

## Vermont Farm\*A\*Syst

## Safe Drinking Water and Public Recognition of Stewardship through Farming

## Contact Your Conservation District Today

Free and Voluntary Assessments  
Protect Your Drinking Water & Prevent  
Pollution

- **Farm\*A\*Syst uses environmental assessments to determine what practices and structures may pose a risk to your drinking water.**
- **Farm\*A\*Syst identifies what farms are already doing to protect the environment.**
- **By understanding the relationship between farm management and the quality of your water, you can make better choices and receive financial and technical assistance.**
- **Skilled, local Conservation District staff are ready to work with you.**
- **To receive a free water test and complete an assessment of how your farm protects or poses a risk to your family's drinking water, please call:**

- Northwest VT 802-388-6748 x26
- Northeast VT 802-828-4493 x113
- Southern VT 802-254-5323 x105

These are just two of the benefits Farm\*A\*Syst has to offer you. Assessments provide suggestions for protecting your drinking water and make financial and technical resources available to help you take action.

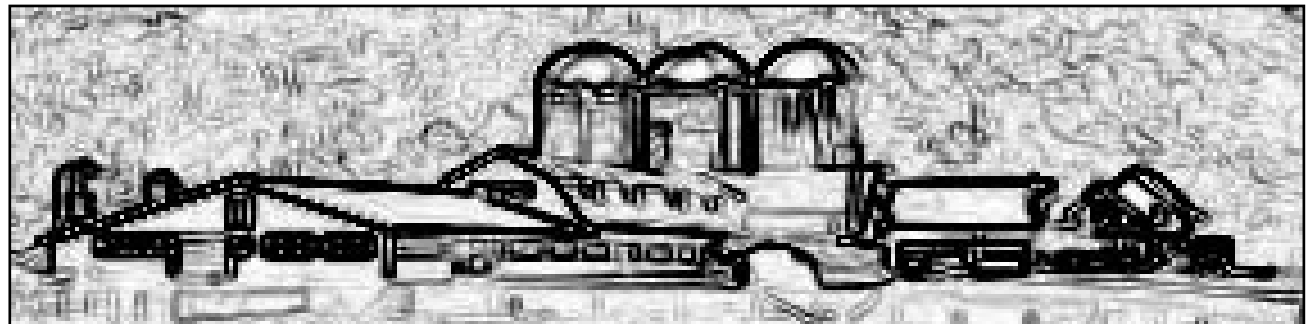
Two national awards, the Renew America Award and the Honor Award from USDA, have recognized Farm\*A\*Syst as a valuable tool for the farm community.

Here in Vermont it is important to recognize the diverse values of agriculture, both to our heritage and to our future. Farm\*A\*Syst is one way to ensure farms will be a vital part of our future. By taking the lead in preventing pollution, we can avoid additional regulation and disconnected government policies.

If you would like to receive a free water test for nitrates, herbicides and bacteria and assess the future of your farm's drinking water, **please call your local Conservation District.**

We are available to work with farms anywhere in Vermont. Through the Agency of Agriculture, we have learned that some farms in the State have unsafe drinking water. We want to target our resources to meet the needs of families who are most at risk.

This program is free and voluntary. In the tradition of Conservation Districts, we are working with the farm community to help you do what you are already doing: conserving our resources for the generations to come and protecting the health of your families.



## Farm\*A\*Syst Can:

- Build an awareness of how your activities can pose risks to your drinking water.
- Build public awareness of how your farm conserves our natural resources.
- Identify sources of financial, technical and educational resources available to help you take voluntary action.
- Develop individual, voluntary action plans to protect your family's drinking water.
- Empower you and your community to protect private drinking water sources without cumbersome regulations.
- Provide you with free water testing beyond what the milk coops offer.

Farm\*A\*Syst is a partnership program coordinated by the Natural Resource Conservation Districts. Partners include: UVM Extension, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, Vermont Department of Health, Vermont Natural Resource Conservation Council, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Environmental Protection Agency and USDA Farm Service Agency.

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# Vermont Farm\*A\*Syst

*A cost effective drinking  
water protection program  
for farms.*

*Farm\*A\*Syst:  
Turning Awareness into  
ACTION*

