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## VT Agricultural Development Board to Include Forestry

*Will Become the VT Agricultural & Forest Products Development Board*

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The 2012 Legislative session brought with it a renewed commitment to Vermonter's values by passing the Working Lands Enterprise initiative for the management and investment of \$1 million into agricultural and forest based businesses. Over 97 percent of Vermonters value the Working Landscape. Approximately 20 percent of Vermont's land is used for agricultural purposes and 75 percent as forestry. The backbone of our "working landscape" is the economic viability of our farm and forest based businesses. Fifteen Vermonters will be appointed to the Working Lands Enterprise Board. The board will direct the funds for strategic investments and be provided with administrative support by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets. This initiative is an exciting opportunity, and is a big



*Pictured above is the current Vermont Agricultural Development Board, to which 4 new forestry-sector seats will be added. Front Row L-R – Cynthia Belliveau, Jackie Folsom, Jonathan Rooney, Leonard Bull, Sam Cutting IV, Back Row L-R – Darby Bradley, Paul Harlow, Andy Kehler, Mark Curran, George Putnam, Bob Rathbun, and Lynn Coale.*

moment in Vermont's history, because it pairs the agricultural and forestry sectors together to reach a common goal, which is to grow and sustain a thriving working landscape and economy for Vermont.

To begin aligning agricultural and forestry project initiatives together to inform stakeholders and policy-makers, the legislature expanded the scope of the Vermont Agricultural

Development Board (established in the 2010 legislative session, S.295/Act 158) by adding four forestry sector seats to the board. The forestry seats include a forester, a logger, a person with expertise in forest products manufacturing, and a sawmill

operator. These appointments, at the time of writing this article, are in the process of being made.

The newly titled "Vermont Agricultural & Forest Products Development Board" (VAFPDB), will have its first meeting as a

dual focused board in August. The VAFPDB will function as a policy board performing in-depth analyses of the gaps, barriers, and opportunities in the agricultural and forestry sectors that are preventing and/or enhancing economic growth and sustainability. Specifically, the board is charged with three key areas: (1) optimizing the agricultural and forestry use of Vermont lands and other agricultural resources, (2) expanding existing markets and identifying and developing new profitable in-state and out-of-state markets for food, fiber, forest products, and value-added agricultural products, including farm-derived renewable energy, and (3) identifying opportunities and challenges related to infrastructure, product development, marketing, training,

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# MARKET REPORT

## Wholesale Prices

July 10, 2012

Wholesale prices paid per dozen for Vermont Grade A brown eggs delivered to retail stores.

### Vermont Egg Prices:

Jumbo . . . . .	\$1.76
X-Large . . . . .	\$1.49
Large . . . . .	\$1.39
Medium . . . . .	\$1.06

Market is good.

Demand and supply are good.

You can find more reports online at

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm>

This is the web source for USDA Market News



## Northampton, MA • July 10, 2012

All prices are per hundredweight on the hoof unless otherwise indicated.

Source: Northampton Cooperative Auction Association, Inc., [www.northamptonlivestockauction.homestead.com](http://www.northamptonlivestockauction.homestead.com)

Calves:				LOW	HIGH	Cows:				LOW	HIGH	
Good & Choice:	61-75 lbs	43.00	72.00	cwt	Canners	20.00	73.00	cwt				
	76-95 lbs	42.00	88.00	cwt	Cutters	74.00	80.00	cwt				
	96-105 lbs	20.00	85.00	cwt	Utility	81.00	86.50	cwt				
	106 lbs and up	65.00	81.00	cwt	Sows	42.00	47.00	cwt				
Farm Calves		95.00	160.00	cwt	Hogs	none		cwt				
Starter Calves		140.00	185.00	cwt	Boars	none		cwt				
Feeder Calves		60.00	105.00	cwt	Shoats	none		cwt				
Vealers		none		cwt	Feeder Pigs	none		each				
Bulls		none		cwt	Lambs	125.00	170.00	cwt				
Heifers		60.00	67.00	cwt	Sheep	64.00	91.00	cwt				
Replacement Cows		none		each	Goats	22.50	230.00	each				
Steers		60.00	85.00	cwt	Rabbits	1.50	8.00	each				
					Hay (15 lots)	1.10	2.50	bale				

## Addison County Commission Sales • Middlebury, VT • July 9, 2012

<b>Cattle: 135</b>				<b>Feeder Calves</b>				
<b>Calves: 243</b>				Holstein Bulls	92-125 lbs.	85.00	130.00	cwt
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>					80-92 lbs.	67.00	127.50	cwt
Breakers 75 - 80% lean	81.00	93.50	cwt	Vealers (good & choice) 60-120 lbs.	35.00	85.00	cwt	
Boners 80 - 85% lean	75.00	86.50	cwt	Holstein Heifers 69-108 lbs.	Not well tested			
Lean 85 - 90% lean	55.00	81.00	cwt					

## VAFPDB

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research, and education.

The VAFPDB will advise and make recommendations to the secretaries of relevant state agencies, the governor, the director of the state experiment station, the University of Vermont extension service, and the general assembly on the adoption and amendment of laws, regulations, and governmental policies that affect agricultural development, land use, access to capital, the economic opportunities provided by Vermont agriculture and forest products, and the well-being of the people of Vermont.

The board has been meeting monthly since October 2010 and has visited several robust agricultural business models throughout the state to increase collaborative opportunities and see on-the-ground working examples that demonstrate pathways for success. The board works closely with their ex-officio members: the Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck

Ross, Secretary of Commerce, Lawrence Miller, and now, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Mike Snyder.

The current board members are listed with their affiliational status:

**Chair** - Leonard Bull, Emeritus Professor of Animal Science, NC State University, Middlebury, VT - A person with expertise in rural economic development issues

**Vice-Chair** - Jackie Folsom, Kingdom Creamery/VT Agricultural Fairs Association - A representative from a Vermont agricultural advocacy organization

Cynthia Belliveau, Director of Continuing Education, UVM - An employee of a Vermont postsecondary institution experienced in researching issues related to agriculture

Sam Cutting IV, Dakin Farm, Ferrisburgh, VT - A person familiar with the agricultural tourism industry

George Putnam, Yankee Farm

Credit, Executive Director - An agricultural lender

Paul Harlow, Organic Vegetable Farm, Westminster, VT - A person who produces an agricultural commodity other than dairy products

Andy Kehler, Jasper Hill Farm & Cellars at Jasper Hill, Greensboro, VT - A person who creates a value-added product using ingredients substantially produced on Vermont farms

Mark Curran, Black River Produce, North Springfield, VT - A person with expertise in sales and marketing

Bob Rathbun, Seedway Facility Manager, Shoreham, VT - A person representing the feed, seed, fertilizer, or equipment enterprises

Jonathan Rooney, Monument Farms Dairy, Weybridge, VT - A representative of Vermont's dairy industry who is also a dairy farmer

Darby Bradley, Vermont Land

Trust, Montpelier, VT - A person with expertise in land planning and conservation efforts that support Vermont's working landscape

Lynn Coale, Director of Patricia Hannaford Career Center, Middlebury, VT - A person with experience in providing youth with educational opportunities enhancing understanding of agriculture

More information can be

found about the Working Landscape legislation on-line at the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Vermont Working Landscape Partnership Program web page: <http://vtworkinglands.org/programs/policy-councils/working-landscape>. For more information about the VAFPDB or the Working Landscape legislation, email Colleen Leonard, [colleen.leonard@state.vt.us](mailto:colleen.leonard@state.vt.us), or call (802) 828-2790.

