

RURAL VERMONT 2024 MID YEAR REPORT

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POLICY & ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

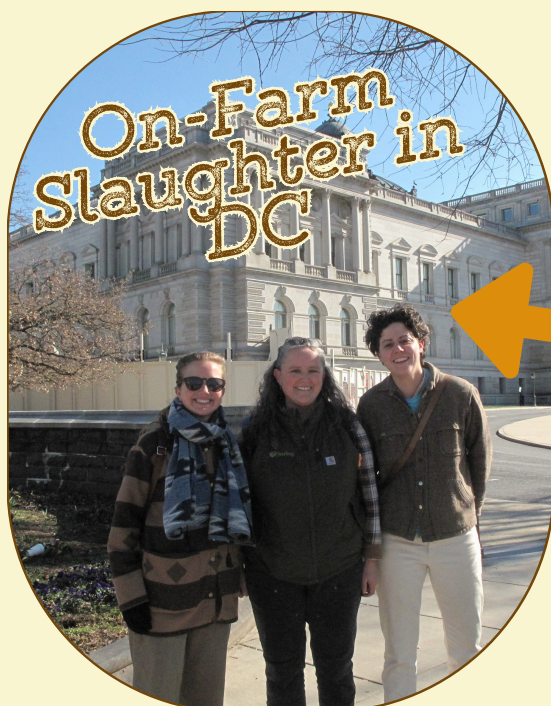
We successfully advocated for bills that expand markets for poultry farmers, reduce exposure to neonicotinoid pesticides (with Protect Our Pollinators Coalition), improve conditions for outdoor cannabis growers (with VT Cannabis Equity Coalition), and clarify advocacy groups' ability to file amicus briefs in land use cases, such as Act 250 permits. We also served on the 30x30 agriculture working group, and advocated for a more transparent and democratic process.

We co-hosted our biggest group in recent memory at the Vermont State House for a full and exciting day of advocacy training and testifying.

Small Farm Action Day



We returned to Capitol Hill with farmer activists Katie Steere & Gwyneth Harris to advocate for on-farm slaughter with the National Family Farm Coalition. Making progress - news soon!



NEW!

Audio Recordings
of our bi-weekly
Legislative
Updates!

Our mission is to organize, educate, and advocate in collaboration with local and global movements to strengthen the social, ecological and economic health of the agrarian communities that connect us all.



COMMUNITY & GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING HIGHLIGHTS



Clockwise from top: cannabis workshop at Lukas Greene Cannabis, communications intern Melissa & staff Graham, tree planting work brigade at Foote Brook Farm (with Agroecology School Collective), Ceasefire rally at State House, Build A Better Future rally at State House, rabbit slaughter workshop at GIVE A Care Homestead



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NEW!

Rural Vermont is now serving as organizational home to the Vermont Agroecology School Collective!

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I trust Rural Vermont to be thorough, detail oriented, spirited in their work and to persevere to get results that will benefit farms and farmers in Vermont and beyond.

- Rural Vermont Board Chair Julie Wolcott, Fairfield