Windfall Orchard

Cornwall, VT

Windfall Orchard grows apples, pears, plums, cherries, and quince in the orchard. The market garden has a variety of vegetables throughout the season, and foraged foods during the growing season.

They also produce and sell Ice Cider at farmer's markets and at their farm stand.

Since 2004, Windfall Orchard has doubled production from two acres to over four, with over 80 varieties of apples. They sell apples and fresh cider at the Rutland and Middlebury Farmers' Markets. For the past 4 years, they have produced Windfall Ice Cider in partnership with Eden Ice Cider. This season, they made a small test batch of sparkling dry cider.

They have seen a huge growth in demand for small-scale custom pressing for both private enterprises and serious cider enthusiasts. As a result, they have exceeded their capacity to make enough cider, and look to upgrade their pressing operation.

Their orchard is uniquely prepared to craft unique cider blends. Upgrading their pressing operation will allow them to expand their business by meeting increasing market demand for small batch, custom-pressed cider. They look to purchase a pair of efficient cider presses, grinder and elevator, and improve sanitation with washable wallboard and storage.

Total Working Lands Grant—$9,750.00
Total Match provided by Windfall Orchard—$3,250.00