

5. Fabyan Sugar Shack (since 2005)
Gary and Kim Durand • 860-935-9281
384 Fabyan Road
durandgary@att.net
Sat & Sun 11 – 4
Pure maple syrup and maple products.

6. Fort Hill Farms (since 1990)
Peter & Kristin Orr • 860-923-3439
260 Quaddick Road
www.forthillfarms.com
info@forthillfarms.com
April – December
Destination farm offering seasonal diversity,
including their own “The Farmer’s Cow”
Ice Cream & Dairy products. Corn Maze
Adventure, PYO organic lavender & blueberries.

7. Go Organic LLC (since 2007)
John Tycz • 860-935-5235
1244 Thompson Road
info@goorganicllc.com
goorganicllc.com
100% organic lawn and landcare. Organic
nutrient dense vegetable gardens.

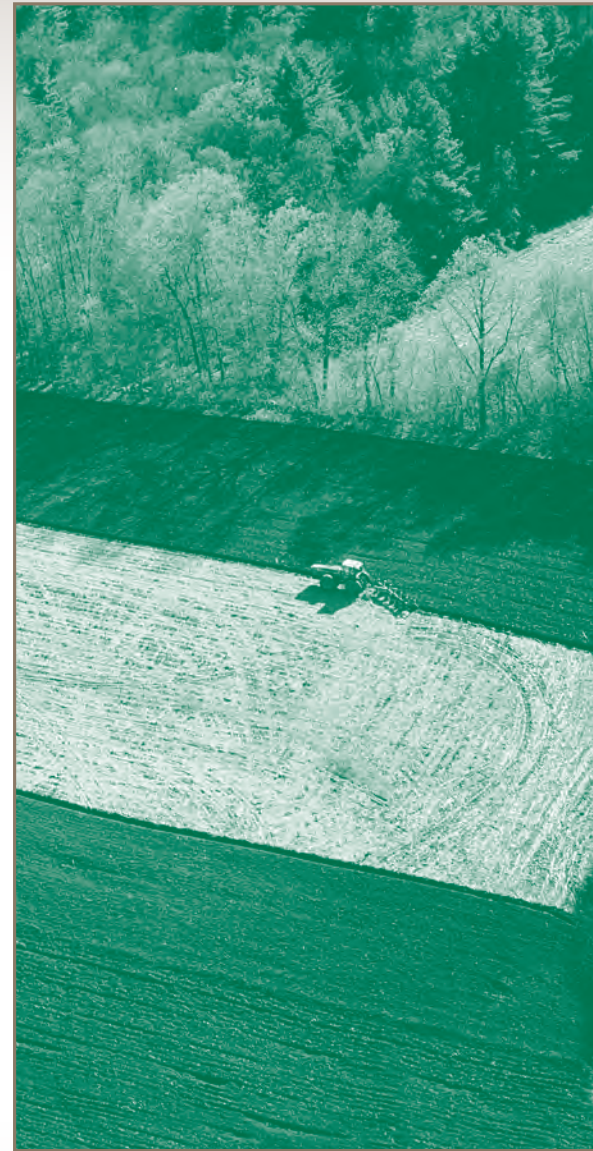
8. Little Bit of Heaven (since 2008)
Diana Couture 860-933-5564
655 Fabyan Road
couture160h@gmail.com
Call anytime for hay & eggs. Noon-evening
for seasonal sales May through Fall
Sustainably grown hay, free range eggs,
seasonal vegetables, specially selected
perennials & annuals.

9. Molly’s Micros (since 2010)
Molly Gunther • 718-908-5982
115 Chase Road
mollyblake@hotmail.com
Order by phone
Currently offering over a dozen varieties of microgreens
to the restaurant and catering trade.

10. New Boston Beef (since 2007)
Jonathan R. Eddy • 860-315-2408
9 Fabyan-Woodstock Road
sales@newbostonbeef.com
www.newbostonbeef.com
Hours by appointment
All naturally raised on our farm. Available by select cuts
or by the hanging weight.

11. Penope Farm (since 1800’s)
Philip & Susan Leveille • 860-923-9254
300 Brandy Hill Road
Call anytime.
Hay, wood, vegetables.

12. Sunrun Gardens (since 1982)
Al and Lynn Landry
1121 Quaddick Town Farm Road
*Mid-May through Sept, 10-6 Daily; Oct 10-5 Daily;
Nov 10-4 Daily; Weekends between Thanksgiving &
Christmas, 10-4.
Sustainably grown. Plants mid-May through mid-June.
Heirloom tomatoes and vegetables in season. Cut and
everlasting flowers. Tie- dyed clothing, handwoven
goods, gifts.





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The Thompson Agriculture Commission made every effort to include all farms in the Thompson Grown Brochure. If you know of a farm that is not included and should be, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 860-923-9475 or planner@thompsonct.org



GROWN IN THE LAST GREEN VALLEY




THOMPSON GROWN

A guide to the
Agricultural
Products and
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Thompson, CT

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Thompson is a Right-to-Farm town with an agricultural past dating back to the earliest settlers of its lands. It is a pursuit that has anchored the history of Thompson and continues today as an active and significant part of the community. Thompson is fortunate to have retained active farming operations and to have landowners who lease agricultural fields to farmers. According to the CT Dept of Agriculture, Thompson contains 7,760 acres of prime and important farm soils. In a 2009 survey, 2,446 acres of land were actively farmed. Farmland also provides excellent wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, and in some cases recreational opportunities such as hunting, walking, horseback riding and bird watching. Farmland provides more in tax revenue than it consumes in services. It makes good sense to support agriculture and maintain the rural character of Thompson. Farming provides a living presence of our history and a reminder for our future. We invite you to visit the farms of Thompson and enjoy the variety of locally grown products and services offered.

The AGvocate Program The AGvocate Program began in 2009. Funded through CT Department of Agriculture Farm Viability Grants, it provides a forum for municipal officials, agricultural producers, and other stakeholders to strengthen the farm-friendliness of eastern Connecticut towns. Funding for this brochure was made possible through a grant from The Last Green Valley, Inc. (www.tlgv.org). More information about the AGvocate Program is available at AgInfoTLGV.org/AGvocate, or by contacting Jennifer Kaufman at 860-450-6007, AGvocate@yahoo.com.

For comprehensive resources about promoting local agriculture in northeastern CT go to AgInfoTLGV.org.

Thompson Agriculture Commission's Mission: to maintain, sustain and enhance agriculture so that it will remain a fundamental part of the Thompson landscape and economy by providing flexibility to assist in the evolution of the agricultural industry.

Connecticut Agricultural Statistics and Fun Facts

Production per person per year:

- 245 eggs
- 222 glasses of milk
- 5-7 pounds of apples
- 8 pounds of sweet corn
- 2 quarts of strawberries

Connecticut has:

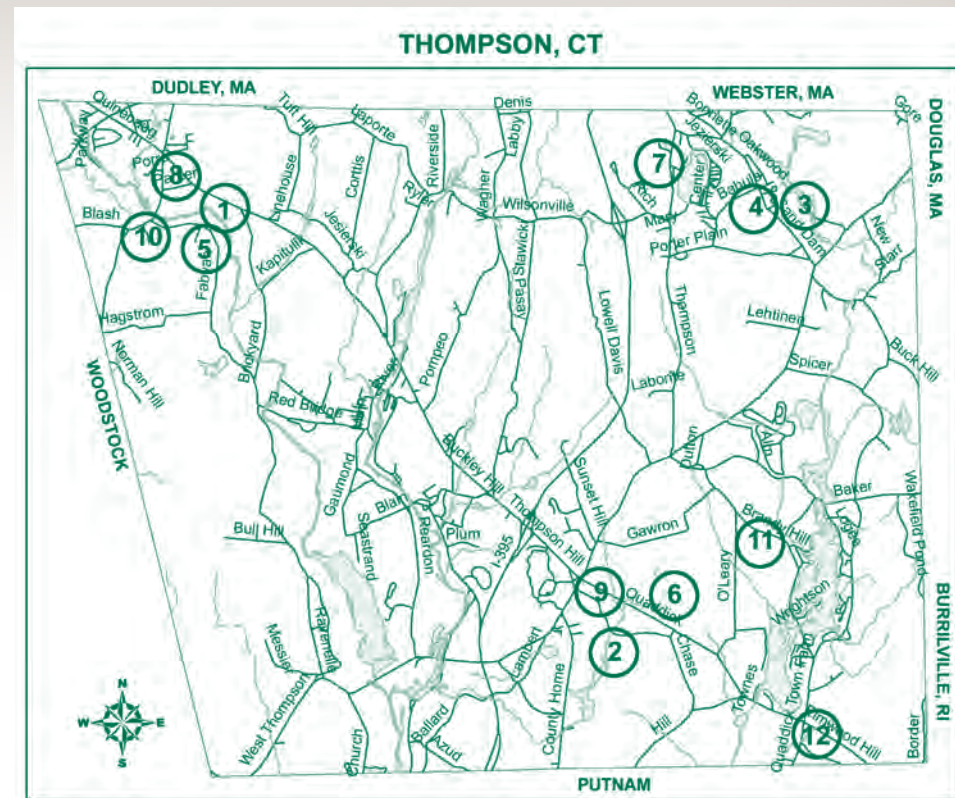
- 3.45 million people
- 3.5 million acres of land
- 363,000 acres of farmland
- 1,227,000 acres of forestland
- 4,200 farms

and:

- 1 milk cow for every 173 residents
- 1 head of cattle for every 59 residents
- 1 horse for every 68 residents
- 1 pumpkin for every 3 residents
- 1 Christmas tree for every 9 residents
- 1 acre of forest for every 2 residents
- 1 acre of farmland for every 9 residents

Source: Connecticut Farm Map from CT Dept. of Ag.

You hold the key to the future of our agriculture by buying food, fiber and forest products from local farms, businesses, farmers markets and farm stands; and by supporting town or state policies that keep farms and forests viable.



1. Blackmer Farm

Randy and Myrtie Blackmer • 860-923-2710
438 Quinebaug Road (Rte 131)
rblackmer@charter.net
May – Oct Daily 10-6

Retail greenhouse & farm stand selling perennials, hanging baskets, bedding & vegetable plants. Famous for its fresh picked sweet corn, tomatoes & other vegetables.

2. Chase Road Growers

Warren and Jayne Reynolds • 860-923-9926
174 Chase Road
chaserdgrowers@gmail.com
Call for hours

Spring Bedding Plants & Specialty Hanging Baskets. The SWEETEST sweet corn! Vegetables, cut flowers, fall mums and gourds.

3. Doris Shaw Wildlife Farm (since 2003)

Frederick J. Dodd • 508-654-5252
343 Sand Dam Road
www.doddproperties.com
ize4belize@aol.com

By appointment
Llama, alpacas, hay, organic produce.

4. Eddy's Orchard (since 1938)

David W. Eddy • 860-935-5610
270 Sand Dam Road
Eldo92@aol.com
orchardproducts.net
Mon – Fri 8-4 Sat 8-12

Custom cut lumber. Design & construction of sheds & barns, kitchens, and woodworking. PYO Blueberries, apples, pears in season.