

Membership form

Return to: NEFU
P.O. Box 226, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

This is a renewal

Membership includes monthly e-newsletters and periodic action alerts via email from NEFU. Please indicate if you would also like to receive these emails from National Farmers Union:

- Weekly e-newsletter
- Daily links to national agricultural news articles

MEMBER(S) NAME _____

Membership levels (choose one)

FARM, FISHERY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION NAME _____

Individuals

- Student: \$25
- Friend of a farmer/fisherman: \$35
- Additional support: \$100 \$200 \$500

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Businesses and organizations

- Farm/fishery: \$75
- Non-farm business: \$150
- Membership or trade organization: \$150
- Other nonprofit: \$150
- Additional support: \$200 \$500

EMAIL _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NEFU? _____

- Yes, I'd like more information about affiliate membership/corporate sponsorship programs.
- Yes, I'm interested in helping NEFU grow! Please contact me for a conversation about how I can help.

Thank you for supporting NEFU!

Make checks payable to New England Farmers Union



Do you...

Think NEFU is just for farmers and fishermen? Our work benefits everyone! If you care about where your food comes from, renewable energy, the environment, supporting local producers, cooperative businesses and education about cooperatives, health care, trade, vibrant rural and coastal communities, and other important issues, our organization is for you. The policy and direction of NEFU is determined by our grassroots members — people just like you.

Fear you don't have a voice to tell your story and create change? We are on the front lines of legislative activity, providing opportunities for members to meet face-to-face with policymakers in Washington, D.C. We'll help you make your voice heard!

Worry about your bottom line? We help improve income for farmers, fishermen, foresters and nurserymen by advocating for progressive policies and developing income-generating initiatives such as a regional carbon credit program.

Think about the farms and fishing operations your children and grandchildren will inherit? We work to build a promising future for these businesses by supporting policies that protect the environment, family farms and sustainable fishing practices.

See your way of life and rural community eroding with time? We help preserve the culture and economic health of agriculture, horticulture, fishing and rural communities.

Wish you knew more about the issues that affect you where you live? We educate members and the public about issues that affect farmers, fishermen, foresters, nurserymen and consumers.

New England Farmers Union

For everyone who cares about...

- New England agriculture and fisheries
- Where food comes from
- The environment
- Cooperative businesses
- Rural and coastal communities

New England Farmers Union, a member-driven organization, is committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, fishermen, nurserymen and their customers through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors and civic engagement.

***Become part of the solution.
Join today.***

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New England Farmers Union



*A local voice
at the national table*

About us

New England Farmers Union (NEFU) works to protect and enhance the economic well-being and quality of life of family farmers, fishermen, foresters, nursery growers and consumers in all six New England states. Our members are cranberry growers and commercial fishermen in Cape Cod, dairy farmers in Vermont, potato farmers in Maine, greenhouse growers in Connecticut, and more than 1,000 other consumers, farmers, fishermen, organizations and businesses throughout the region.



Policy and advocacy

We are a grassroots organization — our members drive our policy positions. NEFU was founded in 2006 as a charter member of the National Farmers Union, an agricultural advocacy organization founded in 1902 and based in Washington, D.C. Our members engage their elected officials and public agencies, and press them to implement and enforce laws and regulations that will strengthen New England’s agricultural community. Legislators from our region look to NEFU when deciding how to vote on policies that will impact:

Dairy: New England dairies face different issues than dairy farms in other parts of the country. NEFU works with lawmakers to ensure that our region’s dairy farmers have a voice in shaping policies that affect milk prices and regulations.

Direct sales: New England farmers rely on sales directly to consumers and local food producers. NEFU fights to protect the economic viability of small-scale growers and producers.

Sustainability: New England farmers leverage resources from public agencies to develop sustainable practices that protect their long-term viability. NEFU educates legislators about how small investments in our region can have a significant impact on our food, the environment and our economy.

Conservation: From our coastlands to our mountains, New England abounds with natural resources and beauty. NEFU advocates for policies that preserve our rural and coastal landscape while enhancing our region’s economic well-being.

Energy and food security: By promoting cooperative educational and business enterprises, NEFU works to ensure that our children will live in a region that can feed and fuel itself.

Member benefits

NEFU members enjoy a range of benefits, including:

Understanding the issues

- Subscription to NEFU’s monthly e-newsletter
- Action alerts on legislation that affects consumers, growers and producers throughout New England
- Invitation to the NEFU annual meeting, online workshops, educational seminars and special events

Getting your voice heard

- Access to the National Farmers Union legislative team
- Travel funds to offset costs to meet with lawmakers in Washington, D.C.

Building your business

- Discounted design and marketing services from award-winning graphic design firms
- Discounted financial and tax services

Supporting your family

- Access to National Farmers Union dental and vision insurance packages



For a complete list of member benefits, visit our website: www.newenglandfarmersunion.org

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Getting to know our members**

Are you a: Farmer/fisherman Consumer

Do you belong to any other agricultural or conservation organizations? Yes No

If yes, which ones? _____

Have you ever written a letter to or called your elected officials about an issue?

Yes No

Which issues are important to you?

Aquaculture Dairy Energy Environment
 Farm bill Fisheries Food safety Forestry
 Health care for rural residents Land use
 Local foods Organic foods Youth leadership

Other _____

Farmers/fishermen

Which crops do you raise/catch?

Dairy Finfish Forestry products Fruit
 Hay Meat Nursery products Poultry
 Shellfish Vegetables

Other _____

How long have you been farming/fishing? _____

How many people does your enterprise employ? _____

How many acres do you manage? _____

Do you own or lease your acreage for on-land farming and aquaculture?

Do you own or lease your boat?

Do you make any value-added products from your harvest?
 Yes No

If yes, what products? _____

What is the estimated value of products you sold last year?

Less than \$1,000 \$1,000 to \$9,999
 \$10,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 to \$249,999
 More than \$250,000

How do you sell your crops or products?

Direct to consumers To co-op grocery stores
 Wholesale

Consumers

When food shopping, do you prioritize:

Organic Local
 Domestically grown Does not matter

Are you a member of a food co-op? Yes No

Are you a member of a CSA? Yes No

Are you a home gardener? Yes No

**The information collected here will help us better serve our members. We will not share your answers with anyone.