



Join Us in Vermont This Summer

Summer Session is coming up soon at Vermont Law School, and the [Center for Agriculture and Food Systems](#) is offering a wide variety of food and agriculture law and policy courses. Taught by scholars and advocates from across the country, these courses are open to all; you don't need to be a law student to apply. Join us in beautiful South Royalton, VT to take Cannabis Law, Farmworkers and the Law, Conservation Agriculture Policy, The International Law of Food, The Farm Bill, a range of animal law courses, and more. Courses last anywhere from a single weekend to three weeks, and are paired with opportunities to meet visiting scholars, attend [live lunchtime lectures](#), and join on-campus events. View the Summer Session [course catalog](#) to learn more or visit vermontlaw.edu/summer-session. We hope you can join us!

[Learn more](#)

New Food Law and Policy Resources



Gleaning Resource Hub

We're excited to share a new [Community Resource Library](#), stocked with resources from gleaning organizations across the country. It includes sample handbooks for volunteers, waivers, promo materials, and other useful tools for gleaning organizations to reference and share.



What is "Local" Food?

When it comes to food labeling, does "local" have a legal definition? The latest brief on our Labels Unwrapped site explores how the term is defined (or not) across state and federal laws, and how differing understandings of the subjective term relate to consumer values. View this and other Labels Unwrapped briefs [here](#).



Is "Organic" Humane?

Another [new issue brief](#) on our Labels Unwrapped site explores the relationship between USDA Organic meat and animal welfare, including limits to the existing federal laws around animal welfare and how the proposed Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices rule could add additional animal welfare benefits.



Food/Ag Research Guide

Compiled by Environmental Law Librarian Christine Ryan, a new [research guide](#) includes free, open-access resources related to food and agricultural law and policy. Students, attorneys, farmers, extension professionals, and others conducting food/ag research can use it to find helpful resources.



Anti-Racist Market Toolkit

A new resource from our [Farmers Market Legal Toolkit](#) partners at the Farmers Market Coalition, this toolkit can help market operators examine their organizational structures and culture to ultimately make changes to improve market experiences for BIPOC communities. View it [here](#).

Catch Up With CAFS

Hear from our faculty and staff via recent news articles, webinars, podcasts, and more.

- ["How some big grocery chains help ensure that food deserts stay barren."](#) *The Counter* consulted CAFS director Laurie Beyranevand about restrictive grocery covenants and their food security implications.
- ["Farm Bill Advocacy & Allyship."](#) Senior legal fellow [Fran Miller](#) appeared on [Federation Conversation](#), a podcast published by the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, to discuss her own career, CAFS's work, the next Farm Bill, and more.
- ["7 Tips to Slash Food Waste at Home."](#) *Food Tank* highlighted CAFS's Labels Unwrapped website as a resource to tackle food waste by better understanding food labels.
- ["Farm-to-Table Retailers Serve Fairy Tales to Conscious Consumers."](#) [Laurie Beyranevand](#) spoke with [Sentient Media](#) about the vagueness of terms like "farm to table" and "local."
- ["End the Lifetime Ban on SNAP for Felony Drug Convictions."](#) [Claire Child](#) co-published an opinion piece on the implications of restricting access to SNAP with [Stephanie Clark](#) (professor and director of VLS's restorative justice program) for [Cecil Eats](#).

