

VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

Wicked Bines Farm & Whitefield Hop Yard

Berlin and East Hardwick, VT



With this grant, Wicked Bines Farm and Whitefield Hop Yard will be able to not only commercially harvest, process, and package their hops, but also will be Vermont's only commercial hop processing center for the many up-start hop farms in Vermont. Currently, there are dozens of small hop farms with no way to commercially harvest and process their hops. This is due to the large upfront capital investment of a commercial harvester, hammer mill and pelletizer, and vacuum sealing system. With the ability to access this necessary and expensive equipment, more small farms will be able to enter the fledgling hop market.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$30,000 for a hops harvester and hop pelletizing/packaging services.