New National Gleaning Census
For our National Gleaning Project, CAFS and the Association of Gleaning Organizations surveyed food recovery organizations nationwide to understand their struggles, strengths, and needs. View the resulting report here.

A New and Improved Gleaning Map
The National Gleaning Project team recently updated our map of gleaning organizations for easier searching; it's now searchable by type of organization and type of gleaning (residential, urban, grocery stores, etc).

Guide to Current Use
Current use land taxation programs are an important tool in the farmland preservation toolbox. Our new guide outlines the theory and practice of these programs, and how they help keep agricultural lands working.

Guide to Chapter 12 Bankruptcy
Did you know that a little-known section of the Bankruptcy Code can be a helpful tool for family farms to save and reorganize their businesses? View our new guide to Chapter 12 bankruptcy to learn how it works.

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November News

Now Hiring Summer Interns
JOIN OUR TEAM IN SUMMER 2022
Vermont Law School’s Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS) is now seeking applications from current law students for our paid Summer Honors Internship Program. Interns will work with CAFS and our partners full-time (in Vermont or remotely) on a range of projects from May 31 to August 5, 2022, and earn a $5k stipend. Applications are due January 14.

Catch Up With CAFS
Hear from our faculty and staff in recent news articles, webinars, and more.

▸ "Biden's Call for Racial Equity Lacks Protections for Marginalized Workers" In an opinion piece for Truthout, CAFS Director Laurie Beyranevand explained how weak safety standards in slaughterhouses cost lives and perpetuate racial injustice—and what the federal government can do about it.

▸ "CAFS Faculty are Coping with Climate Change," Laurie Beyranevand weighed in for Food & Vegetable Magazine about the realities of climate change for small farmers.

▸ "CAFS’s New LLM Fellow Presented on ‘Radical Collaborations in Land Access’ at the Women, Food, and Agriculture Network Conference." Watch it here (passcode: 85Gd8+G5).

▸ Vermont Law School just launched a new Animal Law Program, and CAFS LLM fellow Cydnee Bence joined a panel to discuss related opportunities for students; see here for a recording.

▸ "Vermont Law Banning Food Waste Leads to More Compost—and ‘Separation’ Anxiety." The Counter spoke with Laurie Beyranevand about the state’s food waste law.

▸ "As masses of plaintiffs pursue Roundup cancer compensation, migrant farmworkers are left out." Laurie Beyranevand explained the barriers to access to justice for migrant farmworkers to Environmental Health News.