

VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

Lazy Lady Farm

Westfield, VT



Their off-grid goat cheese dairy has demonstrated the viability of solar, wind, and geothermal energy in agriculture for 24 years. With a herd of 40 milking does, annual cheese yields of 15,000 pounds, 5 regular employees, and sales exceeding \$200,000 their operation has always relied on a tight circle of balanced, manageable growth. This very same growth has caused their electrical usage to exceed their generating capacity. Add to this the fact that they have identified altogether new sources of energy expenditure, namely, the need for enhanced cooling of fluid milk and the proper dry down of cheese, and the imbalance becomes acute.



An infrastructure upgrade of a 3000 watt solar array to augment their existing array and wind tower will allow them to meet their present loads and accomplish the newly identified.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$6,000.00

Total Match provided by Lazy Lady Farm—\$3,500.00



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