

## **Vanishing Dairy Farms of East Montpelier\***

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*Below is a list of the current and former farms of East Montpelier. Additions and clarifications to the original list were made by Mary Garcia, John Hall, and Austin Cleaves.*

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**\*in last name order**

**Badger Farm** – On Center Road. North side of road now owned by John Ostrum and Nancy Creswell. Have horses. South side is owned by the Angneys and used by Fairmont Farm for crops.

**Barclay Farm** – On Vincent Flats Road. Owned by Shirley and Cliff King. Sold the land to Fairmont Farm.

**Willie and Ethyl Barnes Farm** – Barnes Road. Original buildings replaced. Land divided.

**Rick and Betsy Barstow Farm** – Off Sodom Pond Road.

**Bobolink Farm** – Formerly Hawkins Farm on Towne Hill Road. Owned by Bruce Howlett and Carol Dickson. Raise sheep.

**Bragg Farm** – Route 14 North – Now makes maple syrup and runs a gift shop and creemee stand.

**Brazier Farm** – Owned by the Brazier family. Raises corn. Land used by Fairmont Farm.

**Breer Farm** – On Lyle Young Road. Now owned by Mark Stephens. Not an operating farm.

**Fred Bushey Farm** – On Sanders Circle.

**Butler Farm** on Center Road. Active dairy farm run by Gary Butler.

**Butterfield Farm** – Behind North Montpelier Pond. No longer farmed.

**Carver Farm** – On Casavant Road. Owned by Tim Carver. Raised Christmas trees.

**Cate Farm** – On Coburn Road. Owned by Richard Wiswall. Raise seedlings to sell in the spring and tomatoes throughout the summer. Formerly owned by Clem Beckly.

**Cate Farm** – On the County Road. Owned by the Cate Family. Maple syrup, vegetables, and honey mostly for family use.

**Center Farm (was the Paine Farm)** -- Owned by Erica Zimmerman and Kevin McCollister. Raise lambs and chickens for meat and eggs.

**Chapell Farm** – Owned by the Chapell family for over 200 years. Sell meat and maple products. A working farm with a number of beef cows.

**Christiansen Farm** on Hammett Hill Road. Barns and land now used by the McKnight Farm.

**Clark Farm** on Codling Road is part of the McKnight Farm.

**Austin Cleaves Farm** on Lyle Young Road. Became part of Fairmont Farm.

**Coburn Farm** – On Coburn Road near the covered bridge. Owned by Bev Levine and leased to Fairmont Farm.

**Codling Farm** on Codling Road. Land is used by the McKnight Farm.

**Copping Farm** – On Kelton Road. Had a cattle barn which caught fire. Copping sold to April Faulkner and Hobie Guion. Land used by McKnight Farm.

**Cote Farm** – On Sanders Circle.

**Cueto Farm** – On Murray Road. Owned by Jeff and Linda Cueto. Land leased to Fairmont Farm.

**Cutler Farm** – Center Road. House renovated by Duane Wells.

**Delair Farm** – On Route 2. Now a carpet center. Fran Delair had a large meat business. Bought and sold cows.

**Dewey Gould Farm** – County Road. Barn gone, house remains.

**Ernest Dodge Farm** – On Foster Road. Now part of Fairmont Farm.

**Doner Farm** – West side of County Road. Owned by Cathy Doner.

**Dunroven Farm** – On Towne Hill Road. Now owned by Cathy Rice. Was original farm for boarding horses for Governor Deane Davis.

**Herbert and Nellie Emery Farm** – On Route 14 South. Raised chickens.

**Erikksen Farm** – Next to Doty Cemetery. Land subdivided. House and barn owned by Karen and Richard Saudek.

**Fairmont Farm** A large dairy farm. Owns and leases many pieces of land in East Montpelier and Craftsbury.

**Fitch Farm** – Off the County Road. Owned by Bruce and Claudia Fitch. Land leased to Fairmont Farm.

**Eva Foster Farm** – At the end of Foster Road. Land used by McKnight Farm.

**William Gladding Farm** – Horn of the Moon Road.

**Harold Goodall Farm** – County Road. Fairmont Farms owns the land.

**Hale Farm** – Route 2 North. Slaughtered beef cattle. Formerly the Cliche Farm. Some of land used by the McKnight Farm.

**John and Donna Hall Farm** on Putnam Road. Became part of Fairmont Farm.

**Carl Hall Farm** – On Vincent Flats Road. No farming activity.

**Gerald Hawkins Farm** – On Route 14 North. Location of Orchard Valley Waldorf School.

**Heller Farm** – On Dodge Road. Clark family raises beef there.

**Peter Hill Farm** – On Snow Hill Road. Raise hay.

**Horn of the Moon Farm** – On Sanders Circle. Was owned by Perley Sanders.

**Hutchinson Gardens** – On Route 2 across from Plainfield Hardware. Land subdivided.

**Kelton Farm** – Kelton Road. Land owned by Fairmont Farm.

**George Knight Farm** – At the end of Chickering Road.

**LaFirira Farm** – Route 14 South. Formerly called **Lyle Haven** and was owned by the Noble family and then Rappaport. Now owned by Fairmont Farm.

**Bradford Lane Farm** – On Horn of the Moon Road. Owned by Dan Smith and Flor Diaz Smith.

**Arsene LaPerle Farm** – Corner of Routes 2 and 14. Now owned by the Town of East Montpelier.

**Roger LaPerle Farm** – On Route 14 near the home of Doris Washburn. Barn now gone.

**Landry Farm** – On Johnson Road.

**McKnight Farm** on Snow Hill Road. Owned by Seth Gardner and is an active dairy farm.

**Albert McKnight Farm** – On Quaker Road. Owned by Paul Ibey. Raises chickens and sells eggs. (On same road on the right was the **George McKnight** farm, now gone.)

**Mekkelsen Farm** – On Route 2. Is now a business which sells campers. Owned by the Mekkelsen family. Formerly the Richard Copping Farm.

**Morse Farm** – On the County Road. Now produces maple syrup and sells maple products and many other goods to tourists and locals. Son, Tom Morse, raises beef cattle.

**Viene Morse Farm** – Cherry Tree Hill. Subdivided. Some owned by Chris Pratt. Some land used by Fairmont and some by McKnight.

**Elmer and Perle Mugford Farm** – On Route 14 South. Sold farm across the road. Then operated a granite shed which burned down.

**Ormsbee Farm** on Center Road. Land used by Fairmont Farm.

**Peck Farm** -- On Center Road. Owned by the Bair family. Has a commercial apple orchard and a few sheep.

**Perkins Farm** – On Perkins Road. Henry and Arlene Perkins.

**John Peterson Farm** – On County Road. Owned by the Stones.

**Clarence Robbins Farm** – On Route 14 South. Owned by the state and may be developed for a rehab house. Some of land owned by the Barre Granite Association and leased by Fairmont Farm.

**Schaefer Farm** – On Center Road. Owned by Jon and Christine Palmer. Produce maple syrup.

**Sibley Farm** on Sibley Road. Owned by the Sibley family. The land is used by Fairmont Farm.

Another **Sibley Farm** on Route 2 south of Mekkelsen Farm was owned by Freda Battles. Part of this land is now a solar farm.

**Homer Slayton Farm** – Horn of the Moon Road.

**Smith Farm** on Country Club Road. Land used by Fairmont Farm.

**Walter Smith Farm** – On Taylor Farm Road. Now owned by Sarah Ringlee and leased to Fairmont Farm.

**Sparrow Farm** – On Old Trail Road. Land owned by McKnight Farm.

**Sparrow Farm** – On Sparrow Farm Road. Originally the Harold Sees Farm. David Sparrow raises beef.

**Strong Farm** – On Center Road. Owned by Fred Strong. Land used by Fairmont Farm for crops.

**Taylor Farm** – On Route 2. Owned by the Bond family and leased to Fairmont Farm.

**Harry Tracy Farm** – On the County Road. Is still there and believe it to be a former Cutler Farm. Not operated as a farm.

**Vincent Farm** – Formerly Pilbin Farm on Vincent Flats. Small home farm.

**Weed Farm** – On Sibley Road. Now owned by the Bair family. Land is now used for feed for Fairmont Farm. This property was part of the Underground Railroad according to local history books.

**Welch Farm** – On Route 14 across from the LaPerle Farm. Barn now gone. Still owned by the Welch family.

**Harry Welch Farm** – Off Route 2 below the village. Now Country Campers.

**Orris (Ben) Wheeler Farm** -- On Route 14 South. Is now the location of Alco Energy Products.

**Willow Moon Farm** – On Route 2 East. Formerly owned by the Tofani family. Owned by Sharon Peck and Kim Ingraham who raise goats.

**Bert Winslow Farm** – On Route 2 at the location of Classic Auto. Land used by Fairmont Farm.

**Bradley Witham Farm** – On the County Road. Raised beef until recently. Fairmont Farm uses the land.