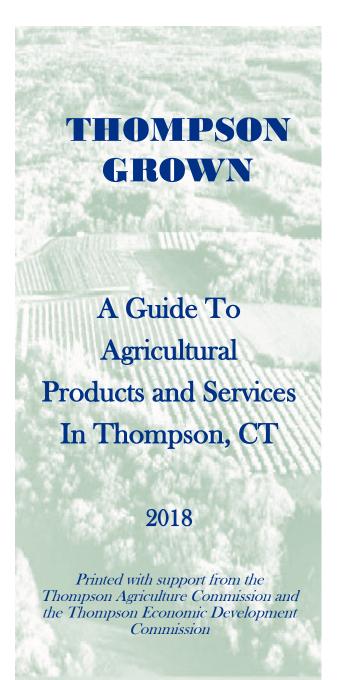


Thompson Agriculture Commission's Mission: To

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.

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 Dept. at 860-923-9475.



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.

Support agriculture and maintain the rural character of Thompson. Farming provides a living presence of our history and a reminder for our future.

Connecticut Agriculture Fun Facts:

6,000 farms (110 dairy farms)
128 glasses of milk daily from one cow
22,000 jobs
440,000 acres of farmland
73 acres is average farm size

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22% increase in number of farms from 2007 to 2012, the highest rate of farm growth in New England

Top 5 Agriculture Sectors in CT:

- 1. Greenhouse
- 2. Dairy
- 3. Poultry and Eggs
- 4. Tobacco
- 5. Aquaculture
 Source: CT Dept. of Agriculture



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

1 Blackmer Farm

Randy and Myrtie Blackmer

860-923-2710

438 Quinebaug Rd. (Rte 131) May - Oct Daily 10-6

rblackmer@charter.net

Retail greenhouse & farm stand selling perennials, hanging baskets, bedding & vegetable plants. Famous for its fresh picked sweet corn, tomatoes & other vegetables. Also offering Beef, Pork & Chicken. See us on facebook.

2 Chase Road Growers

860-923-9926

Warren and Jayne Reynolds

174 Chase Road chaserdgrowers@gmail.com

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Spring Bedding Plants & Specialty Hanging Baskets. The SWEETEST sweet corn! Vegetables, Cut Flowers, Fall Mums and Gourds. See us on facebook.

3 Siegmund Family Farm

Colin Seigmund 860-315-7684 woolyone@charter.net 47 Fabyan-Woodstock Rd. Border Leicester & Oxford Sheep Shearer and Breeder

4 Orchard Products

since 1938

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

Custom cut lumber. Design & construction of sheds & barns, kitchens, and woodworking. PYO Blueberries, apples, peaches in season. See us on facebook.

5 Sweet Sue's Sugar Shack

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6 Go Organic LLC

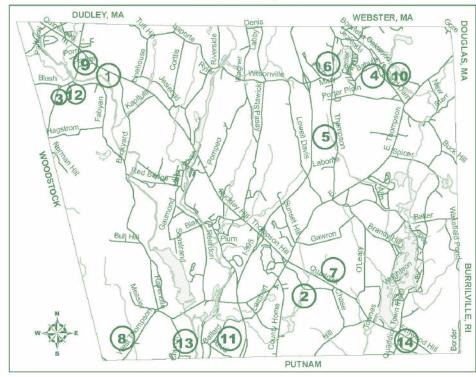
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7 Fort Hill Farms

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8 Maplewood Farm

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9 Little Bit of Heaven

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11 Olde Azud Farm

Nancy Donatelli 860-428-8227 245 Ballard Road

Equestrian Boarding, Lessons and Training By appointment only

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since 2007

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*hours by appointment

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13 Bitgood Performance Horses

91Church Street 860-227-7144 Stacy.cimochowski@gmail.com Training, Lessons, Boarding National Top 5 Showing

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