

“ If people let government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny. ”

- Thomas Jefferson



## Join VICFA Now

### Informative Monthly Newsletter:

Each month, you'll receive up-to-date articles, important news, and ways that VICFA is making a difference to support our freedoms. *VICFA Voice* is distributed by mail and by email and is available on our website.

### Website:

Logon to listen to radio programs, read articles, sign-up for email alerts and more.

### Meetings:

We hold public meetings each month to discuss the problems and develop proposed solutions that can make important impacts locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

Thank you for your interest in supporting traditional heritage farms. With your actions you are furthering VICFA'S mission.

Please stand with us by becoming a member of VICFA.

*For more information, contact us today.*



Annual membership is \$25.00.  
Please make check payable to VICFA and send to  
PO Box 6838, Charlottesville, VA 22906

### MEMBERSHIP FORM (please print clearly)

*\* Required fields*

\*Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company /Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_

\*Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Producers, please list the products that you sell:

\*Do you want to be listed in the Membership Directory?

Yes  No

Note. Your directory listing will contain all of the above information unless you indicate otherwise.

## VICFA

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## Our Mission

is to promote and preserve unregulated direct farmer to consumer trade that fosters availability of locally grown or home-produced food products.

## Who We Are

When farmers trade with neighbors, accountability is built in and regulations are not needed. We see people taking responsibility for their basic food needs without asking permission from government agencies. We surrendered this freedom over time, and now...

*...we are taking it back!*

Formed in 2000, VICFA is a growing group of farmers and consumers dedicated to freedom of food choice in Virginia. We are committed to keeping the earth sustainable and food choice available. We will accomplish this through:

- Creating a demand for local food by educating people about the benefits of purchasing from local, sustainable farms
- Changing the laws to regain the rights of farmer-to-consumer unregulated trade
- Opposing a government managed NAIS
- Taking a step toward local economic sustainability by supporting local farms
- Realizing our rights as human beings and our freedom of choice as American citizens

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

### Historical • Traditional • Sustainable

“Each of us is endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights.”

—U.S. Declaration of Independence

Rights come from our Creator, not from the state. All Virginians deserve access to the producer of their choice. Paid corporate lobbyists, colluding with the state, have crafted regulations that eliminate our choices and benefit corporate agriculture. These encroachments have often been subtle. **We want to be bold and clear as we stand for food freedom.**

## What We Do

**LOBBY DAY** at the General Assembly  
**EDUCATE** through outreach and events  
**MONITOR** proposed legislation that limits food choices



## Saving Rural Land

Farmland is disappearing into developers' wallets, aided by zoning ordinances that destroy the rights of farm owners.

What's the best way to preserve farmland? Keep it in farms!

When farmers earn the full value of their production by trading with their neighbors, not selling to a processor, farms thrive, rural lands are cherished and communities have healthy fresh foods.

It really is that simple.

## VICFA'S Accomplishments

**Scrapie 2009/10:** Challenging regulations

**Home Kitchen Bill 2008(SB272):** Restored the right to sell home-made baked goods, jams and jellies without an inspection.

**Avian Flu Bill 2006:(Amended a bill)** Prevented the VA Dept. of Ag from making outdoor poultry illegal in VA. We also stopped them from requiring Virginians to obtain a license to own poultry.

**Home Dairy Bill 2005:** After Gov. Mark Warner signed regulations making it a crime for you to use the milk from your own cow or goat to make butter or cheese for your own consumption, VICFA got a bill passed that *restored that right.*

## NAIS UPDATE

USDA has shifted the activities of NAIS to the state level.

**VICFA will continue to monitor state programs that push the base premise of NAIS under different names.**



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