



CAPS

Community Accreditation for Produce Safety

- Farm-Crafted to Increase Market Integrity
- Practical Regulation... By the Farmers, for the Farmers!

Quick CAPS Status—A few Pictures and #s



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Welcome to CAPS, VVBGA's Community Accreditation for Produce Safety!

What is CAPS?
[Community Accreditation for Produce Safety \(CAPS\)](#) is a voluntary, practical approach to documenting the use of practices that reduce food safety risks on farms that grow fresh produce. The CAPS advisory board of farmers and service providers has identified [18 practices that are required for accreditation](#). CAPS uses this capsvt.org platform to help you write a plan for these practices and subsequently you upload evidence that you implemented them. The evidence is documents and pictures that are in your on-line farm folder, which is then reviewed for completeness by your peers before accreditation is granted and your CAPS "eBadge" and paper certificate are awarded. Finally, CAPS farmers may choose to link their folders on the [CAPS Share Page](#), building a crowdsourced resource for the VVBGA Community.



Personal , Sharable Farm Folder

to Document 18 CAPS Standards

Free VVBGA- Member Benefit

High Meadows Farm



High Meadow Farm, owned and operated by Howard and Lisa Prussack, was established in 1971—the first certified organic farm in Vermont! Since then, we have been taking care of our soil and growing the highest quality organic produce. Now we focus on growing winter squash, onions, garlic, tomatoes, herbs, potted plants, carrots and turnips. In 2013, we finished a major renovation of our barn, creating a bright and pleasant, four-season "solarium" wash and pack area on the first floor. This renovation allows us to retain one or more year-round employees, while improving our productivity, product shelf-life and food safety standards!

CAPS DOCUMENTS

[Overview of the Seven Required CAPS Documents](#)

- [Produce Safety Plan \(1-12\)](#)
- [Employee Training Verification \(13\)](#)
- [Manure and Compost Records \(14\)](#)
- [Container Photos and Management \(15\)](#)
- [Potable Water Test \(16\)](#)
- [Wash Line Photos and SOP \(17\)](#)
- [Cold Storage and Thermometer Photos \(18\)](#)

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CAPS STATUS

CAPS Accredited for 2016-2017



CONNECTION

- [CAPS Share Page](#)
(VVBGA Members Only)
- [More CAPS Information](#)
- [Terms of Use](#)



CAPS Certificate/ eBadge

Print Certificate
from Badge



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*The Vermont Vegetable and Berry
Growers Association*

hereby recognizes

High Meadows Farm

*for implementation of the best practices necessary to qualify
for*

**Community Accreditation for
Produce Safety for 2017**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christa Alexander".

VVBGA President, Christa Alexander

09/09/2016

Date



Vermont-Made Produce Safety!



Share Page

Access to all
other CAPS
Farm Folders

Exclusive CAPS
Resource
Option to opt
out



WELCOME VVBGA CAPS FARMERS!

This page **links you to the Farm Folders of other CAPS participants** that have chosen to share. Only CAPS participants have access to this page. These shared Farm Folders contain the farm's produce safety plans and other CAPS documents require for their VVBGA accreditation. All documents have been reviewed and finalized, and may serve as models for other CAPS farmers. The farms size and location is listed to help you find farms of similar size or area.

All CAPS documents belong to **the farmers** that created them, however, and can **only be used with explicit permission of the owner**. This is regulation "by the farmers, for the farmers", so **please DO NOT ABUSE this Share Page!** Before using a farm's SOP Wash-line SOP, for example, simply get their permission to use and modify it for your own farm, and then give them credit for the original!

Please contact coordinator Hans Estrin, with questions or comments (hestrin@uvm.edu, 802 380 2109).


FARM NAME-linked to CAPS folder	FARM's Location (City, State)	FARM's Size (reported acres in production)
4Corners Farm (2016)	Newbury, VT	50
Alchemy Gardens (2016)	Shrewbury, VT	2
Bella Farm, LLC (2016)	Monkton, VT	1

Compare wash-line SOPs and Photos—WOW!



Working on CAPS...

- **Farm Containers—
Photos and
Management**



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[Logout](#) **Container Photos and Management**

Container Photos and Management (15)

[Edit Existing](#)

- 15. Farm Containers
 - Container List
 - [Container Photos](#)
 - [Container Storage Photos](#)
 - [Container Management Description](#)
 - [Submit for Review](#)

Other CAPS Requirements

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My Farm Folder

- [Manage Farm Folder](#)
- [View Farm Folder](#)

15. Farm Containers

*[Container List](#)

List the major types of farm containers you use (container name, color, material type) and what they are used for (e.g. harvest, storage, shipping, multi-use)

In this list, feel free to group similar containers with identical uses.

Include new containers types in list (e.g. wax boxes, clam shells)

Word Limit: 500

2016 CAPS Status

- 100+ on platform
- 68 Farms Start → 63 Finish (90% Completion)
- 5 Farms complete Hannaford CAPS-- accepted instead of USDA GAP



63 CAPS FARMS in 2016—Congratulations!!

2016 CAPS FARMS

4-Corners Farm
 Bella Farm, LLC
 Berry Creek Farm
 Boyd Family Farm
 Burnt Rock Farm
 Cate Farm
 Cedar Circle Farm
 Ceres Gardens
 Clay Brook Farm
 Covered Bridge Berry Patch
 Crandalls Corners Farm
 Crossroad Farm
 Deep Meadow Farm
 Dutchess Farm
 Dutton Berry Farm
 Eastview Farm LLC
 Edgewater Farm
 Foggy Meadow Produce
 Foote Brook Farm



Gildrien Farm
 Hackett's Orchard
 Harvest hill farm
 Heron Pond Farm
 High Meadows farm
 Intervale Community Farm
 Jericho Settlers Farm, Inc.
 Joe's Brook Farm
 Lester Farm & Market
 Lewis Creek Farm
 Luna Bleu Farm
 Maple Star Farm
 Maple Wind Farm
 Meadow's Mirth
 Mighty Food Farm
 New Leaf CSA
 Newfield Herb Farm
 Old Athens Farm
 Picadilly Farm
 Pomykala Farm
 Red Sky Farm, LLC
 Red Wagon Plants
 River Berry Farm



Rockville Market Farm
 Root 5 Farm
 Roots Too Farm
 Screamin' Ridge Farm, Inc
 Shadow Creek Farm
 Shelburne farms market garden
 Singing Cedars Farmstead
 Spring Ledge Farm
 Stout Oak Farm
 Sunrise Farm
 The Last Resort Farm
 The Tutorial Center's YAP Farm
 Trillium Hill Farm
 True Love Farm
 University of Vermont Cata-
 mount Farm
 Vermont Cranberry Company
 Walker Farm
 Willow Brook Farm
 Wood's Market Garden



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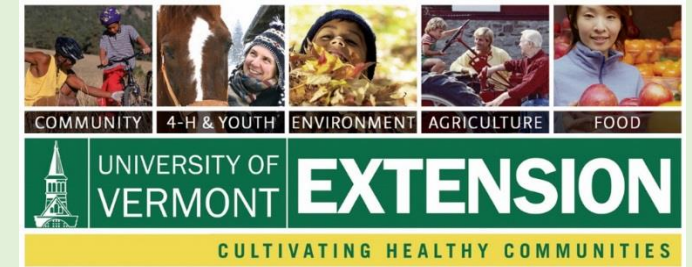


How to Participate in 2017 CAPS

- **Explore** capsvt.org for free
- **Use CAPS** with **VVBGA membership** (\$35)
- For **CAPS Accreditation**, Draft/revise produce safety plan by **April 1, and pay \$100 CAPS fee.** *(financial assistance available)*
- **Finalize** plan by **June 1**
- **Train Employees** by July 15
- **Finish CAPS** by Nov. 1--→ December 15.
- CAPS is pending for 2017, valid through 2018

Making CAPS Possible

Coordinated
By:



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Department of
Agriculture

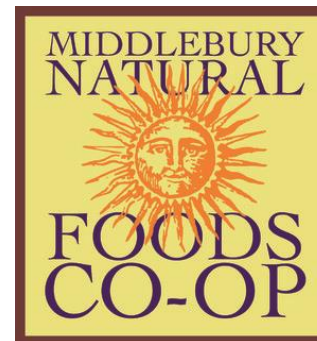
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