil Huffman, Co-Chair, Vermont Housing & Conservation Coalition

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

**15
minutes
after** **S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools
and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to
purchase locally produced foods**

Adjournment

Robert Arnell, Facilities Operation Manager, Department
of Corrections

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative
Affairs, Agency of Education

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days
Association

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition
Programs, Agency of Education

Bryan Mitofsky, Department of Corrections

11:30 AM **Implicit Bias Training**

Legislative Lounge

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.265 - An act relating to the use of food residuals for farming

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

9:30 AM UVM's Land Grant Mission in Action

Suresh Garimella, President, University of Vermont

10:00 AM Dairy Marketing Report

Room 11

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Christophe Hille, Karen Karp and Partners
Ken Jones, Economic Research Analyst, Agency of
Commerce and Community Development
Ben Kerrick, Karen Karp and Partners

3:30 PM UVM's Land Grant Mission in Action

Reception from 3:30-5:30 PM in State House Cafeteria

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

Room 10

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Sen. Tim Ashe, President Pro Tempore
Lila Bennett, Owner, Tangletown Farm
Peter Colman, Owner, Vermont Salumi
Mateo Kehler, Owner, Jasper Hill Farms
Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

Jette Mandl-Abramson, Owner, Calabash Gardens

Mike Proia, Co-owner, Bread and Butter Farm

Rob Riley, Northern Forest Center

Lynn Ellen Schimoler, Program Manager, Working Lands
Enterprise Initiative

Sam Smith, Farm Business Specialist, Intervale Center

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

**11:00 AM S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of
pesticides**

**- S.265 - An act relating to the use of food residuals for
farming**

Kurt Erickson, Vermont Compost Company

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste
Program, Department of Environmental
Conservation

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Friday, February 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.265 - An act relating to the use of food residuals for farming**

Jane Clifford, Dairy Producer, Starksboro

Kurt Erickson, Vermont Compost Company

Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

- **S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of pesticides**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to purchase locally produced foods**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

James Maroney, Owner/Operator, Oliver Hill Farm

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Discussion and Priorities
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Friday, March 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock
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Rep. John L. Bartholomew, Sponsor, House Committee
on Agriculture and Forestry

Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, United States
Humane Society

Matt McMahon, Lobbyist, Vermont Veterinary Medical
Association

Rep. Terry Norris, Reporter of bill

11:30 AM **Senate Floor Convenes**

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Update: Overview of federal COVID-19 money for agriculture; farmers markets and essential workers list; H2A seasonal workers program; federal farm insurance marginal protection program.

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kyle Harris, Agricultural Development Specialist,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**11:00 AM S.273 - An act relating to creating incentives for schools
and establishing a goal for correctional facilities to
purchase locally produced foods**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition
Programs, Agency of Education

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**11:30 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief
assistance to the agricultural community due to the
COVID-19 public health emergency**

continuation of update

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Update: milk processors capacity; community gardens; farmers markets ability to open; testing of sludge for heavy metals; H2A workers program status.

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

John Snell, Board Member, Montpelier Farmers Market

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

11:00 AM **Food Residuals and Composting**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Update

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **COVID 19 Response**
Vermont Food Systems

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

10:30 AM **Addison County Fair and Field Days Septic System**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:40 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief
assistance to the agricultural community due to the
COVID-19 public health emergency**

Farmers Markets

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

11:00 AM **COVID 19 Response**

Dairy supply management

Leon Berthiaume, CEO, St. Albans Cooperative
Creamery

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

Catherine DeRonde, Senior Economist, Agri-Mark

11:45 AM **Municipal Solid Waste and Farmland**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Migrant farm workers

Dan Baker, Professor, UVM

Jose Ignacio De La Cruz, Dairy Worker

Julia Doucet, Outreach Nurse and Nurse Case Manager,
Open Door Clinic, Middlebury

Sarah Kleinman, Extension Director of 4-H, Farmworker,
and Family Education Programs, University of
Vermont Extension

Will Lambek, Organizer, Migrant Justice

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Congressional delegation

Tom Berry, Policy Advisor on Agriculture, Conservation,
Energy and Natural Resources, Office of Sen. Leahy

Erica Campbell, Outreach Representative, Office of
Senator Bernie Sanders

Ryan McLaren, Outreach Representative, Office of
Congressman Peter Welch

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief
assistance to the agricultural community due to the
COVID-19 public health emergency**

Migrant workers; Dairy issues

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Friday, May 1, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

8:30 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Support for farmers in Vermont

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Jon Erickson, Professor, University of Vermont

Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Hannah Sessions, Owner, Blue Ledge Farm, Leicester

Will Stevens, Owner, Golden Russet Farm

Paul Stone, Owner, Stonewood Farm, Orwell

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

*Update from Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Status of Farmers Markets*

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:15 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Impact on migrant workers

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration

10:45 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Regional Food Supply and the Future of Farming in Vermont

Jon Erickson, Professor, University of Vermont

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, May 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Monday, May 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Effects on farm community

Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days
Association

Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer
Coalition

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers

Steven Reviczky, Executive Director, Vermont Farm
Bureau

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau

12:00 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Agricultural industry financial challenges

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Executive Officer, Vermont
Economic Development Authority

10:30 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Nancy Everhart, Agricultural Director, Vermont Housing
and Conservation Board

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and
Conservation Board

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Friday, May 15, 2020

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11:00 AM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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Walk-through

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM	Adjourn
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Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
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farmer support

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

- **H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

walk-through

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

1:00 PM Senate Floor

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Catherine Gjessing, General Counsel, Department of Fish & Wildlife

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Farm aid

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after
Adjournment**

H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues**

Report on current initiatives

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM COVID-19 Response

Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

11:30 AM Adjourn

1:00 PM Senate Floor

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Food security; Governor's proposals

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

12:00 PM Adjourn

1:00 PM Senate Floor

Friday, May 29, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Farm support

Denna Benjamin, Riverview Farm, Franklin

Will Gladstone, Newmont Farm, Bradford

Darlene Reynolds, DFA Farmer of the Year for 2019,
Crossroads Dairy

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy
Producers Alliance

11:15 AM Adjourn

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

**15
minutes H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock**

**after
adjournment**

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, Sponsor, House Committee
on Agriculture and Forestry

Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation
Advisory Board

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

**S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief
assistance to the agricultural community due to the
COVID-19 public health emergency**

Committee discussion: Farm support package

E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM

Adjourn

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Housing &
Conservation Coalition

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and
Conservation Board

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Friday, June 5, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

conclusion of walk-through and committee discussion

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **Adjourn**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**15
minutes
after** **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief
assistance to the agricultural community due to the
COVID-19 public health emergency**

Adjournment

Committee discussion on aid to farmers

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

5:00 PM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief
assistance to the agricultural community due to the
COVID-19 public health emergency**

Committee discussion and vote

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

5:30 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock
Sen. Brian Campion, Sponsor of amendment
Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

**9:30 AM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

1:00 PM Senate Floor

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Friday, June 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM **Adjourn**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Sen. Brian Champion, Amendment Sponsor, Senate
Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

9:45 AM **Adjourn**

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Rep. Carolyn W. Partridge, , House Committee on
Agriculture and Forestry

10:00 AM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Friday, June 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Michael O'Grady, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM

Adjourn

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:00 AM **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM **Committee Adjourns**

12:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Thursday, June 25, 2020

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10:30 AM	Committee Discussion as Needed
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12:00 PM	Senate Floor
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Friday, June 26, 2020

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11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Convenes**

**15
minutes
after
adjournment**

COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Updates from Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &
Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Agricultural support

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Mariah Noth, Outreach and Communications
Coordinator, Vermont Farm and Forest Viability
Program

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Legislative
Council

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and
Conservation Board

9:45 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM Senate Convenes

Friday, August 28, 2020

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11:30 AM	Senate Convenes
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Tuesday, September 1, 2020

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9:30 AM	Senate Convenes
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COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration; and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Legislative
Council

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

*Non-dairy agriculture grant programs
Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee*

Amanda Andrews, Owner, Tamarack Hollow Farm

Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, Owner, Evening Song Farm,
NOFA-Vermont

Bay Hammond, Owner, Doolittle Farm, Member,
Vermont Sheep and Goat Association

Bruce Henessey, Owner, Maple Wind Farm, Vermont
Grass Farmers Association

Allison Hope, Executive Director, Vermont Maple Sugar
Makers' Association

Niko Horster, Owner, Shire Beef, Vermont Grass
Farmers Association

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Dave Martin, President, Vermont Sheep and Goat Association

Emma Marvin, Executive Director, Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association Board of Directors

Jen Miller, Farmer Services Director, NOFA-Vermont

Corie Pierce, Co-owner, Bread and Butter Farm, Board member, Rural Vermont

Sam Smith, Farm Business Specialist, Intervale Center

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau

Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

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1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

Friday, September 4, 2020

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8:00 AM **COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues**

funding guidelines for non-dairy farmers

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

11:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Details

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8:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee

Funding for non-dairy farmers

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

9:30 AM Senate Convenes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

*Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Act 138 Amendment concerning grants to non-dairy
farmers*

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

10:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

Thursday, September 10, 2020

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1:00 PM Senate Convenes

Friday, September 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and
Recreation

11:30 AM Senate Convenes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:00 AM **Joint Hearing with Senate Natural Resources**

Addison County Fair and Field Days Septic System

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Peter Walke, Commissioner, Department of
Environmental Conservation

9:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

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1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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1:00 PM Senate Convenes

Friday, September 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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11:30 AM Senate Convenes
