

Elements of the Central Vermont Food System

Farm Inputs

- VT Compost Co.
- Grow Compost
- Farm and Forest Residuals
- AgWay, Guy's Farm & Yard- other ag supply stores
- CVSWM Organics Program
- Home Composters
- Planned Biodigester in Rutland

GAPS

- Chicken manure from local sources
- How to capture nutrients from wastewater
- Farm equipment fuel sources from locally renewable energy
- How to heat greenhouses
- Seeds

Production

- Farms: dairy/cheese; livestock/meat; vegetable and small fruit; poultry; other specialties
- Community Gardens
- APPLE corps
- School gardens
- Home gardens/backyard livestock
- FoodWorks farm and root cellar
- Kingsbury Farm

GAPS

- Insufficient production to meet local demand
- Need more farmers
- Farmers need access to land
- Not enough trained farm workers
- Local grain/bean production

Processing

- L.A.C.E.
- VT Smoke and Cure
- Red Hen
- Rhapsody
- Lots of small processors (jams, chocolates, kimchi)

GAPS

- Infrastructure
- Bean threshing facility/combine
- Terminal Market
- Certified anaerobic canning facility

Support Systems

- CVFSC
- NOFA
- VT Fresh Network
- NECI
- North Country Farming Network
- FoodWorks
- FoodBank
- Area Schools
- Farmers' Markets
- CVCAC Microbiz program
- CVRPC
- Agency of Ag
- Transition Towns
- Mad River Localvores
- UVM Extension
- Master Gardeners
- 4H
- Green Mtn Coffee Roasters
- VT FEED
- Media
- Root Works
- Kingsbury Farm
- VT Slow Food Chapter
- VT Land Trust/Trust for Public Land

Gaps

- Funders
- Investors
- Chamber of Commerce
- Civic/Religious groups
- Scouts
- Community Seed Bank

Distribution: Wholesale

- FoodBank
- Black River Produce
- Upper Valley Produce
- Burlington Food Service
- Independent Businesses
- FoodWorks Root Cellar
- Blackwell Roots

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- Distributors can't get enough local food
- Corporate structure (need too much of one product that one farmer can't provide)

Waste Management

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Distribution: Retail

- VT Fresh Network members
- Farmers' markets
- CSAs
- Co-ops
- Schools/senior meal sites
- Food shelves
- NECI

GAPS

- Year-round permanent farmers' market location
- Matchmaking so that retailers connect with local farmers and processors

