

Shire Beef, LLC

Vershire, VT



Shire Beef LLC is a small start-up beef cattle operation (cow-calf to finish) which is entirely grass-based (American Grassfed Association certified) and conducted with a species-appropriate living environment in mind (Animal Welfare certified). They have a public warehousing license and operate a meat locker service in their commercial freezer for their customers as well as other farmers in our area. They have one fulltime seasonal employee in the summer months to help with rotational grazing and haying. Shire Beef sells most of their product, which consists entirely of USDA-inspected, vacuum-packed and frozen beef cuts, to retail customers and through a CSA subscription with Your Farm in Fairlee, Vt. They are still in a growth phase getting their herd numbers stabilized and will be scaled up from 5 animals to slaughter to 12 animals next year. 2015 will be their third year in business.



The funds will be used to to purchase a compost tea brewing set and a skid-based pickup truck transportable sprayer to apply nutrient rich, highly oxygenated compost tea to their pastures in order to increase soil biological activity and retained carbon. The equipment will be shared with members of the community leveraging the effect across their region.

Total Working Lands Grant: \$7,100

Total Matching Funds: \$1,825