

RURAL VERMONT 2023 MID YEAR REPORT

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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.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

Vermont Legislature



Rural Vermont monitored, influenced, and mobilized around 15+ issues of import and impact to our community such as agricultural access and social equity in cannabis, healthcare, childcare, small farmer diversification and training program, right to repair, community resilience & biodiversity protection, Act 250, and so much more!

On-Farm Slaughter



Rural Vermont continued its On-Farm Slaughter (OFS) campaign at the federal level by joining National Family Farm Coalition's DC Fly-In to hand-deliver a petition signed by 800+ from 48 states and meet with Congressional offices about using the upcoming Farm Bill as a vehicle to clarify that OFS is legal. pictured above: Stephen Leslie, RV staff Caroline Gordon, & Mary Lake.

THANK YOU EVAN HOYT, 2023 LEGISLATIVE INTERN:

"I am SO grateful for the experience and to have learned so much about the systems that need to be subverted and disempowered (and improved from within!!) to bring about healthy change."

Small Farm Action Days



Rural Vermont co-hosted three Small Farm Action Days with topics including the Financialization of Nature; Youth, Land Access, & Housing; and an Open Format. We supported dozens of farmers and food producers providing testimony throughout the session before House & Senate Agriculture Committees.

pictured above: Nando Jaramillo before testifying at March Small Farm Action Day



COMMUNITY & GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING HIGHLIGHTS



Agroecology & Food Sovereignty Tour

Rural Vermont co-hosted Yorlis Gabriel Luna (second from right) of La Via Campesina in February. She shared her expertise and experience at events across Vermont.

Also! 2 Quarterly Member Forums; Presentations on the Dangers of Monetizing Nature, Childcare & Agroecology; VT Wild Kitchen; and co-host of a Migrant Justice Milk with Dignity Tour Stop

On-Farm Slaughter Workshops



We hosted three sold out On-Farm Slaughter workshops in Huntington, East Montpelier, and Waterville (our first rabbit workshop, seen above).



"Rural Vermont does more intentionally collaborative outreach and work than any organization I have seen. Rock stars."
- Rural Vermont Board Member Cat Buxton, Sharon

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Membership Options

- Basic: \$35+/year
- Sustainer: \$5+/month
- Working: 3hrs/year

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