

**2021-2022 Session**

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# House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

(Room 49)

The House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry considers matters relating to agriculture and forestry, forest products and their market, and state parks and lands.

## Previous Meetings - Full Report

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### Wednesday, January 6, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**      House Floor

**1:30 PM**      House Floor

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### Thursday, January 7, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM**      House Floor

**10:00 AM**      Joint Assembly to hear Canvassing Committee Report  
*Canvassing Committee Report*

**10:15 AM**      Caucuses

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Introductions</b>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Joint Assembly for Governor's Remarks</b>  <i>Governor's Remarks</i>
-	<b>House Floor</b>

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## Friday, January 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

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

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b>  <i>Introductions and overview</i>  Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Steven Collier, General Counsel, 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 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
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Tuesday, January 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
	<i>Caucuses will be held immediately following the Floor</i>

1:00 PM	House Floor
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Following Adjournment of Floor	<b>Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition</b> <i>Update</i>  Marie Audet, Farmer, Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition John Roberts, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition
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-	<b>Committee discussion regarding scope of work</b>
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3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns
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## Wednesday, January 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Vermont Farm Bureau</b> <i>Update</i>  Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
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9:30 AM	
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Rural Vermont

Update

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont  
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

- 10:00 AMCommittee Discussion
- 1:15 PMHouse Floor
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing TypeStandard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AMDepartment of Forests, Parks & Recreation  
Update  
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation
- 10:00 AMVermont 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
- 11:00 AMNOFA-VT  
Update  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Jen Miller, Farmer Services Director, NOFA-VT



Grace Oedel, Executive Director, NOFA VT  
Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT

12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:15 PM	House Floor
15 minutes after adjournment	Connecticut River Farmers Watershed Alliance Walter Gladstone, Owner, Newmont Farm Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
2:30 PM	Vermont Technical College Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Friday, January 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
11:30 AM	Family Farms in Vermont Ashlyn Bristle, Owner, Rebop Farm Abbie Corse, Owner, Corse Family Farm Norah Lake, Owner, Sweetland Farm Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm
12:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Tuesday, January 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**Following the Floor**      **Implicit Bias Prevention Training**

**12:15 PM**      **Lunch and Caucuses**

**2:00 PM**      **Agri-Mark Farmers**

Marie Audet, Farmer, Agri-Mark

Paul Doton, Dairy Farmer and Board Member, Agri-Mark

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Agri-Mark

Rob Wheeler, Dairy Farmer and Board Member, Agri-Mark

**2:45 PM**      **Wood Products**

Kathleen Wanner, Executive Director, Vermont Woodlands Association, Administrator, Vermont Wood Works Council

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**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM**      **Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance**

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

Brian Carpenter, Board Member VT Dairy Producers Alliance, Champlain Valley Equipment

Walter Gladstone, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Chanin Hill , Secretary, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Stephanie Pope

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

Cayden Theberge, Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

**10:30 AM**      **Break**

10:45 AM	<b>University of Vermont Extension</b>  Mark Cannella, Associate Professor, UVM Extension Lisa Chase , Professor of Agronomy, UVM Extension Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension Kate Forrer, Outreach Specialist, UVM Extension Urban & Community Forestry Sarah Kleinman, Director of 4-H, Farmworker, and Family Education Programs, UVM Extension Dan Lerner, Association Director and Chair, State Office, UVM Extension Leslie Parise, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
15 minutes after Floor Adjourns	<b>Salvation Farms</b>  Greta Hasler, Strategy and Advocacy Coordinator, Salvation Farms Theresa Snow, Director, Salvation Farms
2:30 PM	<b>Congressional Delegation</b>  Andrew Bahrenburg, Organizer, Advocate, 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 Ryan McLaren, Outreach Representative, Office of Congressman Peter Welch
3:30 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Thursday, January 21, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Center For an Agricultural Economy

Michael Heath, Center for an Agricultural Economy  
Jon Ramsey, Executive Director, Center for an Agricultural Economy

**9:45 AM**      **Vermont Forest Products Association**  
  
Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

**10:15 AM**      **Break**

**10:30 AM**      **Vermont Council on Rural Development**  
  
Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on Rural Development

**11:25 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 minutes after**      **H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**  
**Floor adjourns**  
  
Rep. David Durfee, Bill Sponsor

-      **H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops**  
  
Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor

**2:45 PM**      **Forest Carbon**  
  
Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Housing & Conservation Coalition  
Bill Roper, Land Use Consultant, Slow Communities

**3:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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Friday, January 22, 2021

Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**15 minutes after Floor adjournment**      **Vermont Association of Conservation Districts**

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

**11:30 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

*Caucuses will be held immediately following the Floor*

**1:00 PM**      **Governor's FY2022 Budget Address**

*Joint Assembly*

**following the Joint Assembly**      **Gund Institute for Environment, UVM**

Stephen Posner, Director of Policy, Gund Institute for Environment

**2:45 PM**      **Food Security**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

**3:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.58 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment</b>  Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Sponsor
9:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:00 AM	<b>Working Lands Enterprise Initiative</b>  <i>Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee and House Commerce and Economic Development Committee</i>  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	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>Farm to School</b>  <i>Update</i>  Hayden Adams, Senior, Harwood Union High School Antony Jeswin, Sophomore, Harwood Union High School Jasper Koliba, Senior, Harwood Union High School 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
- Maggie Rubick, Preschool Teacher, Northshire Day School
- Harley Sterling, School Nutrition Director, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union

3:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM      **H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism**
- Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation, Insurance Division
- Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Rep. Michael Yantachka, Sponsor
- 9:45 AM      **Break**
- 10:00 AM      **Vermont Dairy Industry Price Regulations: Assessment and Recommendations**
- Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*
- Please click here for the livestream*
- Marie Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm
- Eugene Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm
- Leon Berthiaume, Senior Advisor, Dairy Farmers of America
- 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
- Larry Gervais, Owner, Gervais Family Farm
- 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
1:15 PM	House Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	Farmers Watershed Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension</li><li>Larry Gervais, Owner, Gervais Family Farm</li><li>Scott Magnan, Board Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance</li><li>Nick Mannng, Farmers Watershed Alliance Board Member, Manning Dairy Farm</li></ul>
3:00 PM	Council of State Governments <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>David Biette, Director, Council of State Governments</li><li>Bob Haefner, Council of State Governments</li><li>Tara Sad, Council of State Governments</li></ul>
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Friday, January 29, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record



**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns**      **Current Use**  
*Primer in current use*

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

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## Tuesday, February 2, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**  
*Caucuses will be held immediately following the Floor*

**1:00 PM**      **Animal Welfare**  
*Animal shelter*

Aimee Braxmeier, Owner, Hildene Farm and Goat Dairy  
Joan Falcao, Owner, Health Hero Farm, South Hero  
Robert Fireovid, Owner, Health Hero Farm, South Hero  
Kimberly Hagen, Grazing Outreach Specialist  
Annie Hopper, Owner, Scuttleship Farm  
Niko Horster, Owner, Shire Beef, Vermont Grass Farmers Association  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Dave Martin, Owner, Settlement Farm  
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont  
Adam Wilson, Brush Brook Community Farm

**2:00 PM**      **Agricultural Innovation**  
Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension

**3:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      **Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council**

*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*

- Christina Ashley, Essex Police Department
- Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
- Steve Kayhart, Kayhart Brothers, West Addison
- Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition, Mountain Meadows Farm
- Rhonda Miller, Owner, Molly Brook Farm
- Ben Notterman, Owner, Snug Valley Farm
- Tara Oeschger, Northeast Kingdom Processing, LLC
- Omar Oyarzabal, UVM Extension

10:00 AM      **Break**

10:15 AM      **How to Read a Bill**

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

10:45 AM      **Everyone Eats**

- Richard Berkfeld, Executive Director, Food Counts
- Kara Fitzbeauchamp, Owner, Evening Song Farm
- Jean Hamilton, Vermont Everyone Eats Program Manager, SEVCA, ShiftMeals and The Skinny Pancake
- Gary Holloway, Downtown Program Manager - Community Planning & Revitalization, Agency of Commerce and Community Development
- Michael Wegner, District Manager, The Works Bakery and Cafe
- Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM      **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM      **House Floor**

15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>Vermont Economic Development Authority</b> <i>update</i>  Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority  Cassie Polhemus, CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority
2:45 PM	<b>Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center</b>  Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
3:30 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Thursday, February 4, 2021

### Meeting Details

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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Glyphosate</b> <i>An overview</i> <i>Joint hearing with House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife</i>  Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
10:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:15 AM	<b>Committee Bill</b>  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
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
15 minutes after	<b>H.58 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment</b>

**Floor adjourns** Nathan Proctor, Campaign Director, U.S. PIRG National Right to Repair

**2:45 PM** **H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops**

- Jennie Amirkiaee, Maple Valley Farm
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
- Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
- Bob Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
- Rick Shortleff, Maple Valley Farm

**3:30 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, February 5, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **House Floor**

**15 minutes after Floor adjourns** **H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism**

- Lisa Chase , Professor of Agronomy, University of Vermont Extension
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
- Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
- Rick Lunt, Vice President, Dynamic Business Solutions
- Tara Pereira, Executive Director, Vermont Fresh Network

**11:30 AM** **Committee Adjourns**

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## Tuesday, February 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the floor

1:00 PM	<div><b>H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b></div> <div>Steven Collier, General Counsel, 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>Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Kaitlynn Levine, Assistant State Veterinarian, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Marc Paquette, Section Chief Weights &amp; Measures, Food Safety &amp; Consumer Protection Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
2:30 PM	<div><b>Break</b></div>
2:45 PM	<div><b>Vermont Farm Bureau</b></div> <div>Update</div> <div>Jackie Folsom, Legislative Director, Vermont Farm Bureau</div> <div>Shane Keady, President, Orange County 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</div>
3:30 PM	<div><b>Committee Adjourns</b></div>

## Wednesday, February 10, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>H.58 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment</b></div> <div>Brian Carpenter, Owner Champlain Valley Equipment and Chair, Middlebury Selectboard</div> <div>Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau</div>
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9:45 AM	<b>H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops</b>  Colonel Jason Batchelder, Director of Law Enforcement, Department of Fish & Wildlife Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Jason Gravelle, Warden, Department of Fish and Wildlife Forrest Hammond, Bear Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife Mark Scott, Wildlife Director, Department of Fish & Wildlife Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau
10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:45 AM	<b>H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism</b>  Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney, National Agriculture Law Center Staff Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b>  Heidi Krantz, Vermont Horse Council
3:30 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

## Thursday, February 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

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9:00 AM	<b>Farm to Plate Report</b>  <i>Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee livestream <a href="#">here</a></i>  Terence Bradshaw, Assistant Professor, UVM Extension
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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

12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:15 PM	House Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<div>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Proposed budget for the Agency</div> <div>Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services &amp; Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Amy Mercier, Financial Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
3:00 PM	<div>H.186 - An act relating to the sale of shell eggs</div> <div>Rep. Barbara Rachelson, Sponsor</div>
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

Friday, February 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops</b>  Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel
-	<b>H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b>  Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests. Parks and Recreation
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	<b>House Floor</b>  <i>Caucuses will be held following the Floor</i>
1:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
3:00 PM	<b>H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training</b>  Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board
3:30 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.</b>  Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes
-	<b>Adequate Shelter</b>  Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes
9:45 AM	<b>Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association</b>  <i>Update</i>  Jeff Bartley, Sales/Marketing Manager, Champlain Valley Exposition Jackie Folsom, Legislative Director, Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association Alan Howe, President, Tunbridge Fair Richard Lawrence, President & Director, Caledonia County Fair Diane Norris, President, Addison County Fair and Field Days Jason Sicard, President, Orleans County Fair
10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:45 AM	<b>H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism</b>  <i>possible committee vote</i>  Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel Adam Necrason, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for Justice Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
11:30 AM	<b>H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk</b>  Rep. Heather Surprenant, Sponsor
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board</b>  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
2:45 PM	<b>New England Agribusiness and Feed Alliance</b>

Update

- 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

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition  
*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*  
  
Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier  
Barrett Grimm, Co-Chair, Huntington Conservation Commission  
Katie Rose Leonard, Snow Farm  
Stephanie Pope, Iroquois Acres  
Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation  
Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust

10:25 AM Break

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

following Joint Assembly Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
*Budget recommendations*

1:00 PM House Floor

15 minutes after Budget Recommendations

the Floor	Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board  Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns
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## Friday, February 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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15 minutes after Floor	<b>Vermont Agriculture and Food System Strategic Plan</b> <i>Agriculture Committee bill elements</i>  Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
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## Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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### Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor  <i>Caucuses will be held following the Floor</i>
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1:00 PM	H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of  
Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM	Break
2:15 PM	<div><b>H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk</b></div> <div>Kylie Cook, Owner, Sunday Bell Farm</div> <div>E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association</div> <div>Natalie Kwit, State Public Health Veterinarian, Department of Health</div> <div>Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery</div> <div>Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont</div> <div>Elisabeth Wirsing, Senior Environmental Health Program Manager, Department of Health</div>
3:30 PM	<div><b>Definition of Humane Officer</b></div> <div>walk-through of new bill</div> <div>Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>
4:00 PM	Committee Adjourns

## Wednesday, February 24, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>Definition of Humane Officer</b></div> <div>Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee</div> <div>Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns</div>
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- **Adequate Shelter for Livestock**  
  
Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

**10:00 AM      H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**  
  
*possible vote on bill*  
  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:30 AM      Break**

**10:45 AM      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  
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
Markets

**12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM      House Floor**

**15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns      H.186 - An act relating to the sale of shell eggs**  
  
Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM      H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops**  
  
Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

**3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns**

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## Thursday, February 25, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board</b>  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
9:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:00 AM	<b>Council of State Governments East</b>  <i>webinar from 10 - Noon</i>
1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
2:00 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>
15 minutes after Joint Assembly adjourns	<b>Adequate Shelter for Livestock</b>  <i>Report from the Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council</i>  Ruth Blauwiekel, UVM Veterinarian, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
3:00 PM	<b>H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training</b>  Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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Friday, February 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training</b> <i>possible vote</i>  Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
11:00 AM	<b>H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b> <i>possible vote</i>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Tuesday, March 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

10:00 AM	<b>House Floor</b>  <i>Caucuses will be held following the Floor</i>
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>
Following adjournment of Joint Assembly	<b>H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board</b>  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
2:30 PM	<b>H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk</b>  Becky Allen, Food Animal Veterinarian, Addison County Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont
3:00 PM	<b>H.108 - An act relating to Vermont standards for issuing a Clean Water Act section 401 certification</b>

Rep. Katherine "Kari" Dolan, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife  
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
Markets

3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Adequate Shelter for Livestock

Brandon Bless, Bread and Butter Farm  
Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board  
Bruce Hennesey, Maple Wind Farm  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Barry Londeree, Former Vermont State Director, Humane Society of the United States  
Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board  
Justin Poulin, Poulin And Daughters Farm, Randolph  
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
- 10:30 AM

Break
- 10:45 AM

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

Jared Carpenter, , Lake Champlain Committee  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Andrew Shively, Highway Division Hazardous Materials Unit Manager, VTrans
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:15 PM

House Floor
- 15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns

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

Roy Folsom, Elite Certified Farm Agent, Nationwide Agribusiness  
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont



3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns

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## Thursday, March 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

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

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

9:30 AM      **Adequate Shelter for Livestock**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM      **Break**

11:00 AM      **Committee bills**

*Committee discussion*

11:30 AM      **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

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

12:00 PM      **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM      **House Floor**

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

*Committee discussion*

3:15 PM      **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

*Committee discussion*

3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns

Friday, March 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns      **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

James Donegan, Owner, Trillium Hill Farm  
Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery  
Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm  
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

11:30 AM      **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

Steven Collier, General Counsel, 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

12:00 PM      Break

12:30 PM      **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

*discussion and possible vote*

Steven Collier, General Counsel, 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

1:00 PM      **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

*discussion and possible vote*

Becky Allen, Addison County  
E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery

Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm  
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

## Tuesday, March 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM

House Floor

Caucuses will be held following the floor
- 1:50 PM

S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor, Chittenden County
- S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:30 PM

Committee Adjourns

## Wednesday, March 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:30 AM

Rural Vermont

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee. Livestream here.

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**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Thursday, March 18, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM**      **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee  
E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, 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  
Rep. Carl Rosenquist, , House Committee On Human Services  
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

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

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, March 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk</b> <i>Consideration of amendment</i>  Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Rep. Carl Rosenquist, Amendment Sponsor, House Committee On Human Services Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>

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## Tuesday, March 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

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

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b> <i>Caucuses will be held following the Floor</i>
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## Wednesday, March 24, 2021

### Meeting Details

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

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain</b> <i>Update on committee activity</i>  Wayne Elliott, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain Bob Fisher, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future Mark Naud , Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future Hilary Solomon, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake
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Champlain's Future

Jeff Wennberg, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future

**10:00 AM**      **Regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**  
*S.102*  
Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

**11:00 AM**      **Regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**  
*S.102*  
Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation  
Eamon Twohig, Program Manager, Residuals Management and Emerging Contaminants Program, Department of Environmental Conservation

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

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Thursday, March 25, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**  
*S.102*  
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**10:15 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, March 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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## Tuesday, March 30, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor

*Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment*

1:00 PM      Senate Amendments

*H.315*

1:15 PM      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

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

3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, March 31, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming</b>  Louise Calderwood, Director of Regulatory Affairs, American Feed Industry Association Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Biotechnology Innovation Org, National Animal Supplement Council, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance Steven LaRosa, Neighbor to food residual composting facility
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>

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Thursday, April 1, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming</b>  Kurt Ericksen, General Manager, Vermont Compost Company Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard VT Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co. Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
2:00 PM	<b>Results of the Votes for Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates</b>  <i>Joint Assembly</i>
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming</b>  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

**3:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, April 2, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns**      **Committee Check-In**

**11:30 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Tuesday, April 6, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

*Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment*

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## Wednesday, April 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Food Security**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:15 PM	House Floor
2:30 PM	<b>S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming</b>  Lisa DeSmet, Vice President, Quality/Regulatory, FoodScience Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist Sarah Phillips, Vice President and General Manager, Animal Business Unit, FoodScience Sharon Rossi, CEO, FoodScience
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Thursday, April 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Vermont Technical College</b>  <i>Revised Agriculture and Food Systems Program</i> <i>Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee</i>  Regina Beidler, Program Specialist Organic Valley, Beidler Family Farm Louise Calderwood, Owner, Echo Hill Farm Maple Products Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	<b>Ecosystem Services</b>  Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM House 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

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Friday, April 9, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor 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

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

11:30 AM Committee Adjourns

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

1:00 PM

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

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

3:30 PM

Committee Adjourns

## Wednesday, April 14, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Grazing and Pasture Management

Transitioning conventional dairy to grazing

Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension

10:15 AM

Break

10:30 AM

Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Livestream [here](#).

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

1:15 PM

House Floor

<b>15 minutes after Floor adjourns</b>	<b>S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming</b>  Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Thursday, April 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

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

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Federal Agriculture Issues</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 Ryan McLaren, Outreach Representative, Office of Congressman Peter Welch
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Agriculture Issues</b>  <i>Preventing the dumping of milk</i>  Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and Communications Manager, Dairy Farmers of America Jennifer Huson, Senior Director of Council and Industry Affairs, Dairy Farmers of America
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Regional Food System</b>  Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

1:15 PM      House Floor

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Friday, April 16, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

15 minutes after  
Floor adjourns      **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**  
  
Steven Collier, General Counsel, 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

2:30 PM      Committee Adjourns

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Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor  
  
*Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment*

1:00 PM      **Forestry issues**  
  
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests. Parks and Recreation

3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns

## Wednesday, April 21, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:15 AM	<p><b>Agricultural Housing</b></p> <p><i>Joint hearing with House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs. Livestream <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p> <p>Dan Baker, Professor of Community Development and Applied Economics, UVM</p> <p>Marita Canedo, Rep., Migrant Justice</p> <p>Ernest A. Caswell , Farm Worker Housing Activist, Milton</p> <p>Tom Fritzsche, Executive Director, Milk with Dignity Standards Council</p> <p>Liz Gleason, Director, VHCB Farm and Forest Viability Program</p> <p>John Ryan, Owner, Development Cycles</p> <p>Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board</p>
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Following Joint Hearing	<b>Committee Check-In</b>
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12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
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1:15 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
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15 minutes after House Floor adjourns	<b>Committee Check-In</b>
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3:30 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
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## Thursday, April 22, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<p><b>Working Lands Enterprise Board</b></p> <p><i>Enterprise Finance Options</i></p> <p><i>Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee</i></p>
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Will Belongia, Vermont Community Loan Fund

Eric DeLuca, Enterprise Financing Options Committee Chair, Working Lands Enterprise Board

Lane Fury, Cooperative Fund of New England

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

Dave Lane, Senior Vice President, Yankee Farm Credit

Joel Moyer, Fair Food Fund

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
10:45 AM	Committee Work
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:15 PM	House Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<div>Agricultural Housing</div> <div>Liz Gleason, Director, VHCB Farm and Forest Viability Program</div> <div>Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board</div>
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Friday, April 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record



9:30 AM	House Floor
10:00 AM	Council on State Government
	Webinar

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## Tuesday, April 27, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
	Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment
2:00 PM	Agricultural Housing
	Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
	Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
	Liz Gleason, Director, VHCB Farm and Forest Viability Program
	Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Land Trust
	Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, April 28, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

8:30 AM	H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk
-	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

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

9:00 AM

Forestry issues

Christi Colton, General Manager, Colton Enterprises

Colleen Goodridge, Owner, Goodridge Lumber

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests. Parks and Recreation

10:00 AM

Vermont Fairs and Field Days

Update

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM

House Floor

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## Thursday, April 29, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

1:15 PM

House Floor

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## Friday, April 30, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 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  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**9:30 AM      House Floor**

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**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM      House Floor**  
*Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment*

**Following  
caucuses,  
approx. 1:30 PM      H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM      Committee Adjourns**

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**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:40 AM      H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**  
*Consideration of Senate Amendment*  
  
Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau  
Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont  
Mary Lake, Shearer, butcher, and shepherd, Tunbridge, Vermont

Elizabeth Roma, Putting Down Roots Farm  
Shona Sanford-Long, Flying Dog Farm  
Chuck Wooster, , Sunrise Farm

- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:15 AM

House Floor

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Agricultural Housing

Marita Canedo, Representative and Translator, Migrant Justice/Justicia Migrante  
Jose Ignacio De La Cruz, Dairy Worker, Migrant Justice/Justicia Migrante
- 10:00 AM

H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 10:45 AM

Break
- 10:55 AM

Rights and Democracy Vermont (RADVT)

*Introductions*  
  
Dan Fingas, Rights and Democracy  
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
- 11:45 AM

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

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
- 1:15 PM

House Floor

2:00 PM	<b>H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
2:30 PM	<b>Student Research</b>  <i>Policy Research Shop, Dartmouth College, presents two reports:</i> <i>Regional Food Supply Systems</i> <i>Benefits of Regenerative Agriculture/PES</i>  Vanessa Haggans, Student, Dartmouth College Sadhana Hall, Deputy Director, Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College William Platt, Office of Public Affairs, Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College Ronald Shaiko, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Curricular and Research Programs, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College Kelly Westkaemper, Student, Dartmouth College Kate Yuan, Student, Dartmouth College
3:30 PM	<b>H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training</b>  Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, May 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
15 minutes after Floor	Committee Check-In

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## Tuesday, May 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

10:00 AM

House Floor

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

2:15 PM

Committee Check-In

2:45 PM

Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, May 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

12:30 PM

H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Committee vote on Senate Amendment

1:15 PM

House Floor

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## Thursday, May 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Forestry issues

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

9:30 AM

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

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

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM

Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM      House Floor

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## Friday, May 14, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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## Tuesday, May 18, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor

*Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment*

1:00 PM      S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals

Scott Fay, Child Nutrition Manager, Essex-Westford School District  
Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont  
Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network

2:15 PM      Committee Adjourns

2:30 PM      House Floor

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## Wednesday, May 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

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Thursday, May 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

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Friday, May 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Committee Check-In

10:00 AM House Floor

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Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

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Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Meeting Details



**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 9:10 AM

Committee Check-In
- 10:00 AM

Committee Updates

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

Adjourn
- 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

*Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets*  
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
- 12:00 PM

Adjourn

- 1:00 PM

Committee Updates

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

- 3:30 PM

Adjourn

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## Friday, January 7, 2022

### Meeting Details

- Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Budget Adjustment

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 9:15 AM

Adjourn
- 9:30 AM

House Floor

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## Tuesday, January 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

- Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM

House Floor
- Caucuses and Lunch
- 1:00 PM

Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Report

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Dan Smith, Co-Chair, Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry

3:30 PM      Adjourn

## Wednesday, January 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Carbon Sequestration

Sara Via, Professor and Climate Extension Specialist, University of Maryland
- 10:15 AM

Break
- 10:30 AM

Vermont Climate Action Plan

Chris Campany, Member, Steering Committee and Just Transitions Subcommittee, Climate Council

Abbie Corse, Member, Vermont Climate Council

Billy Coster, Director of Policy and Planning, Agency of Natural Resources, Co-Chair, Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee

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

Lauren Oates, Interim Director of Government Relations, Vermont Climate Council

Ryan Patch, Member, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 11:30 AM

Working Lands Enterprise Fund

Funding request

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- 12:00 PM

Adjourn
- 1:00 PM

Agrimark

Introductions

Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier, VT

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

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Agrimark  
Joanna Lidback, Wheeler Mountain Farm, Barton, VT

**1:45 PM      Animal Welfare**

*Cows dying from broadband debris*

Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau  
Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Clark Parmalee, Agricultural Resource Management Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**2:45 PM      Adjourn**

**3:00 PM      House Floor**

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**Thursday, January 13, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM      Gund Institute for Environment, UVM**

Stephen Posner, Director of Policy, Gund Institute for Environment

**10:15 AM      Break**

**10:30 AM      Break**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Morgan Griffith, Agrichemical Research and Policy Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
Stephanie Smith, Cannabis Quality Control and Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**11:30 AM      Adjourn**

**1:00 PM      Forest Carbon Sequestration**

Alexandra Kosiba, Climate Forester, Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation

- 2:15 PM

Animal Welfare

*Cows dying from broadband debris*

F.X. Flinn, Chair, ECFiber

- 2:45 PM

Committee Adjourns

- 3:00 PM

House Floor

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## Friday, January 14, 2022

### Meeting Details

- Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM

House Floor

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## Tuesday, January 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

- Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM

House Floor
- Caucuses and Lunch

Chris Brooks, Owner, Vermont Wood Pellet Company

Colleen Goodridge, Owner, Goodridge Lumber

Mike Rainville, Maple Landmark Woodcraft

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- 1:00 PM

Governor's FY2023 Budget Address

Joint Assembly

15 Minutes After  
Joint Assembly  
Adjourns

H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Walk-through of bill

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

Rep. Katherine Sims, Sponsor

3:50 PM

Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Center for Agriculture and Entrepreneurship (CAFE)

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

10:30 AM

Break

10:45 AM

NOFA-Vermont

Update

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

1:45 PM

Dairy Proposal

Maine Milk Commission

Julie-Marie Bickford, Executive Director, Maine Milk Commission

Tade Sullivan, Executive Director, Maine Dairy Industry Association

2:45 PM

Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM      House Floor

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## Thursday, January 20, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Current Use

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau  
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation  
Keith Thompson, Private Lands Program Manager, Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation
- 10:30 AM

Break
- 10:45 AM

New England Feeding New England

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Jack Bell, Long View Forest  
Charlie Hancock, Consulting Forester, North Woods Forestry  
Sam Lincoln, Principal, Lincoln Farm Timber Harvesting  
Christine McGowan, Forest Products Program Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- 2:45 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 3:00 PM

House Floor

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## Friday, January 21, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

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**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

-      **Caucuses and Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **Carbon Sequestration**

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

**2:00 PM**      **H.504 - An act relating to the reorganization, enhancement, and enforcement of animal welfare requirements in the State**

*Introduction*

Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, Sponsor

**2:20 PM**      **Break**

**2:40 PM**      **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**

*Introduction*

Rep. Lisa Hango, Sponsor

**3:00 PM**      **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

*Introduction*

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Sponsor, Chair



3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, January 26, 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**

*Walk-through of bill*

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

10:00 AM      **On-farm Slaughter**

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

11:00 AM      **H.653 - An act relating to the creation of an ecological management qualification for the Use Value Appraisal program**

*Introduction*

Rep. Paul Lefebvre, Sponsor

11:20 PM      **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM      **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**

*Walk-through of bill*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM      **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Charles Mraz, Owner, Champlain Valley Apiaries

2:45 PM      **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM      House Floor

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## Thursday, January 27, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

**Farm to Plate Report**  
  
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- 10:15 AM

**Break**
- 10:30 AM

**H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program**  
  
Zack Porter, Director, Standing Trees  
Kathleen Wanner, Executive Director, Vermont Woodlands Association, Administrator,  
Vermont Wood Works Council
- 11:30 AM

**H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**  
  
Brian Savage, Town Administrator, Swanton, Vermont
- 12:00 PM

**Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM

**House Floor**

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## Friday, January 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

## Tuesday, February 1, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM

House Floor
- **Caucuses and Lunch**
- 1:00 PM

**H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program**  
  
Dana Doran, Executive Director, Professional Logging Contractors of Maine  
Joe Short, Vice President, Northern Forest Center
- 2:00 PM

**H.696 - An act relating to on-farm restaurants**  
  
*Introduction*  
  
Rep. Matthew Birong, Sponsor
- 2:15 PM

**Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**  
  
*Housekeeping bill*  
  
Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 3:00 PM

**H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**  
  
Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
- 4:00 PM

**Committee Adjourns**

## Wednesday, February 2, 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**  
  
Max Feken, Environmental Toxicologist, Syngenta

Michelle Kopa, Director, State Government Relations and Public Policy - Eastern  
Region, Household and Commercial Products Association  
Jeffrey Miller, President and Executive Director, Treated Wood Council  
Caydee Savinelli, Stewardship Team and Pollinator Lead, Syngenta

10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	<div>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Housekeeping bill</div> <div>Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, 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>Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div> <div>Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div>
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	<div>Food Security</div> <div>Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund</div> <div>Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association</div> <div>Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association</div> <div>Becka Warren, Farm to Plate Strategic Plan Project Coordinator and Editor, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund</div>
2:45 AM	Committee Adjourns
3:00 PM	House Floor

## Thursday, February 3, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**

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

Trini Brassard, Division Deputy Director, Policy, Planning, and Intermodal Development, Agency of Transportation

Heidi Britch-Valenta, Town Administrator, Town of Highgate

**9:45 AM**      **Vermont Federal Legislative Delegation**

*Update on federal agriculture issues*

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

Alex Piper, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Welch

Will Stevens, Outreach Representative, Office of Sen. Sanders

**11:00 AM**      **Break**

**11:15 AM**      **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Margaret Fowle, Conservation Biologist, Audubon Vermont

Kent McFarland, Senior Conservation Biologist, Vermont Center for Ecostudies

Judy Wu-Smart, Department of Entomology, University of Nebraska

**12:15 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 minutes after Floor adjourns**      **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Brooke Decker, Pollinator Protector Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

Morgan Griffith, Agrichemical Research and Policy Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**3:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, February 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM      House Floor

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Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor

-      Caucuses and Lunch

2:45 PM      Farm to School

Conor Floyd, Grant Program Manager for Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education

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

Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT

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

3:45 PM      Committee Adjourns

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Wednesday, February 9, 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

Samantha Alger, Research Affiliate, Plant and Soil Science Department, University of Vermont

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT  
Andrew Munkres, President, Vermont Beekeepers Association

10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	<b>Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition</b> <i>Update</i>  Guy Choiniere, Owner, Choiniere Family Farms Julie Curtin, Director of Home Ownership, Champlain Housing Trust Kelly Dolan, Coordinator, Vermont Migrant Education Program, UVM Extension Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust Gregory Witscher, Co-owner, Understory Farm
11:15 AM	<b>H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses</b>  Rep. Charles Kimbell, Sponsor
11:30 AM	<b>H.705 - An act relating to prohibiting the running of livestock at large</b>  Rep. Felisha Leffler, Sponsor
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Food Security</b>  Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
1:30 PM	<b>Committee Discussion and Planning</b>
2:00 PM	<b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b> <i>Housekeeping bill</i>  Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
2:45 PM	

Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM      House Floor

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

*Updates*  
*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*

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

*Updates and introductions*  
*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*

Jen Daniels, Meristem Farms  
Josh Decatur, CEO  
Rick Fox, Meristem Farms  
Patricia Heck, Mystic Mountain Cannabis  
Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance  
Eduardo Jaime, Fine Bud Farms



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	House Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget</b> <i>Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation</i>  Kristin Freeman, Financial Manager, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
3:00 PM	<b>H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program</b> <i>Committee discussion</i>
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Friday, February 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	<b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b> <i>Housekeeping bill</i>  Steve Collier, General Counsel, 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 Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor

-      Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM      Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

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

1:45 PM      H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

- Potential Vote
- Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
  - Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
  - Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, Chair of Board of Civil Authority, Pittsford, Rutland-6

3:00 PM      Governor's 2022 Supplemental Budget

- Dairy Farmer Insurance Support
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
  - Sen. Robert Starr, Chair, Senate Agriculture Committee

3:45 PM      Adjourn

## Wednesday, February 16, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

**H.697 - An act relating to eligibility of reserve forestland for enrollment in the Use Value Appraisal Program**

Rep. Seth Bongartz, Reporter, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife

Bill Sayre, Co-owner, A. Johnson Lumber Co., Inc

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

Keith Thompson, Private Lands Program Manager, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- 10:00 AM

**Vermont Fairs and Field Days**

*Update*

Jackie Folsom, Legislator Director, Vermont Farm Bureau

Alan Howe, President, Tunbridge Fair

Richard Lawrence, President & Director, Caledonia County Fair

Dave Martin, President, Vermont Farm Show

Jason Sicard, President, Orleans County Fair
- 10:40 AM

**Break**
- 10:50 AM

**Rights and Democracy Vermont**

Neily Jennings, Member, Rights and Democracy

Saudia LaMont, Member, Rights and Democracy

Alison Nihart, Vermont State Director, Rights and Democracy
- 11:30 AM

**Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM

**Review of House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Bill H.657**

Rep. Seth Bongartz, Co-Sponsor of the bill, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife

1:45 PM

**Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**  
*Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets*  
  
Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  
  
Amy Mercier, Financial Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

2:45 PM

**Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM

**House Floor**

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## Thursday, February 17, 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, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm  
Abbie Corse, Self-Advocate, Corse Family Farm, Vermont Climate Council  
Tom Eaton, Agricultural Consulting Services  
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

10:15 AM

**Committee Adjourns**

10:30 AM

**Election of Legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation**  
  
*Joint Assembly*

11:15 AM

**Committee Discussion and Planning**

12:00 PM

**Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM

**H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program**  
  
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund  
Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

1:45 PM

Vermont Agriculture and Food System Strategic Plan

Budget request

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

2:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM

House Floor

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## Friday, February 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM

House Floor

15 minutes after  
House floor  
adjourns

Dairy Margin Coverage Program

Support for funding in Supplemental Budget

12:45 AM

H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Walk-through of latest draft, 3.2

Possible vote

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

1:30 PM

Committee Adjourns

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## Tuesday, February 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM

House Floor

-      **Caucuses and Lunch**

**1:00 PM      Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581**

*Accessory on-farm business*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. Charles Kimbell, Sponsor, House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

**2:00 PM      Conservation Districts**

Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts  
Jennifer Byrne, District Manager, White River Natural Resources Conservation District  
Sarrah Damsell, District Manager, Orleans County, Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District  
Hilary Solomon, District Manager, Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District  
Molly Varner, Communications Coordinator, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts  
Lauren Weston, District Manager, Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District

**3:30 PM      Committee Adjourns**

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**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM      Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council**

*Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*

Christina Ashley, Retired Officer, Essex Police Department  
Ruth Blauwiekel, 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

Rhonda Miller, Member, Molly Brook Farm  
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 Senate Agriculture Committee</div><div>Jake Claro, Farm to Plate Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund</div><div>Abbie Corse, Member, Vermont Climate Council, Corse Dairy Farm</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	<div><div>H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides</div><div>Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</div></div>
2:00 PM	<div><div>H.581 - An act relating to rural economic development</div><div>Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy &amp; Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns</div></div>
2:45 PM	Committee Adjourns
3:00 PM	House Floor

## Thursday, February 24, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581</b>  Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Kevin Geiger, Senior Planner, Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581</b>  Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
11:00 AM	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:15 PM	<b>FY2023 Budget</b>  <i>letter to House Committee on Appropriations</i>
1:30 PM	<b>H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides</b>  Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee 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
2:45 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
3:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>

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## Friday, February 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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## Tuesday, March 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM

House Floor
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- Caucuses and Lunch
- 1:00 PM
- H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 1:50 PM
- Break
- 2:00 PM
- Ecosystem Services

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 3:30 PM
- Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, March 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils

Sen. Randy Brock, Franklin County

Bob Flint, Executive Director, Springfield Regional Development Corporation

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor, Franklin County
- 10:30 AM
- Break

10:45 AM	<b>Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581</b>  Chris Campany, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission Todd Heyman, Owner, Fat Sheep Farm and Cabins Rep. Charles Kimbell, Sponsor
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>H.581 - An act relating to rural economic development</b>  Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
2:45 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
3:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>
15 minutes after floor adjourns	<b>H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides</b>  Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
4:30 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Thursday, March 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses</b>  Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
9:45 AM	<b>H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides</b>  Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>

10:45 AM	<b>H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils</b>  Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Trini Brassard, Division Deputy Director, Policy, Planning, and Intermodal Development, Agency of Transportation Sabina Haskell, Chair, Natural Resources Board Alison Stone, Associate General Counsel, Natural Resources Board
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses</b>  Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
2:45 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
3:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>

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## Friday, March 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses</b>  <i>possible vote</i>  Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Sabina Haskell, Chair, Natural Resources Board Alison Stone, Associate General Counsel, Natural Resources Board
9:25 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
9:30 AM	<b>House Floor</b>

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## Tuesday, March 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

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### Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
-	Caucuses and Lunch

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## Wednesday, March 16, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Committee Discussion</b>  Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor, Senate Committee on Agriculture
9:20 AM	<b>Review of Senate Bill S.258</b>  Sen. Brian Collamore, Reporter, Senate Committee on Agriculture
9:40 AM	<b>H.723 - An act relating to establishing a program to encourage the implementation of year-round agricultural practices</b>  Rep. Brian Cina, Sponsor, Chittenden-6-4
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Vermont Feed Dealers</b>  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
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

1:00 PM      House Floor

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## Thursday, March 17, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Review of Senate Agriculture Bill S.188

Walk-through of bill and testimony

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board
- 10:15 AM

Break
- 10:30 AM

Review of Senate Agriculture Bill S.258

Walk-through of bill and testimony

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

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
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

House Floor

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## Friday, March 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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## Tuesday, March 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor & Caucus

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## Wednesday, March 23, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM      Pesticides

*Changes in pesticide regulations*

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

David Huber, Deputy Director, Public Health and Agriculture Resources, Agency of  
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Zach Szczukowski, Intern, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,  
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:15 AM      Break

10:30 AM      Committee Discussion and Planning

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM      House Floor

## Thursday, March 24, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:00 AM      Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT

*Member introductions and testimony about On-Farm Slaughter  
Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*

- 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      Committee Adjourns

10:30 AM      Retention of Superior Court Judges

*Joint Assembly*

1:00 PM      House Floor

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## Friday, March 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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## Tuesday, March 29, 2022

### Meeting Details

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### Meeting Record

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| 10:00 AM | House Floor & Caucus  |
| 1:00 PM  | <p><b>Tile Drainage</b></p> <p>Josh Faulkner, Director, UVM Agricultural and Environmental Testing Lab, UVM Extension</p> <p>Laura Klaiber, Research Scientist, Miner Institute</p> |
| 2:15 PM  | <p><b>Raw milk</b></p> <p>Cynthia Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery</p> <p>Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery</p>   |
| 3:30 PM  | Committee Adjourns  |

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## Wednesday, March 30, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

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| 9:00 AM | <p><b>Field Trip</b></p> <p><i>to Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory with Senate Agriculture Committee</i></p> <p>Rebecca Harvey, Director, Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory</p> |
| 1:00 PM | <p><b>Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268</b></p> <p>Sen. Corey Parent, , Sponsor</p>  |
| 2:45 AM | Committee Adjourns   |



3:00 PM      House Floor

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## Thursday, March 31, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM

Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 10:15 AM

Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

Gerard Vorsteveld, Owner, Vorsteveld Farm
- 11:15 AM

Review of S.234 as Passed by the Senate

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 1:00 PM

Organic Dairy Processors

update on organic standards

John Cleary, procurement, Organic Valley

Britt Lundgren, Senior Director of Sustainability and Government Affairs, Stonyfield
- 2:00 PM

Food Security

John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank

Theresa Snow, Director, Salvation Farms
- 2:45 PM

Committee Adjourns
- 3:00 PM

House Floor

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## Friday, April 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor and Caucuses

1:00 PM      Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

- Sam Bellavance, Executive Director, Sunset Lake CBD
- Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
- Walter Gladstone, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
- Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney, National Agriculture Law Center Staff
- Travis Samuels, Zion Growers

2:45 PM      Committee Adjourns

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Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM      Committee Discussion

10:00 AM      Break

10:15 AM	<div><b>Local Food and Food Security Updates and Requests</b></div> <div>Meg Burmeister, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging Cynthia Greene, Farm to Early Childhood Partnership Coordinator, Shelburne Farms Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets 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>
11:30 AM	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
1:25 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
3:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>

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## Thursday, April 7, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<div><b>Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268</b></div> <div><i>Vermont Farm Bureau members</i>  Leon Corse, Owner, Corse Family Farm Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau Frank Kampf, Farmer, Cabot Jack Rath, Vermont Beekeeper</div>
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10:45 AM	<b>Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268</b> <i>differences between current law and S.268 concerning Right to Farm</i> Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Council of State Governments</b> Tara Eric, Council of State Governments Bob Haefner, Council of State Governments
2:00 PM	<b>Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs)</b> Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
2:45 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
3:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>

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## Friday, April 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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## Tuesday, April 12, 2022

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### Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor and Caucuses
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1:00 PM	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b>  Rick Fox, Meristem Farms
1:45 PM	<b>Break</b>
2:00 PM	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b>  Sam Bromberg, Mountain Fire Farm
3:30 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	<b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</b>  <i>Enforcement procedures</i>  David Huber, Deputy Director, Public Health and Agriculture Resources, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268</b>  <i>Right to farm</i>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
1:45 PM	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b>
-	<b>Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268</b>  Steven Thomas, Chicken Wiggle Farm, Chelsea, VT Kate Thomas, Chicken Wiggle Farm, Chelsea, VT
2:45 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

3:00 PM      House Floor

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 Senate Agriculture Committee*

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

- Michael DiTomasso, Hemp Resource Management Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board
- Stephanie Smith, Chief Policy Enforcement Officer, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM      Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

*Right to farm*

- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
- Matt Strassberg, Director, Vermont Agricultural Mediation Program

1:55 PM	Break
2:00 PM	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b>  Geoffrey Pizzutillo, Executive Director and CoFounder, Vermont Growers Association Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont Chris White, West Crescent Farm
2:45 PM	Committee Adjourns
3:00 PM	House Floor

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Friday, April 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor and Caucuses

1:00 PM

Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

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

2:00 PM	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b>  Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel 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
3:30 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT</b>  <i>Legislative priorities</i>  Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM	<b>S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming</b>  <i>Consideration of amendment and possible vote</i>  Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
11:00 AM	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b>  <i>Committee discussion</i>
12:00 PM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
1:00 PM	



House Floor

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3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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Thursday, April 21, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Discussion
9:30 AM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
2:00 PM	Break
2:50 PM	S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
3:00 PM	Committee Adjourns

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Friday, April 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming</b> <i>Possible vote</i>
-	<b>S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming</b> <i>Vote</i>
9:25 AM	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
9:30 AM	<b>House Floor</b>

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Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	<b>House Floor and Caucus</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Caucuses</b>
2:00 PM	<b>House Floor</b>

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Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects</b>  Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
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Kati Gallagher, Sustainable Communities Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council

Sabina Haskell, Chair, Natural Resources Board

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

Ari Rockland-Miller, Senior Agricultural Development Coordinator, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Alison Stone, General Counsel, Natural Resources Board

10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	<b>S.234 - An act relating to changes to Act 250</b>  Rep. Seth Bongartz, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife
11:15 AM	<b>Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Budget</b>  Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets  Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	House Floor
3:15 PM	<b>Recommendations to House Appropriations</b>  <i>Committee letter to House Committee on Appropriations</i>
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

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## Thursday, April 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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### Meeting Record

9:00 AM	<b>S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming</b>  Trini Brassard, Assistant Director, Agency of Transportation
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Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

1:00 PM      House Floor

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Friday, April 29, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM      House Floor and Caucuses

12:40 PM      Caucuses & Lunch

2:15 PM      House Floor

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Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers

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

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

1:00 PM      House Floor

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Thursday, May 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM      House Floor

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Friday, May 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM      House Floor

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Monday, May 9, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type      Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM      House Floor

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Tuesday, May 10, 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**

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

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board

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

**10:00 AM      House Floor**

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**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM      House Floor**

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**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM      House Floor**

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**Friday, May 13, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

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**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

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