

## VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

# Root 5 Farm

Fairlee, VT



Root 5 Farm is a certified organic vegetable farm located along the CT River in Fairlee, VT. Danielle Allen & Ben Dana have owned and operated the farm since 2013, successfully growing a wide variety of vegetables for sale at local farmers' markets, wholesale accounts, and 150 CSA shares. They also produce 4,000 lbs of sauerkraut each year from the farm's cabbage.

Danielle & Ben recently worked with the Farm Viability Program to set the stage for future growth of the farm. They've made plans to bring their operations into compliance with food safety regulations. They also plan to build an on-farm processing kitchen, which will allow them to expand their sauerkraut enterprise. Lastly, they will build a multi-use crop storage room for winter squash, forcing endive, and fermenting sauerkraut. The impact of building this new infrastructure will be to increase production efficiency and farm profitability as well as create more year-round job opportunities.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$20,000 for an on-farm processing kitchen, pack house and crop storage renovations.