NOAH EL-NABOULSI, THE PEOPLE’S FARMSTAND, BURLINGTON
Noah is a part time vegetable farmer, part time rugby player, and co-manager of The People’s Farmstand, a weekly farmstand providing local veggies to all, regardless of ability to pay. With great admiration for Vermont’s farmers as well as its natural landscapes, Noah serves as a research assistant and working group member for the state’s Payment for Ecosystem Services program. Some of his personal research endeavors include cross-cultural exchange, vertical farming, food justice, composting, and urban green spaces. Noah takes pride in his Arab-Muslim heritage and connects through traditional food, music, and language. If there are friends, family, books, or bikes, you can presume his heart is full.

MARYA MERRIAM, WOOD FROG FLOWERS, STRAFFORD
Marya is a dairy farmworker and organic flower farmer in central Vermont. They grew up on an organic vegetable farm in Brookfield, returning to the state after studying Environmental Biology at Columbia University. They now work for Rockbottom Dairy Farm, while growing flowers and making dried arrangements on the side. Marya is excited to tackle issues related to climate change resilience, farmworker justice, small dairy viability, and decolonizing land access. They were an intern with Rural Vermont in 2016, and enjoy hiking, finding new swimming holes, and baking copious amounts of holiday cookies.

JON TURNER, WILD ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM, BRISTOL
In 2014, Jon began to utilize the agricultural landscape as a classroom for community members interested in resilient food systems through service learning projects, internships, and site visits for K-12, college students, and military veterans. He is the founding and former chair of the VT state chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition, recipient of the National Farm to School Innovations Grant, former NOFA-VT board member, and currently operates Wild Roots Farm Vermont in Bristol.
...AND RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION:

JEANNIE BARTLETT, BURLINGTON
Jeannie Bartlett grew up among the rocky hill-farms of western Massachusetts, and she has always been grounded by the people and the land who grow her food. From 2016 to early 2021 she managed the Franklin County Conservation District, where she was honored to work with farmers to improve their environmental stewardship and their financial viability. Jeannie now lives in central Vermont and works propagating fruit trees, as well as planting and pruning them in peoples’ backyards. She is working towards starting her own fruit farm.

SUE BUCKHOLZ, WEST HARTFORD
Sue Buckholz is an attorney, mostly in private practice since June 1995, focusing on family, mediation and probate. Sue worked for the Prisoners’ Rights Division, Vermont Defender General’s Office in the late 1990’s, and was a GAL for five years prior to passing the Bar. She recently spent two years in the Vermont Legislature representing Windsor-4-1 District and was a member of the Agriculture/Forestry committee.

Sue is from New Haven, Connecticut, graduated from Yale College in May 1977 and, after one year at B.U. School of Law, spent ten years rousing the rabble as a community organizer and travelling and living in the UK where she worked as a cook and caterer. Sue is married to Jim Dow. They live on part of the land on which Jim grew up in West Hartford where they raise Jersey steer and enjoy chasing their grandsons around the dooryard.

CAT BUXTON, SHARON
Cat Buxton is a busy cross-pollinator. A social entrepreneur, she runs Grow More, Waste Less, in Sharon VT, empowering and connecting communities to affect positive change from the ground up. A self-described microbe geek, Cat loves to talk about bugs, soil health, gardening, and composting, pretty much wherever she goes. She manages the edible schoolyard at Thetford Elementary School, weaving it into K-6 project based learning, and is a technical guide for school compost systems. She’s the coordinator for Upper Valley Apple Corps and a host of other projects including the Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition. She consults, teaches, and presents about soil and ecosystem health. She loves to be outside with hands on earth, and to live simply with her husband and kitty friends.
**JULIE WOLCOTT, GREEN WIND FARM, FAIRFIELD**

Julie farms with her partner, Stephen MacCausland and family in Fairfield. After 40 years of grazing and milking cows, Green Wind Farm will be transferring ownership of their Jersey cattle as well as leasing the dairy barn and 50 acres to their young neighbors. John and Cassie Tiffany so they may start their farming careers with working systems, a contract with Stonyfield Organic and a live-in mentor (Julie). Maple syrup is produced and sold retail, wholesale and in bulk to Pumpkin Village Foods (Son Seth’s distribution business). To preserve farms and soils for future generations, small farm sustainability and soil health improvement are strong motivators.

Julie is actively involved in numerous Fairfield community and school organizations. She puts time into supporting Franklin County Dairy Promotion’s activities and statewide Dairy in the Classroom programming. Regionally, Julie helps to facilitate strong, working relationships between farms, farmers and schools.

Julie has served on the Fairfield School Board, as a District 6 Environmental Commission Member, on the Vermont Natural Resource Council Board and as a member of the Vermont Council on Rural Development’s Agriculture Viability Council.

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**CHRIS WOOD, TUNBRIDGE**

Chris Wood is a collaborator and a community connector. In the field of farm and food policy and concerns, he has been co-manager of the Winooski Valley Food Coop, co-founder and co-director of Rural Vermont, publisher of Organic Farmer magazine, and founder of the Vermont Farm and Food Coalition in the 1980’s. He co-founded the Horn of the Moon Cafe (in Montpelier) back in 1977 and currently serves as Executive Director of BALE (Building A Local Economy).

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**RYAN AND RACHEL YODER, YODER FARM, DANBY**

Ryan and Rachel Yoder farm in Danby, VT, with their two children Asa and Taurin. Rachel grew up in Middletown Springs, VT and Ryan in Nepal, Asia. They started the farm business nine years ago to increase the diversity of nutritious calories available locally and create a means to deescalate the ecological crisis. To that end they grow popcorn, dry beans, chickens and wild apples, in addition to vegetables and berries, while learning methods for sequestering carbon in soil and biomass. They are excited to have the opportunity to join an organization that has a track record of making it easier for people to "do the right thing".