

Fieldnotes

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Interviewee: Adam Hausmann

Interviewer: Andy Kolovos

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Interview Location: Adam's Berry Farm

After my morning with Carl Cushing I changed gears quite a bit and headed over to meet with Adam Hausmann of Adam's Berry Farm in Charlotte, VT. The interview with Hausmann emerges from the thread of interviews exploring farming in the Intervale. In addition my interest in interviewing Adam also came from a desire to contrast Greg's interview with Clark Wilson, whose large scale, conventional operation forms an interesting counterpoint to Hausmann's.

I first encountered Adam's Berry Farm several years back in the Intervale while my kids were at Trinity Childrens' Center near by and we would bring them down there after pre-school to pick berries. It was a great place—convenient and friendly. Plus since he was organic I wasn't as freaked out about the kids picking and eating berries. Adam moved out of the Intervale after Irene, but as he notes in the interview leaving was something he had long considered because of the unpredictability of flooding in the location.

Adam is came to farming from a non-farming background, and since he deals in seasonal soft fruits, it was a pretty good contrast to my morning at the slaughter and processing facility in Ferrisburgh. Adam took a lot of time talk and had a great deal on his mind ranging from his personal trajectory to berry growing to the generalities of organic farming.

Adam too is a great talker and generous with his time. I think he would also make an interesting addition to a panel on agriculture in the state. He even offered to host a VFC event at the farm at some point in the future.