



NH Farm to Restaurant Connection Named Best of NH 2006

The NH Farm to Restaurant Connection, an organization that helps connect local farm and food producers with local restaurants, was recently named New Hampshire Magazine's "Best of NH 2006" in the **Perfect Partnership** category.

The NH Farm to Restaurant Connection (NHFRC) represents a "perfect partnership" between New Hampshire eating establishments and New Hampshire farmers and food producers. NHFRC itself is a collaboration of organizations and individuals including the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food, the NH Lodging & Restaurant Association, the NH Farmers Market Association, North Country Resource Conservation & Development Council, Atlantic Culinary Academy, Southern New Hampshire University Culinary Program, Slow Food, UPS, farmers, chefs, nutritionists and distributors. NHFRC recently became a standing committee of the NH Made organization, a membership group that promotes New Hampshire made products and services under the logo "New Hampshire's Own, a product of Yankee Pride."

NHFRC is the presenter of the popular **NH Growers Dinner Series** that began in 2004. Growers' Dinners are events at host restaurants where all, or a majority of the menu offerings feature local farm and food products and their producers. Chefs create special dishes that showcase these local products. Menus are created to promote the event, and to use as on-going public relations for both the farms and participating restaurants. These programs also help to heighten awareness among the public for the quality, variety and availability of local products throughout New Hampshire. Six events are planned for 2006 as follows:

July 21: The Woodstock Inn Station & Brewery, No. Woodstock, NH

July 29: Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield, NH.

August 7: Carpaccio Ristorante Italiano, Hanover, NH.

September 26: Breakfast at Blake's Ice Cream Restaurant, 353 South Main Street, Manchester, NH.

September 21: Franconia Inn, Franconia, NH.

November 9: Eagle Mountain House, Jackson, NH.

Experience the Best of New Hampshire and look for local foods when dining out. For more information about upcoming Growers Dinners and other NHFRC activities, visit www.nhfarmtorestaurant.com. NHFRC has also produced the NH Farm to Restaurant Dining Guide available on the website and in print from the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food. Call 271-3788 to request a copy.

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