

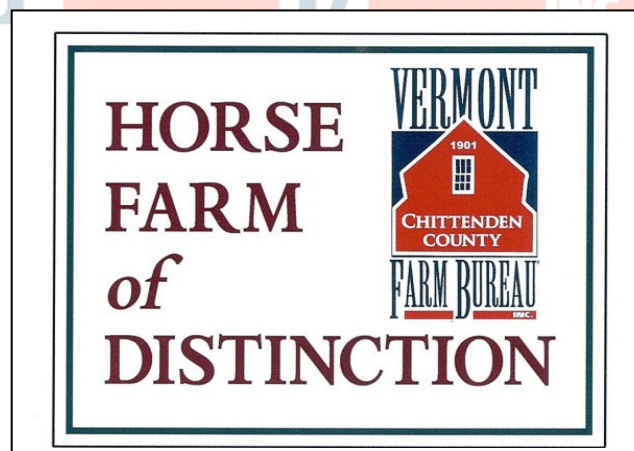
# CHITTENDEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU “HORSE FARM OF DISTINCTION PROGRAM”

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The Chittenden County Farm Bureau’s “Horse Farm of Distinction Program” was established to recognize and present to the public those Vermont farmers who set high standards and achieve a level of excellence in all aspects of equine activity.

The Farm Bureau intends that the “Horse Farm of Distinction Program” be known as a prestigious award and that those who achieve it are recognized by their community and their state. Further, it is our intent that this achievement enhances the positive image and visibility of the Vermont horse industry.

Qualified equine professionals will visit horse farms enrolled in the program and it is in our hope that their evaluations will be beneficial to the farm’s operation. All evaluations will be confidential and the property of the Chittenden County Farm Bureau not to be used for any other purpose. The program has been developed and is overseen by the Equine Advisory Committee of the Chittenden County Vermont Farm Bureau.



# HORSE FARMS OF DISTINCTION

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The Chittenden County Farm Bureau's "Horse Farm of Distinction" is an annual award given to exceptional farms. It is awarded to horse farms which have been judged on a number of criteria within the categories of horse health, farm management, and public standards. Farms which apply for and achieve the status of "Horse Farm of Distinction" may use the title for promotions and advertising throughout the award year. Recipients will receive a distinctive SIGN that should be mounted for public display during the year of the program and is to be used only by the award winner. The sign will remain the property of the Chittenden County Farm Bureau. Horse Farms of Distinction will be reevaluated on a bi-annual basis and will automatically be reinstated if all judging criteria remain in compliance.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

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1. Must engage in equine activities as outlined in the definition of farming.
  - a. 10VSA Section 6001(22)(G), the raising, feeding, or management of four or more equines owned or boarded by the farmer, including training, showing, and instruction and lessons in riding, training, and management of equines.
2. Will be judged on the following:
  - a. Safe and secure housing and fencing for equines including riding surfaces.
  - b. Pasture management.
  - c. Farm management covering maintenance, equipment, nutrition, veterinary care and handling.
  - d. Control of pests and vermin.
  - e. Fire protection and prevention.
  - f. Curb Appeal – overall general appearance of farm and facilities.
3. Must demonstrate a relationship with the community, i.e. hold open houses, clinics, welcome visitors, or interact with local schools.



# CHITTENDEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

## 2012 HORSE FARM OF DISTINCTION

### -APPLICATION-

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I hereby apply for the Chittenden County Farm Bureau "Horse Farm of Distinction Program" contained herein. I understand that the judges will contact me to schedule visits at their convenience. The award is granted for the year beginning January 1, 2012. Evaluations will begin on July 4. Visits will follow. Award will be recognized in September and October. Applicant does not have to be a member of the Farm Bureau but is welcome to join.

FARM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner/Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide three references from the horse community with your application.

Please address the following on a separate sheet of paper:

1. What type of equine business do you run?
2. How many equines do you house?
3. How many acres are you farming?





## VERMONT FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home# \_\_\_\_\_ Work# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Farmer or Forester? ☐ Non-Farmer Supporter

Do you own a farm? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes what kind? \_\_\_\_\_ How many acres? \_\_\_\_\_

Farm name: \_\_\_\_\_ Major Commodities: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us?

☐ Another Member (if so who referred you) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Vermont Fences

☐ Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Agent # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive *Under the Golden Dome* via email during the Legislative sessions? Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDISON	\$75	LAMOILLE,	\$70
BENNINGTON	\$65	ORANGE,	
CALEDONIA	\$67	ORLEANS,	
CHITTENDEN	\$68	WASHINGTON,	
ESSEX,	\$65	WINDSOR	
FRANKLIN,		WINDHAM	\$80
GRAND ISLE,		WINDHAM	\$60
RUTLAND		(Retired)	

### YOUR VERMONT FARM BUREAU VOLUNTARY DUES HELP SUPPORT:

- Agricultural Education - Vermont Foundation for Agriculture.
- Legal Fund to support legal challenges of statewide significance.
- Gold Card members pay an annual fee of \$135 and help support governmental relations in Vermont and Washington, D.C. resulting in a strong, effective representation in legislative and regulatory affairs in Vermont and our Nations' Capital.

### Benefits of membership in Farm Bureau:

- Vermont Farm Bureau's endorsed insurance agency Nationwide offers a 7% discount on Auto and Farm Insurance and other options. Visit [www.nationwide.com](http://www.nationwide.com)
- Substantial savings on propane, #2 fuel oil, on and off road diesel fuel, and the complete line of Pyrofax heating, air conditioning, water heating, and water conditioning products. Visit [www.pyrofaxenergy.com](http://www.pyrofaxenergy.com)
- Safemark Products - 800.642.5049
- Grainger Industrial Supply discount
- Car Rental - Hertz, Avis, Budget

For a full list of benefits visit [www.vtfb.org](http://www.vtfb.org)

We will process your application and payment upon receipt. Membership cards and confirmation will be mailed to you.

### 2011 Membership Dues

\_\_\_\_\_ '11 County Dues  
\_\_\_\_\_ Agricultural Ed (\$25 suggested donation)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Legal Fund (\$25 suggested donation)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Card membership  
(\$135 suggested donation)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

### Payment is being made by:

☐ Check (make payable to Vermont Farm Bureau)

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Name as appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date Month/day/year \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code \_\_\_\_\_ OR 4 digit code \_\_\_\_\_  
On the back of card On the front of card  
Visa, MC or Discover for American Express

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

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**Thank you for joining Farm Bureau!**