



Hayward Farm, Derby, VT

Through much of his life, Dick Del Favaro was always a "farmer without a farm." As a "4-H'er" kid he raised pigs, laying hens, and as many as 300 broiler chickens. He went on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in agriculture-related fields. Then after a successful career dramatically growing a family business, in 1989 he purchased a defunct dairy farm and began to raise beef. Now, with 350 acres and 80 brood cows to manage for production of Northeast Artisan Beef, and forage crops to harvest for his farm and neighboring dairy farmers, his dream has come true. He finally has his farm!

Dick's farm is in the very upper reaches of the Connecticut River Valley, near the source of the Clyde River, a few miles from Canada. His granddaughter, Julia, is now working towards an undergraduate animal science degree. He hopes she won't have to wait as long as he did to be a "farmer with a farm."

