

*Farmers
Working
Together*



*For a Thriving
Agriculture and
a Clean Lake
Champlain*

2015 Annual Report

Membership

- Total Membership is at 63, with 45 farm-members representing 33 Dairy Farms, 5 Beef Farms, 2 Vegetable Farms, and 5 Crop Farms. Membership increased by 25 from last year, a 60% increase!

Funding

- We received three grants in 2015. A grant from the High Meadows Fund provides us with support to grow our organization. A grant from the Working Lands Enterprise Board has enabled us to write Crop Management Implementation Plans for members. Lastly, funding from Keep Local Farms will aid us in organizational support and membership recruitment. With these funding sources, along with cost-share from UVM Extension, we are able to have an organization that provides a complete and effective set of programs for its members.

Legislative Education

- Testifying and educating legislators for Act 64 in spring 2015.
- Assisted in Watershed Planning activities with the NRCS and other organizations.
- We gave direct input about the draft RAP's.

Public Education

- Helped host school field trips on member farms, and helped participate in the first "Breakfast on the Farm" on a CVFC member-farm.
- Rented a stream table and rainfall simulator for the Addison County Fair and Field Days to use as tools to talk to the public about water and farming.



