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A History of Agriculture in  
New York's Champlain Valley

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*From Forest to Fields: A History of Agriculture in New York's Champlain Valley* leads visitors through the working landscape in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Warren, and Washington Counties in upstate New York. Along the way, readers will learn to identify historic and contemporary agricultural crops, structures, and practices while visiting farms, museums, fairgrounds, and farmers markets. We invite you to use this guide in conjunction with the *Guide to Local Farms and Food in the Historic Champlain Valley*, video "Passage Minutes" and a suggested travel itinerary that can be found on the [www.adirondackharvest.com](http://www.adirondackharvest.com) and [www.lakestolocks.org](http://www.lakestolocks.org) websites.



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