



The Farm-Based Education Association

To inspire, nurture and promote farm-based education

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"FBEA" formed to support educational farms

HANOVER, NH — May 30, 2006 **The Farm Based Education Association** (FBEA), an organization to support working farms that provide educational programming to the public, was established last week at a meeting of farm-based educators in Shelburne, Vermont.

Representatives from 11 organizations* helped define the group's mission and goals during a lively day-and-a-half-long meeting held at Shelburne Farms, a 1,400-acre farm, inn, and educational center on the banks of Lake Champlain. Participants included farmers, founders and directors from organizations that use farms as the rootstock of their various educational initiatives.

The FBEA was established to meet the needs of the growing farm-based education community. This central organizing body would, among other things, facilitate workshops and conferences and assist in the exchange of information and funding.

The mission of the Farm Based Education Association is to inspire, nurture and promote farm-based education. The goals of FBEA are:

1. To provide professional development and support to its members
2. To build and share information among its members
3. To increase awareness

The organization will also serve as a resource for people interested in starting an educational farm.

To learn more about the Farm Based Education Association, please contact Brooke Redmond, T:603.643.3873 or brooke@radishroad.com

* Appleton Farms, The Delaware Nature Center & Coverdale Farm, Drumlin Farm, The FARM Institute, The Farm School, Land's Sake, Shelburne Farms, Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture, Stonewall Farm, Pony Farm & Horse Power, & the Spannocchia Foundation

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