

2021-2022 Session

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# Senate Committee on Agriculture

## (Room 28)

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

### Previous Meetings - Full Report

#### Wednesday, January 6, 2021

##### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

##### Meeting Record

10:00 AM

Senate Floor

#### Thursday, January 7, 2021

##### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

##### Meeting Record

10:00 AM

Joint Assembly

Canvassing Committee Report

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

2:00 PM

Joint Assembly

Governor's Remarks

## Friday, January 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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## Tuesday, January 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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15 minutes after Floor adjourns	Committee Introductions
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10:30 AM	
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## Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

### *Introductions and Updates*

Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

Steve Collier, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

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

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

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

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

Rebecca Harvey, Director, Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory

Katherine McNamara, Assistant State Veterinarian, Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
Markets

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

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

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

**12:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Wednesday, January 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

**9:30 AM**      **Committee Priorities for 2021**

*Committee discussion*

**11:00 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

- Update
- Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- Liz Gleason, Viability Program Manager, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- Mariah Noth, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Vermont Farm and Forest Viability Program
- Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

10:00 AM

Rural Vermont

- Update
- Charlotte Boyden, Legislative Intern, Rural Vermont
- Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont
- Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

10:45 AM

Vermont Farm Bureau

- Update
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Friday, January 15, 2021



Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      **NOFA-VT**

*Update*

- Ashlyn Bristle, Owner, Rebop Farm
- Bill Cavanaugh, Farm Business Advisor, NOFA VT
- Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
- Jen Miller, Farmer Services Director, NOFA-VT
- Grace Oedel, Executive Director, NOFA VT
- Eric Paris, Owner, Tamarlane Farm
- Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT

10:45 AM      **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

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

11:15 AM      **Committee Adjourns**

11:30 AM      **Senate Floor**

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**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      **Senate Floor**

10:15 AM      **Implicit Bias Prevention Training**

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**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
Meeting Record	
9:00 AM	<div><div>S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals</div><div>Meg Burmeister, Area Agencies on Aging</div><div>Karyl Kent, School Nutrition Association of Vermont</div><div>Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education</div><div>Jodi Lessard, Area Agencies on Aging</div><div>Samantha Levy, American Farmland Trust-NY</div><div>Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont</div><div>Meredith Niles, Assistant Professor, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences and Food Systems Program, UVM</div><div>Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT</div><div>Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network</div><div>John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank</div><div>Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div></div>
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	<div><div>Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance</div><div>Jacob Bourdeau, Owner, Bourdeau Bros Inc and Feed Commodities Inc</div><div>Brian Carpenter, Board Member VT Dairy Producers Alliance, Champlain Valley Equiptment</div><div>Walter Gladstone, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance</div><div>Chanin Hill , Secretary, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance</div><div>Stephanie Pope</div><div>Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance</div><div>Cayden Theberge, Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance</div></div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

**Meeting Record**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming</b>  Kurt Erickson, 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 Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co. Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT Peter Walke, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>Farmers Watershed Alliance</b>  Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>

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**Friday, January 22, 2021****Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Congressional Delegation</b>  Andrew Bahrenburg, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy Tom Berry, Policy Advisor on Agriculture, Conservation, Energy and Natural Resources, Office of Sen. Leahy Erica Campbell, Outreach Representative, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders Pollaidh Major, Field Representative, Office of US Senator Patrick Leahy Ryan McLaren, Outreach Representative, Office of Congressman Peter Welch
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10:00 AM	<b>Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation</b>  Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
11:15 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>Franklin and Grand Isle Farmers Watershed Alliance</b>  Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension Wayne Fiske, Owner, Windfall Acres Larry Gervais, Vice Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance Scott Magnan, Board Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Governor's FY2022 Budget Address</b>  <i>Joint Assembly</i>

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Food Security</b>  Kim Crosby, Environmental Compliance Officer, Casella Waste Management
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Karie Thompson Atherton, Owner, Aires-Hill Farm and Creamery

9:45 AM      Break

10:00 AM      Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

*Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee and House Commerce and Economic Development Committee*

- Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development
- Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- Eric DeLuca, Vice Chair, Working Lands Enterprise Board
- Ken Gagnon, Owner, Gagnon Lumber
- Adam Hausmann, Owner, Adam's Berry Farm
- Judith Irving, Owner, Fat Toad Farm
- Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority
- Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- Ben Nottermann, Owner, Snug Valley Farm
- Riva Reynolds, Owner, Stannard Farm
- Lynn Ellen Schimoler, Program Manager, Working Lands Enterprise Initiative
- Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests. Parks and Recreation
- Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Gabrielle Tuite, Owner, Old Road Farm

11:30 AM      Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM      Senate Floor

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      Gund Institute for Environment, UVM

*Update*

- Stephen Posner, Director of Policy, Gund Institute for Environment

**9:45 AM**      **Break**

**10:00 AM**      **Vermont Dairy Industry Price Regulations: Assessment and Recommendations**

- Marie Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm
- Eugene Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm
- Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and Communications Manager, St. Albans Cooperative Creamery
- Jane Clifford, Dairy Producer, Starksboro
- Catherine DeRonde, Vice President, Agri-Mark
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
- Bob Gray, Dairy Policy Advisor, Northeast Farmers Cooperative
- Steve Kayhart, Kayhart Brothers, West Addison
- Jennifer Lambert, Dairy Farmer/operator, Lambert Farm
- Scott Magnan, Board Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance
- Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation
- Darlene Reynolds, Owner, Crossroads Dairy
- Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation
- John Roberts, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition
- Bill Rowell, Green Mountain Dairy, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
- Dan Smith
- Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
- Karie Thompson Atherton, Owner, Aires-Hill Farm and Creamery
- Stephanie Walsh, Director, Industry and Community Affairs, Dairy Farmers of America
- Rob Wheeler, Dairy Farmer and Board Member, Agri-Mark
- Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau

**12:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**Friday, January 29, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM Vermont Dairy Industry Price Regulations: Assessment and Recommendations**

*Committee discussion*

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:15 AM Food Security**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

**11:15 AM Committee Adjourns**

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

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**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns Connecticut River Watershed Farmers Alliance**

Walter Gladstone, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm

**- Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition**

Marie Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm

Eric Clifford, Owner, Clifford Farm

Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition, Mountain Meadows Farm

John Roberts, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

**12:00 PM Committee Adjourns**

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**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

Hearing Type	Standard
Meeting Record	
9:00 AM	<div><div><div>Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council</div><div>Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee</div><div>Livestream meeting here</div></div><div>Christina Ashley, Essex Police Department</div><div>Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &amp; Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div><div>Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div><div>Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association</div><div>Steve Kayhart, Kayhart Brothers, West Addison</div><div>Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition, Mountain Meadows Farm</div><div>Rhonda Miller, Owner, Molly Brook Farm</div><div>Ben Notterman, Owner, Snug Valley Farm</div><div>Tara Oeschger, Northeast Kingdom Processing, LLC</div><div>Omar Oyarzabal, UVM Extension</div></div>
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	<div><div><div>Dairy Industry Price Regulation</div><div>Committee discussion</div></div><div>Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel</div></div>
10:45 AM	<div><div><div>Food Security</div></div><div>Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont</div><div>Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network</div><div>Amy Shollenberger, , Action Circles</div></div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Meeting Details



**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 9:00 AM

Dairy Industry Price Regulation

Committee discussion

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 10:45 AM

Break
- 11:00 AM

Agri-Mark Farmers

Marie Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm

Paul Doton, Dairy Farmer and Board Chair, Connecticut River Watershed Farmers Alliance

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Agri-Mark

Joanna Lidback, Owner, Wheeler Mountain Farm
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

Senate Floor

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**Friday, February 5, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

9:00 AM

Conservation Districts

- Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts
- Jeannie Bartlett, District Manager, Franklin County, Natural Resources Conservation Districts
- Jennifer Byrne, District Manager, White River Natural Resources Conservation District
- Justin Michaud, Conservation Planner, Newport, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts
- Hilary Solomon, District Manager, Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

10:15 AM	<b>Vermont Land Trust</b> <div>Nick Richardson, President &amp; CEO, Vermont Housing &amp; Conservation Coalition</div> <div>Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust</div>
11:15 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>Vermont Dairy Industry Price Regulations: Assessment and Recommendations</b> <div>Roger Allbee, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Dan Smith</div>
11:30 AM	<b>Vermont Farm Bureau</b> <div>Update<div>Jackie Folsom, Legislative Director, Vermont Farm Bureau</div><div>Steven Reviczky, Executive Director, Vermont Farm Bureau</div><div>Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau</div><div>Mary White, Vice President, Vermont Farm Bureau</div></div>

Art Whitman, President, Bennington County Farm Bureau

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, February 10, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Ecosystem Services: Carbon Sequestration

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 10:00 AM

S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

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

Eamon Twohig, Program Manager, ResidualS MANAGEMENT & Emerging Contaminants Program, Department of Environmental Conservation
- 11:00 AM

Break
- 11:15 AM

Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

Senate Floor

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## Thursday, February 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>Farm to Plate Report</b> <i>Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee</i>  Terence Bradshaw, Assistant Professor, UVM Extension Mark Cannella, Associate Professor, UVM Extension Jake Claro, Farm to Plate Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont Lauren Masseria, Senior Market Development Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Randy Quenneville, Former Section Chief, Meat Inspection Section, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Becka Warren, Farm to Plate Strategic Plan Project Coordinator and Editor, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Rose Wilson, Consultant</div>
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

Friday, February 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals</b>  James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Action Circles</div>
10:15 AM	<b>Meat Processing</b>

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

**11:15 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

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## Tuesday, February 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns**      **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**  
Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont  
Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of  
Environmental Conservation

**11:15 AM**      **Break**

**11:30 AM**      **Housing for Agricultural Workers**  
Dan Baker, Professor, UVM  
Ernest A. Caswell , (Buster)

**12:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Wednesday, February 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals</b>  James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>New England Agribusiness and Feed Alliance</b>  John Clark, President, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance Andy Dugan, Executive Committee member; Chair, Government Relations Committee, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans Arthur Whitman, Vermont Seed Dealers Association, member Rick Zimmerman, Executive Director, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association</b>  <i>update</i>  Jeff Bartley, Sales/Marketing Manager, Champlain Valley Exposition Robert Congdon, Vermont State Fair, Rutland Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association Nola Gilbert, Treasurer, Franklin County Field Days Richard Lawrence, President & Director, Caledonia County Fair Diane Norris, President, Addison County Fair and Field Days
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
-	<b>Caucus of the Whole</b>  <i>Update on the State's vaccination efforts</i>

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**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
Meeting Record	
9:00 AM	<div><b>Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition</b></div> <div>Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee livestream here</div> <div>Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier</div> <div>Barrett Grimm, Co-Chair, Huntington Conservation Commission</div> <div>Katie Rose Leonard, Snow Farm</div> <div>Stephanie Pope, Iroquois Acres</div> <div>Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation</div> <div>Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust</div>
10:00 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
10:30 AM	<div><b>Election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College</b></div> <div>Joint Assembly</div>
1:00 PM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

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## Friday, February 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
Meeting Record	
9:00 AM	<div><b>S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming</b></div> <div>Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont</div> <div>Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation</div> <div>Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>

11:15 AM

Committee Adjourns

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns

S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

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

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

11:00 AM

S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

Bob Keeley, Education Project Manager, Agency of Education

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

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

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

Jesse Roy, Assistant Director, Federal and Education Support Programs, Agency of Education

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Meeting Details



**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 9:00 AM**

**Ecosystem Services**  
  
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 9:30 AM**

**S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**  
  
James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Ted Fisher, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Agency of Education  
Bob Keeley, Education Project Manager, Agency of Education  
Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education  
Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont  
Jesse Roy, Assistant Director, Federal and Education Support Programs, Agency of Education
- 10:15 AM**

**Break**
- 10:30 AM**

**Slaughter and Meat Processing**  
  
Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 12:00 PM**

**Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM**

**Senate Floor**

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**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 9:00 AM**

**S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**  
  
Catherine Benham, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office  
James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Breanna Parker, Joint Fiscal Office

10:30 AM	Break
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor
2:00 PM	Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College <i>Joint Assembly</i>

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## Friday, February 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee bills Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
9:45 AM	Housing for Agricultural Workers Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
11:15 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, March 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>S.67 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment</b> David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Nathan Proctor, Campaign Director, U.S. PIRG National Right to Repair
11:15 AM	<b>S.83 - An act relating to the Dairy Industry Stabilization Program</b> Sen. Russ Ingalls, Sponsor
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	<b>Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College</b> <i>Joint Assembly</i>

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>S.61 - An act relating to the definition of agricultural land for the purposes of use value appraisals</b> Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests. Parks and Recreation
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	

**S.25 - An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures**

*as related to agriculture*

- Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Josh Decatur, CEO, Trace Vermont
- Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
- Geoffrey Pizzutillo, Executive Director and CoFounder, Vermont Growers Association
- Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

**12:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

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**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM**      **S.67 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment**

- Joan Falcao, Owner, Health Hero Farm, South Hero
- Robert Fireovid, Owner, Health Hero Farm, South Hero
- Chris Gibson, General Sales Manager, Harvest Equipment
- Toby Malandrinos, Owner, Three Square Farm

**10:00 AM**      **Break**

**10:15 AM**      **Maple Syrup**

- Labeling and contents*
- Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Tucker Diego, Agricultural Products Manager, Food Safety and Consumer Products,  
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Mark Isslehardt, UVM Extension

**11:00 AM**      **S.25 - An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures**

- Josh Decatur, CEO, Trace Vermont

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Geoffrey Pizzutillo, Executive Director and CoFounder, Vermont Growers Association

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

Senate Floor

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## Friday, March 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Committee Work

*Hemp and THC issues*

Kevin Ellis, Lobbyist, VT CBD Labs of Williston

Pietro Lynn, Representing, VT CBD Labs of Williston
- 9:30 AM

S.25 - An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 10:00 AM

S.67 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment

Brian Carpenter, Owner Champlain Valley Equipment and Chair
- 11:15 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 11:30 AM

Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, March 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	Committee bills <i>review of bills coming from the House to Senate Ag Committee</i>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns

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Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program. Rep. Henry Pearl, Reporter of bill
9:10 AM	H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk Rep. Heather Surprenant, Reporter of bill
9:25 AM	H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects Rep. John O'Brien, Reporter of bill Rep. Vicki Strong, , Reporter of bill
9:40 AM	H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training Rep. Rodney Graham, Reporter of bill
9:50 AM	H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board Rep. Terry Norris, Reporter of bill
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Rural Vermont <i>Joint hearing with House Agriculture Committee</i> Jericho Bicknell

Sam Bromberg, Mountain Fire Farm

Cat Buxton, Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition

Buster Caswell, Activist, Agricultural worker housing

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Evan Hoyt, Brush Brook Community Farm

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Jane Lanza, This is Family Tree

Stephen Leslie, Owner, Cedar Mountain Farm and Cobb Hill Cheese

Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm

Jesse Lukas, GMC Farms, LLC

Rev. M Moretti, Owner, Murmuration Farm

Allan Reetz, Director of Public and Government Affairs, Hanover Co-op

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

12:30 PM      Senate Floor

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM      H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee
- 9:20 AM      S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals

*amendment*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 10:00 AM      Vermont Technical College

*Norwich Farm Creamery*

Chris Gray, Norwich Farm

Jeanie McIntyre, President, Upper Valley Land Trust

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

Omer Trajman, Norwich Farm Foundation

**10:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**11:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

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## Friday, March 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Committee bills**

*follow-up on current status of bills*

-      **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

*consideration of Amendment by Senate Natural Resources and Energy*

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

**10:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**11:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

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## Tuesday, March 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**15 minutes after**      **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**  
**Floor adjourns**

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,  
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets



12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, March 24, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM      Cannabis Bill**
- Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Kevin Ellis, Lobbyist, VT CBD Labs of Williston  
Pietro Lynn, Representing, VT CBD Labs of Williston
- 10:00 AM      H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**
- Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Agri-Mark  
Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

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## Thursday, March 25, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM      H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**
- Walk-through of bill*
- Kent Henderson, Co-Chair, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association Government Relations Committee  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Julie Smith, Research Associate Professor, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, UVM

Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

**10:15 AM**      **Break**

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

*Joint Assembly*

**12:00 PM**      **Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain**

*Joint hearing with Senate Natural Resources and Energy and Senate Appropriations.  
Livestream [here](#).*

Sarah Coleman, Coordinator to the Lake Champlain Basin Program, Agency of Natural Resources  
Bob Fischer, Water Quality Superintendent, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future  
Lori Fisher, Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain  
Mark Naud , Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future  
Hilary Solomon, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future  
Jeff Wennberg, Commissioner of Public Works, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

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## Friday, March 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

Julia Brennan, Infectious Disease Enteric Epidemiologist, Department of Health  
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont  
Elisabeth Wirsing, Senior Environmental Health Program Manager, Department of Health

**11:15 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns

S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals

Jeanne Collins, Superintendent, Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union

Scott Fay, Child Nutrition Manager, Essex-Westford School District

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

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Sean McMannon, Superintendent, Winooski School District

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Breanna Parker, Legislative Fiscal Data Analyst , Joint Fiscal Office

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

**9:00 AM      S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education  
Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont  
Breanna Parker, Legislative Fiscal Data Analyst , Joint Fiscal Office  
Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

Friday, April 2, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

**9:00 AM      H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee  
Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, 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  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:30 AM      Break**

10:40 AM	<b>H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
11:15 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

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## Tuesday, April 6, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>Bills in Committee</b>  <i>Committee discussion</i>
11:00 AM	<b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b>  <i>2022 Budget</i>  Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association Amy Mercier, Financial Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Wednesday, April 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk

Ashlyn Bristle, Owner, Rebop Farm

Lee Dowgiewicz, President and CEO, Cooperative Insurance Companies

Andrea Etter, Assistant Professor, Nutrition and Food Services Department, UVM

Charles Gray, Owner, 4 Corners Farm

Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery

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

Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

10:15 AM

H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.

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S.61 - An act relating to the definition of agricultural land for the purposes of use value appraisals

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM

Break

11:00 AM

H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Biotechnology Innovation Org, National Animal Supplement Council, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Nat Shambaugh , Retired Chemist, Pesticides Expert

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

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Vermont Technical College

Revisioned Agriculture and Food Systems Program

Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee. Livestream Here

Regina Beidler, Program Specialist Organic Valley, Beidler Family Farm

Louise Calderwood, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Echo Hill Farm Maple Products

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

10:00 AM	Break
10:20 AM	<b>S.67 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment</b>  Ward Butler, Service Manager, Milton Cat Gay Gordon-Byrne, Executive Director, The Repair Association Michael McKenna, Director of Aftermarket, United Ag and Turf Northeast Glenn Scott, General Sales Manager, Milton Cat
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

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## Friday, April 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>S.61 - An act relating to the definition of agricultural land for the purposes of use value appraisals</b>
-	<b>H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.</b>  Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
10:00 AM	Committee Adjourns
11:30 AM	Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, April 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**15 minutes after** **S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**

**Floor adjourns**

Sen. Brian Campion, Senate Committee on Education

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**11:30 AM** **H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

**12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

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## Wednesday, April 14, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

**9:30 AM** **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

*Walk-through of bill*

- **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

**10:15 AM** **Break**



**10:30 AM      Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT**

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee*

Cat Buxton, Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition  
- Chris, West Crescent Farm  
Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Shawn Lenihan, Kismet Farm  
Stephen Leslie, Owner, Cedar Mountain Farm and Cobb Hill Cheese  
Rose Thackeray, Union Brook Farm  
Emily Virzi, Union Brook Farm

**12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

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## Thursday, April 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM      H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
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

-      **H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

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

**12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

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## Friday, April 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training</b>
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Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
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11:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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## Tuesday, April 20, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board</b>
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*possible vote*

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Biotechnology Innovation Org, National Animal Supplement Council, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

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

12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
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## Wednesday, April 21, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board</b><div>Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div><div>Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div><div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div></div>
-	<div><b>H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b><div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div></div>
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM	<div><b>Agricultural Finance</b><div>Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development</div></div>
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing TypeStandard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>Working Lands Enterprise Board</b><div><i>Enterprise Finance Options</i></div><div><i>Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry</i></div><div><i>Livestream <a href="#">here</a></i></div><div>Will Belongia, Vermont Community Loan Fund</div><div>Eric DeLuca, Enterprise Financing Options Committee Chair, Working Lands Enterprise Board</div><div>Lane Fury, Cooperative Fund of New England</div><div>Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority</div><div>Dave Lane, Senior Vice President, Yankee Farm Credit</div><div>Joel Moyer, Fair Food Fund</div></div>
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Benneth Phelps, Dirt Capital Partners

Michael Philipp, Regenerative Food Network

Jon Ramsey, Executive Director, Center for an Agricultural Economy

Siobhan Smith, Vermont Land Trust

Janice St. Onge, President, Flexible Capital Fund

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Gaye Symington, Executive Director, High Meadows Fund

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

10:30 AM	Break
10:40 AM	<div>H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board</div> <div>Committee vote</div> <div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>
11:00 AM	<div>H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training</div> <div>Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board</div> <div>Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Mary McFaun, Vermont Federation of Dog Clubs</div> <div>Stacey Ober, Legislative Analyst &amp; Community Outreach, New England Region, American Kennel Club</div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

Friday, April 23, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing TypeStandard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div>H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training</div> <div>Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board</div> <div>Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Mary McFaun, Vermont Federation of Dog Clubs</div> <div>Stacey Ober, Legislative Analyst &amp; Community Outreach, New England Region,</div>
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American Kennel Club

9:20 AM

H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

11:15 AM

Committee Adjourns

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, April 27, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns

H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

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

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

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

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

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, April 28, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

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

Tim Smith, Executive Director, Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation & the Regional Development Corporation

10:30 AM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Friday, April 30, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

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

Katherine McNamara, Assistant State Veterinarian, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

10:30 AM

Committee Adjourns

11:30 AM Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, May 4, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:45 AM Committee Adjourns

10:00 AM Senate Floor

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## Wednesday, May 5, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

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## Thursday, May 6, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:45 AM Committee Adjourns

10:00 AM Senate Floor

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## Friday, May 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, May 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board

*House Amendment*

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

10:00 AM Senate Floor

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## Wednesday, May 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor



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## Thursday, May 13, 2021

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## Friday, May 14, 2021

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## Tuesday, January 4, 2022

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10:00 AM	Senate Floor
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## Wednesday, January 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Updates
	<i>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</i>

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

Steve Collier, Agency Attorney, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

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

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

Rebecca Harvey, Director, Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory

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

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

- 11:00 AM

Adjourn
- 1:00 PM

Senate Floor
- 2:00 PM

Governor's State of the State Address

Joint Assembly

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## Thursday, January 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Committee Updates

Legislative Counsel

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

Dan Smith, Co-Chair, Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry
- 11:00 AM

Adjourn
- 1:00 PM

Senate Floor

## Friday, January 7, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Bridge Grant Program

Grants to farmers

Joan Goldstein, Commissioner, Department of Economic Development

Calley Hastings, Farm and Forest Viability Program Manager, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

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

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- 11:15 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 11:30 AM

Senate Floor

## Tuesday, January 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM

Senate Floor
- 15 minutes after Floor adjourns

Plastic Residues in Compost

Matthew Chapman, General Counsel, Agency of Natural Resources

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

Josh Kelly, Materials Management Section Chief, Agency of Natural Resources
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

## Wednesday, January 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

**Northeast Dairy Task Force**  
  
Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 9:40 AM

**Break**
- 9:45 AM

**S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**  
  
Sen. Dick Sears, Bennington County
- 10:15 AM

**Break**
- 10:30 AM

**Universal Meals**  
  
Jean Hamilton, Vermont Everyone Eats Program Manager, SEVCA, ShiftMeals and The Skinny Pancake  
Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education  
Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont  
Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network  
Carrie Stahler, Vermont Food Bank
- 12:00 PM

**Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM

**Senate Floor**

## Thursday, January 13, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Committee Bill Discussion

Legislative initiatives concerning dairy industry

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

10:45 AM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Friday, January 14, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Agri-Mark

Introductions

Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier, VT

Catherine DeRonde, Vice President, Agri-Mark

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Agri-Mark

Joanna Lidback, Wheeler Mountain Farm, Barton, VT

Jason Martin, Vice President of Manufacturing, Agri-Mark

10:15 AM

S. - An act relating to providing premium assistance for farmer participation in risk management programs

Catherine DeRonde, Vice President, Economics and Legislative Affairs , Agrimark

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Ed Gallagher, President, DFA Risk Management

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

11:00 AM

Water Quality Funding

Update on federal funding dealing with water quaility in Vermont

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

11:20 AM

Committee Adjourns

11:30 AM Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, January 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

15 minutes after Floor adjourns S. - An act relating to providing premium assistance for farmer participation in risk management programs

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

Dave Lane, Senior Vice President, Yankee Farm Credit

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

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM Governor's FY2023 Budget Address

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## Wednesday, January 19, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming

*Walk-through*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board

10:00 AM	Break
10:10 AM	<div>School Nutrition</div> <div>Funding to continue support of school breakfast and lunch programs</div> <div>Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education</div> <div>Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT</div> <div>Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network</div>
11:00 AM	<div>New England Feeding New England</div> <div>Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund</div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div>Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition</div> <div>Update</div> <div>Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition</div> <div>John Roberts, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition</div>
9:40 AM	<div>Connecticut River Farmers Watershed Alliance</div> <div>Update</div> <div>Jennifer Byrne, District Manager, White River Natural Resources Conservation District</div> <div>Bill Emmons, Cloudland Farm, Vice Chair, Connecticut River Farmers Watershed Alliance</div>
10:20 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Update

Chanin Hill , Four Hills Farm, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance Board  
Bill Rowell, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance  
Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

11:15 AM      Farmers Watershed Alliance

Update

Wayne Fiske, Stony Pond Farm, Farmers Watershed Alliance  
Larry Gervais, Gervais Family Farm, Vice Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance  
Scott Magnan, Board Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM      Senate Floor

Friday, January 21, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      S. - An act relating to providing premium assistance for farmer participation in risk management programs

possible vote

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

-      S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming

Amendment

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Geoffrey Pizzutillo, Executive Director and CoFounder, Vermont Growers Association  
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

11:15 AM      Committee Adjourns

11:30 AM      Senate Floor



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## Tuesday, January 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM      Senate Floor

15 minutes after Floor      **S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming**

*Introduction and walk-through*

- Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor
- Sen. Anthony Pollina, Sponsor

11:00 AM      **Slaughter and Meat Processing**

*AAFM slaughterhouse support and on-farm slaughter rules*

- Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Wednesday, January 26, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM      **Climate Action Plan**

Abbie Corse, Member, Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee, Vermont Climate Council

Jared Duval, Member, Climate Council

Jane Lazorchak, Director of Global Warming Solutions Act, Agency of Natural Resources

Lauren Oates, Interim Director of Government Relations and Policy,The Nature Conservancy, Vermont Climate Council

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	<div><div>The Abbey Group</div><div>Local Food initiatives</div><div>Nina Hansen, Chief Operations Officer, The Abbey Group</div></div>
11:15 AM	<div><div>Vermont Farm Bureau</div><div>Update</div></div>
-	<div><div>Vermont Fairs and Field Days</div><div>Update</div><div>Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau and Vermont Fairs and Field Days</div></div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><div>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</div><div>Kyle Harris, Board Member, Cannabis Control Board</div></div>
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9:55 AM	Break
10:00 AM	<b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b> <i>Budget for Working Lands Grants</i>  Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Amy Mercier, Financial Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
10:30 AM	<b>Committee Discussion and Agenda Planning</b>
10:40 AM	Break
11:00 AM	<b>Rural Vermont</b> <i>Update</i>  Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont Elena Roig, Legislative Intern, Rural Vermont Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

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## Friday, January 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Climate Action Plan</b>  Abbie Corse, Member, Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee, Vermont Climate Council Jared Duval, Member, Vermont Climate Council Jackie Folsom, Legislative Director, Vermont Farm Bureau Jane Lazorchak, Director of Global Warming Solutions Act, Agency of Natural Resources
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Lauren Oates, Interim Director of Government Relations and Policy, The Nature Conservancy in Vermont

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Collin Smythe, Environmental Analyst, Agency of Natural Resources, Air Quality & Climate Division

Peter Walke, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation

- 10:30 AM

UVM Extension

*Hiring staff*
- On-farm Slaughter

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 11:15 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM

Senate Floor
- 15 minutes after Floor adjourns

S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming

*Committee discussion*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board
- 11:20 AM

Break
- 11:30 AM

**Farm Assistance**

Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and Communications Manager, Dairy  
Farmers of America  
Catherine DeRonde, Vice President, Economics and Legislative Affairs , Agrimark

**12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**

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**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM      University of Vermont Extension**  
*Update*  
Fitzroy Beckford, Associate Dean and Director, UVM Extension

**9:45 AM      Break**

**10:00 AM      S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**  
Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:30 AM      S.268 - An act relating to the right to farm**  
*Walk-through of bill*  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

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**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

Hearing Type	Standard
Meeting Record	
9:00 AM	<div>Plastic Residues in Compost</div> <div>Michael Casella, Division Manager, Casella Waste Management</div> <div>Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Eric Fitch, CEO, PurposeEnergy, Inc.</div> <div>Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Eric Roy, Rubenstein School of Environmental and Natural Resources</div> <div>Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail &amp; Grocers Association</div>
10:55 AM	Break
11:10 AM	Committee Discussion
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

## Friday, February 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
Meeting Record	
9:00 AM	<div>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Housekeeping bill requests</div> <div>Rep. Carolyn W. Partridge, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry</div>
9:30 AM	<div>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Committee discussion of Agency requests of Agriculture Committees</div> <div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>

10:30 AM	Committee Adjourns
11:30 AM	Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<p>Farm to School</p> <p>Conor Floyd, Grant Program Manager for Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education</p> <p>Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</p> <p>Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT</p> <p>Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network</p>
11:15 AM	<p>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</p> <p>Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</p> <p>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</p>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<p>Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition</p> <p>update</p>
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Dan Baker, Professor, UVM College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Guy Choiniere, Owner, Choiniere Family Farms

Julie Curtin, Director of Home Ownership, Champlain Housing Trust

Hannah Doyle, Co-owner, Boneyard Farm

Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust

9:45 AM

S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming

*possible vote*

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

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

John Rodgers, Vermont Farmers Hemp Company, West Glover, VT

10:40 AM

Break

11:00 AM

AAFM Housekeeping bill

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

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

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

11:20 AM

S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming

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

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

*Update. Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee livestreamed here:*

*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHCCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/featured>*

Steve Bick, Owner, Northeast Forests LLC



Joe Bossen, Owner, Vermont Bean Crafters and Vermont All Souls

Danielle Fitzko, Director of Forests, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Charlie Hancock, Consulting Forester, North Woods Forestry

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

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Molly Mahar, President, Vermont Ski Areas Association

Lynn Ellen Schimoler, Program Manager, Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Randall Szott, Former Representative, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

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

10:30 AM      Break

10:45 AM      Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT

*Update and introductions. Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee  
livestreamed here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/>  
featured*

- Jen Daniels, Meristem Farms
- Josh Decatur, CEO
- Rick Fox, Meristem Farms
- Patricia Heck, Mystic Mountain Cannabis
- Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance
- Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
- Matt Leonetti, NurseGrown Organics
- Charlotte Rootblum, Vermont Cannabis Coaching
- Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
- Ben Wilcox, Off Piste Farm

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM      Senate Floor

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## Friday, February 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b>  Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel James Pepper, Chair, Cannabis Control Board
10:45 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>
15 minutes after Senate Floor adjourns	<b>Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain</b> <i>Update</i>  Bob Fischer, Water Facility Operator, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain Mark Naud , Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain Hilary Solomon, Conservation District Manager, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain Jeff Wennberg, Retired Commissioner of Public Works, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain
11:00 AM	<b>Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Report</b>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Vermont Fairs and Field Days

Robert Congdon, President, Vermont State Fair (Rutland)

Jackie Folsom, Legislator Director, Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association

Dave Martin, President, Vermont Farm Show

Diane Norris, President, Addison County Fair and Field Days

Tim Shea, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Exposition
- 9:40 AM

Rights and Democracy Vermont

Update

Neily Jennings, Member, Rights and Democracy

Alison Nihart, Vermont State Director, Rights and Democracy
- 10:20 AM

Committee Discussion
- 10:45 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

Senate Floor

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers

Joseph Dutton, Farmer, Dutton Berry Farm

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

Justin Rich, Vice President, Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association

Bill Scott, Member, Vermont Farm Bureau & Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association

10:15 AM	Committee Adjourns
10:30 AM	Election of Legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation <i>Joint Assembly</i>
11:00 AM	Agency of Agriculture Housekeeping Bill <i>Committee Discussion</i>
11:25 AM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

Friday, February 18, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      S.268 - An act relating to the right to farm

*Joint hearing with Senate Judiciary Committee, livestreamed here:*  
*[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQQZ15\\_xDIn-WhvZKnzMsPw/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQQZ15_xDIn-WhvZKnzMsPw/featured)*

- Marie Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm
- Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
- Bill Emmons, Cloudland Farm, Vice Chair, Connecticut River Farmers Watershed Alliance
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
- Walter Gladstone, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
- Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council
- Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition
- Dave Lane, Senior Vice President, Yankee Farm Credit
- AJ LaRosa, Attorney, MSK Attorneys
- Lisa MacDougall, Owner, Mighty Food Farm, Mighty Food Farm
- Scott Magnan, Board Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance
- James Maroney, Owner/Operator, Oliver Hill Farm

Paul Mazza, Paul Mazza Farms, Colchester

Meg Nelson, Owner, Nelson Farms, Derby

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

Scott Sanderson, Farm and Food Fellow, Conservation Law Foundation

Gerry Tarrant, Chair, Environmental Law Section, Vermont Bar Association

David Werner, Owner, Werner Tree Farm

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

15 minutes after  
Senate Floor  
adjourns

Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Report

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S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming

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

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council

Report from Council. Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Commission

Streaming of meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/featured>

Christina Ashley, Retired Officer, Essex Police Department

Ruth Blauwikel, Retired, UVM

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

Andrea Etter, Assistant Professor, Nutrition and Food Services Department, UVM

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

JoAnn Nichols, Member, Humane Society of Chittenden County, HEART Wildlife Removal

Ben Notterman, Owner, Snug Valley Farm

Tara Oeschger, Member, Northeast Kingdom Processing, LLC

Eliza Rutherford, Member, Foxwood Hanoverians

Tracy Webb, Member, National Farmers Organization

10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	<div><div>Farm to Plate Report</div><div>10 Year Retrospective. Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee, livestreamed here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/</a> featured</div><div>Jake Claro, Farm to Plate Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund</div><div>Abbie Corse, Corse Dairy Farm and member, Vermont Climate Council</div><div>Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund</div><div>Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div></div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	Senate Floor

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div>Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Report</div> <div>Vermont Housing and Conservation Board testimony</div> <div>Calley Hastings, Farm and Forest Viability Program Manager, Vermont Housing and</div>
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Conservation Board

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

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

10:15 AM      Break

10:30 AM      Vermont Conservation Districts

*Funding request*

Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Jennifer Byrne, District Manager, White River Natural Resources Conservation District

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

Clare Ireland, Finance Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

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

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM      Senate Floor

Friday, February 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming

*possible vote*

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

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

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

10:20 AM      Break

10:35 AM      S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming

Vote

11:05 AM Committee Adjourns

11:30 AM Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, March 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

*Initial walk-through of bill*

- Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Report

*Consideration of report recommendations*

Gordon Merrick, Law Clerk

Dan Smith, Co-Chair, Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, March 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM Vermont Danone Horizon Task Force

*Report from the Task Force*

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



10:00 AM	<div>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Budget</div> <div>Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &amp; Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	<div>H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</div> <div>Rep. Thomas Bock, House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry</div> <div>Rep. Rodney Graham, Sponsor, House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry</div> <div>Rep. John O'Brien, Sponsor, House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry</div> <div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>
11:40 AM	Committee Adjourns
12:00 PM	<div>Press Conference</div> <div>Cedar Creek Room</div> <div>Dairy Margin Coverage Program Premium Support</div>

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div>Organic Dairy Processors</div> <div>support for transition farms</div> <div>Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &amp; Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
9:45 AM	<div>H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</div> <div>Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
10:20 AM	Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM Senate Floor

Friday, March 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

On-farm Slaughter

Response from FSIS on Vermont on-farm slaughter

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 10:45 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 11:00 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM

H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, , Rutland-6
- 10:10 AM

Break
- 10:15 AM

On-farm Slaughter

Response from FSIS on Vermont on-farm slaughter

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

**11:05 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Wednesday, March 16, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Hemp**

*Hemp, ag/forest land use, taxation*

John Rodgers, Vermont Farmers Hemp Company, West Glover, VT

**9:45 AM**      **Vermont Feed Dealers**

Stuart Hall, Member, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance, Phoenix Seeds

Mike Thresher, Member, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance, Morrison's Feeds

Art Whitman, Member, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance, A&K Agriservices

**10:45 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Thursday, March 17, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Old Forest Growth**

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

**9:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

## Friday, March 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

On-farm Slaughter

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

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 9:45 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 10:00 AM

Senate Floor

## Tuesday, March 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM

Senate Floor
- 11:00 AM

H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

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

## Wednesday, March 23, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:15 AM

H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

10:30 AM	Break
10:40 AM	<b>Review of House Agriculture and Forestry Bill H.626</b>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
11:00 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT</b>  <i>Member introductions and testimony about On-Farm Slaughter Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee. Livestream here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHQCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHQCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/featured</a></i>  Ali Berlow, On-Farm Slaughter Customer, Author and Writer Brandon Bless, Bread and Butter Farm, Shelburne, VT Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Bill Cavanaugh, Farm Business Advisor, NOFA VT Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Silene DeCiucies, Farm Business Planner, Center for an Agricultural Economy Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont Mary Lake, Shearer, butcher, and shepherd, Tunbridge, Vermont Curt Peterson, Shincracker Icelandic Sheep Farm, Hartland, VT Elena Roig, Legislative Intern, Rural Vermont Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont Katy Wolfe, Boondoggle Farm, Putney, VT
10:15 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Retention of Superior Court Judges</b>

Joint Assembly

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM Senate Floor

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## Friday, March 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects  
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,  
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:00 AM Committee Adjourns

11:30 AM Senate Floor

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## Tuesday, March 29, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

11:30 AM Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.704  
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

## Wednesday, March 30, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Field Trip

to Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory  
with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee

Rebecca Harvey, Director, Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

## Thursday, March 31, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Marie Audet, Blue Spruce Farm, Agri-Mark

Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, Agri-Mark

Jacob Bourdeau, President, Bourdeau Bros Inc and Feed Commodities Inc

Max Feken, Syngenta

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Charles Mraz, Owner, Champlain Valley Apiaries

Caydee Savinelli, Syngenta

John Uvenges, Seedway

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

## Friday, April 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension

Andrew Munkres, President, Vermont Beekeepers Association
- 11:15 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM

Senate Floor
- 10:00 AM

Committee Discussion and Planning
- 10:35 AM

Break
- 11:00 AM

Agricultural Innovation Board

Kanika Gandhi, , Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 11:50 AM

Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard



Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div>Local Food and Food Security Updates and Requests</div> <div>Meg Burmeister, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging Cynthia Greene, Farm to Early Childhood Partnership Coordinator, Shelburne Farms Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network Carrie Stahler, Vermont Food Bank Becka Warren, Food Security Plan Project Manager, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund Amanda Witman, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator, Vermont Everyone Eats</div>
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	<div>H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides</div> <div>Tom Eaton, Agricultural Consulting Services</div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div>Diversified Farming</div> <div>Hannah Doyle, Co-owner, Boneyard Farm Patrick Sullivan, Owner, Ananda Gardens Joseph Tisbert, Owner, Valley Dream Farm Chuck Wooster, Owner, Sunrise Farm</div>
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Diversified Farming

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM      Senate Floor

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## Friday, April 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

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| 9:00 AM  | <b>Review of Senate Natural Resources Bill H.466</b><br><br>Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets |
| 9:45 AM  | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10:20 AM | <b>Committee Discussion and Planning</b>   |
| 10:30 AM | <b>S.278 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soil mitigation</b><br><br><i>Committee discussion</i>                                  |
| 11:15 AM | <b>Committee Adjourns</b>  |
| 11:30 AM | <b>Senate Floor</b>  |

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM      Senate Floor

10:00 AM	<div><b>H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides</b></div> <div>Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
10:30 AM	<div><b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b></div> <div><i>Customer service roadmap</i></div> <div>Gina Clithero, Agriculture Development Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Ellen Kahler, Member, Governor's Commission on the Future of Vermont Agriculture</div> <div>Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Wednesday, April 13, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b></div> <div><i>Customer service roadmap</i></div> <div>Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau</div>
9:45 AM	<div><b>H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides</b></div> <div>Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Morgan Griffith, Agrichemical Research and Policy Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
11:05 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

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# Thursday, April 14, 2022

## Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

## Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

**Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT**

*Member introductions and issues*  
*Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry Committee.*  
*Livestreamed here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eOZHCQZ8Rle7h2apvghFg/>*  
*featured*

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Stephen Leslie, Owner, Cedar Mountain Farm and Cobb Hill Cheese

Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm

Jon Ramsay, Executive Director, Center for an Agricultural Economy

Shona Sanford-Long, Flying Dog Farm

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

Ryan Yoder, Yoder Farm
- 10:15 AM

**Break**
- 10:30 AM

**S.278 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soil mitigation**

Trini Brassard, Assistant Director, Agency of Transportation

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- 11:15 AM

**Review of Senate Natural Resources Bill H.466**

Peter Johnson, Owner, Pete's Greens, Craftsbury

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

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Justin Rich, Vice President, Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association
- 12:00 PM

**Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM

**Senate Floor**

## Friday, April 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:05 AM

**Solar Power on Farms**  
  
Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Jake Clark, Encore Renewal Energy
- 11:15 AM

**Committee Adjourns**
- 11:30 AM

**Senate Floor**

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## Tuesday, April 19, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM

**Senate Floor**
- 10:55 AM

**Solar Power on Farms**  
  
Peter LaFlamme, Director, Watershed Management Division, Department of Environmental Conservation  
Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of Natural Resources
- 11:15 AM

**Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT**  
  
*Legislative priorities*  
  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
- 12:00 PM

**Committee Adjourns**

## Wednesday, April 20, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
- 9:15 AM

H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Sam Lincoln, Principal, Lincoln Farm Timber Harvesting

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Justin Rich, Vice President, Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association
- 10:55 AM

Break
- 11:00 AM

H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

Senate Floor

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## Thursday, April 21, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:20 AM

Committee Discussion
- 10:00 AM

Break
- 10:50 AM

H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

*Vote on amendment and bill*

11:15 AM	<b>S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming</b>  Rep. Carolyn W. Partridge, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

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## Friday, April 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers</b>  Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT Sam Lincoln, Principal, Lincoln Farm Timber Harvesting Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Justin Rich, Vice President, Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
10:20 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Senate Floor</b>

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## Tuesday, April 26, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Sam Lincoln, Principal, Lincoln Farm Timber Harvesting

Matt McMahon, Lobbyist, Vermont Golf Association

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Justin Rich, Vice President, Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

9:50 AM

Committee Adjourns

10:00 AM

Senate Floor

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers

Jeff Crocker, Streamflow Protection Coordinator, Department of Environmental Conservation

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Sam Lincoln, Principal, Lincoln Farm Timber Harvesting

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Justin Rich, Vice President, Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

9:50 AM

Committee Adjourns

10:00 AM

Senate Floor

Thursday, April 28, 2022



Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers

*possible vote*

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 9:50 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 10:00 AM

Senate Floor

Friday, April 29, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

*Committee discussion*

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 9:45 AM

Committee Adjourns
- 10:00 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

Senate Floor

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM
- H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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- H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides
- Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 9:30 AM
- Committee Adjourns
- 10:00 AM
- Senate Floor

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM
- H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides
- Committee discussion and vote
- 9:45 AM
- Committee Adjourns
- 10:00 AM
- Senate Floor

Friday, May 6, 2022

Meeting Details

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10:00 AM	Senate Floor
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## Monday, May 9, 2022

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## Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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## Wednesday, May 11, 2022

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## Thursday, May 12, 2022

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Friday, May 13, 2022

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