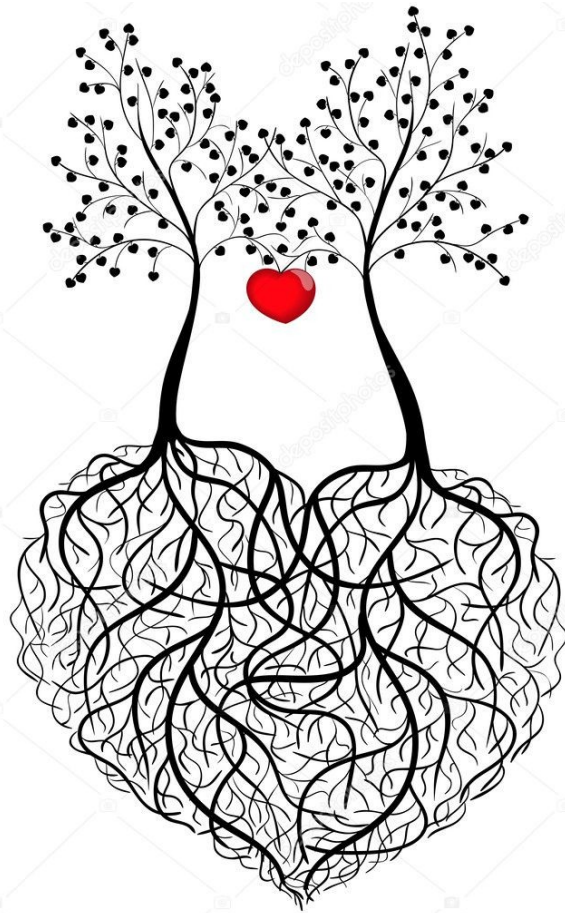


How can we help?



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Mission: To help grow interest in agriculture. To help New Hampshire Granges do agricultural programs. To be a liaison between the NH State Grange and the NH Department of Agriculture.

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Programs suggestions:

Choosing Garden plants

Methods of Gardening

Goats

Chickens

Fish/ Aquaponics

Canning/ preserving

Integrated Pest Management

Showing Animals

Rabbits

Horse care

Carnivorous plants

Artificial Insemination of livestock

Maple/ honey production
Suggest a program... We'll help

Farmers Helping Guide

Grange has become distant from our Agriculture roots. When agricultural problems come up here is what may help. Please share this information with Grange members, and farmers alike.

Definition of Agriculture:

As further provided in RSA 21:24-a, the words “agriculture” and “farming” mean all operations of a farm, including: (1) the cultivation, conservation, and tillage of the soil; (2) the storage, use, and spreading fertilizer; (3) the use of agricultural chemicals; (4) raising and sale of livestock; (5) breeding, boarding, raising, training, riding instruction, and selling of equines; (6) commercial raising, harvesting, and sale of fresh water fish or other aquaculture products; (7) raising, breeding, or sale of poultry or game birds; (8) raising bees; (9) raising and breeding of domesticated strains of fur-bearing animals; (10) production of greenhouse crops; (11) production, cultivation, growing, harvesting, and sale of any agricultural, floricultural, viticultural, forestry, or horticultural crops and any practice on the farm incident to, or in conjunction with, such farming operations.

Are there any protections for Agriculture in NH?

Under RSA 432:33, no agricultural operation can be found to be nuisance as a result of changed conditions in or around the locality of the agricultural operation, if such agricultural operation has been in operation for one year or more and if it was not a nuisance at the time it began operation. This does not exempt farms from public health and applicable environmental regulations.

Any protection for expanding your farm?

RSA 674:32-b creates special protections for existing agricultural uses to expand or change to any other agricultural use, so long as they comply with the commissioner of agriculture's best management practices. Under ordinary zoning principles, nonconforming uses and most permitted uses do not enjoy such latitude. An important limitation is that establishment, re-establishment or significant expansion of an operation involving livestock, poultry, or other animals or a retail farm stand may be made subject to a special exception or other land use board approval.

Land in Use Taxation policy

Any open space devoted to farm purposes having 10 acres or more is entitled to current use taxation under RSA Chapter 79-A. On the other hand, a tract of land of any size devoted to the growing of agricultural or horticultural crops with an annual gross income from the sale of those crops totaling \$2,500 is also entitled to current use taxation treatment. NH Admin Code Cub 304.01.

Sadly farms are now under attack more than ever by groups that do not want animals being kept for any reason! Including but not limited to; HSUS, PETA,

ASPCA, and becoming more so the NH Department of Agriculture. With recent wins in courts they are going after more Agricultural businesses to push their agenda. Their favorite method of doing this is thru your local police or SPCA getting them to file a complaint against your farm.

* New Animal trespass

Chapter 635

Unauthorized Entries

Section 635:3

635:3 Trespassing Stock or Domestic Fowl.-if any person having the charge or custody of any sheep, goats, cattle, horses, swine, or domestic fowl shall knowingly, recklessly, or negligently suffer or permit the same to enter upon, pass over, or remain upon any improved or enclosed land of another without written permission of the owner, occupant, or his or her agent, and thereby injures the owner's crops or property, the person shall be guilty of a violation. Complaints shall be made to law enforcement officials or local animal control officers who shall enforce the provisions of this section.

Effective July 24, 2018

Check out:

www.agriculture.nh.gov/laws-rules/index.htm
www.nhmunicipal.org/TownAndCity/Article/612

Award Criteria

New Farmer

This can be presented to any person(s) starting a farm. They must be open to a farm inspection before receiving it, and should be inspected for proper farming techniques, and if animals are used, no signs of animal abuse can be accepted.

50 year Farm

Given to any farm that has been in continual use for 50 or more years. The farm does not need to be farming the same stuff for all 50 years, ie if farming beef and now farming hay they are still able to be presented the award. Priority will be given to any farm that is owned by the same family for all 50 years.

100/200 year Farm

Given to any farm that has been in continual use for 100 or more years. All other information is same as 50 year farm.

Friend of Agriculture

Given to an organization or person that has proven to work tirelessly to support and help Agriculture in New Hampshire.

Young Farmer

