

Preserving Ashford's rural character is a major goal for the Agriculture Commission



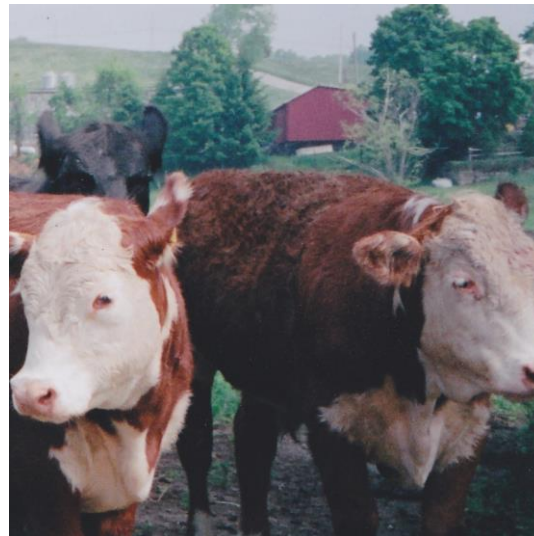
Knowlton Farm



More views of Zaicek Farm



Zaicek Farm



A view of Zaicek farm



Ashford Agriculture Commission

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The Ashford Agriculture Commission (AgC) meets every third Thursday at 7:30pm at the Town Office Building in Warrenville. The Commission can be reached by contacting Chairman Art Talmadge at 860-429-3923 or by email at SimpsonTalmadge@aol.com. All citizens are welcomed to attend our meetings.

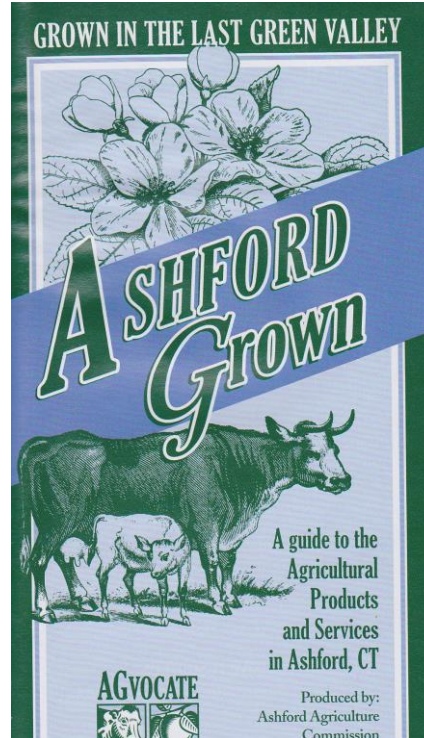
The AgC is an advisory group established in 2010 per recommendation of the AGvocate Program, to promote the goals outlined in the Ashford Plan of Conservation and Development. The Plan encourages and supports farming and local agricultural products in our community.

The goals of the Ashford Agriculture Commission are to foster sustainable agriculture in town, to advocate for agricultural interests before land use commissions, and to serve as a conduit between local farmers and elected officials, commissions, organizations and non-farm residents. Additionally, the Commission acts as a resource for agricultural information.

The AgC works with the Ashford Planning & Zoning Commission to develop effective zoning regulations to promote economic and operational

viability of agricultural businesses in town. The intent is to promote, enhance and encourage the interests of farming, agricultural resources and rural aspects of Ashford's community life.

The AgC also works with the Conservation Commission to produce an Ashford Agricultural brochure that lists all of the agricultural businesses in our town (see below).



Funding for the brochure is provided by the AGvocate Program of the CT Department of Agriculture.

The next project for the Conservation Commission is to examine tax benefits for farmers.

The Ashford Agriculture Commission works hard to foster a vibrant agricultural presence critical to preserving Ashford's rural character.



The Commission is interested in continuing to promote, support, assist and encourage agriculture now and in the future. To this end we are proud to have a member of National FFA as a member.



Ashford-grown produce is proudly displayed at the Ashford Farmers Market