

Thank you for  
coming to  
Newbury.



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We welcome you to our community and encourage you to experience the great quality of life that is afforded by this country setting. Take a drive around the town and enjoy the beautiful views that we have to offer. Stop at our local farms and purchase fresh produce grown by well-respected, experienced farmers who take pride in their profession

Be sure to check out our local farmers:

Montgomery Park Farm ♦ [www.montgomeryparkfarm.com](http://www.montgomeryparkfarm.com)

Tendercrop Farm ♦ [www.tendercropfarm.com](http://www.tendercropfarm.com)

Colby Farms ♦ [www.colbyfarms.com](http://www.colbyfarms.com)

Iron Moon Farm ♦ [www.ironmoonfarm.com](http://www.ironmoonfarm.com)

Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm ♦ [www.historicnewengland.org](http://www.historicnewengland.org)



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Newbury, MA 01951  
Agricultural Commission

If you would like your farm listed above, please contact  
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*Join the growing legions  
of responsible "locavores"  
and savor the sensory bounty  
of Newbury.*

## Newbury, MA

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**A Guide For  
Living In  
And Visiting  
Our Beautiful  
Community**



In order to remain a farming community, it is important to support the agriculture and livestock industries. They are the backbone of this community.

## Right-To-Farm

Newbury supports a farmer's right-to-farm. This means that during certain times of the year farm equipment will be in the fields and on the roads, fertilizers will be applied to land, and livestock, large and small, will be raised. The noise, dust, and smells of farming are present. Please recognize and appreciate these characteristics as an integral part of the right-to-farm, whether you live here or are just traveling through Newbury.

The town takes pride in the quality of life it provides for its citizens. Having working farm lands help maintain that great quality of life by protecting our resource base, contributing to the local economy, and providing scenic views for everyone. It is important to recognize that farming is a business and represents a way of life that has been around for centuries.

Here, we have a wide array of agricultural activities going on, from traditional farming of row crops to cut flowers, vegetables, various livestock and a flourishing equine industry.

According to the 2006 Master Plan of Newbury, 82% of the land is undeveloped land comprised of protected natural land, water, agricultural, and forest lands. Only 18% of the 15,238 acres are developed, with most of the development used for residential homes.

### This is farm country.

Whether you live here or are a visitor, it is important to be aware of your surroundings. The following will help you know what to expect when traveling through or living in Newbury.

### Rural Roads

Don't be surprised if you end up on some bumpy gravel roads in your travels. Seldom do rural roads have the same characteristics as those found in urban areas such as: wide lanes, pavement, shoulders, *etc.* Be cautious when traveling the back roads and expect some slow drivers.

### Slow Moving Vehicles

Farm equipment may slow your travel from time to time. Look for the above sign which is displayed on the rear of farm equipment. When you see this emblem, recognize its meaning and please slow down. Most of all, please be patient since farmers are just trying to get their work done. Most farmers will allow you to pass as soon as it's safe for them to pull over.



### Private Property

If you are on property that is not yours, you are trespassing, unless you have prior approval from the landowner. Farmers don't come walking on your lawns, so please don't take it upon yourself to venture into their fields or forest lands without permission.

### Sights, Smells, and Sounds

Farming isn't just the pretty fields and barns. Along with farming comes dust when tilling and harvesting, especially when it's windy or dry outside.

Along with dust, farming can also generate some odors. Whether it be the fertilizers used on the crops or animals and manure, there are sometimes unpleasant smells. Farmers follow best management practices in order to minimize the impact these odors have on others. Be careful to take into account your proximity to farmland when you consider buying a home. Smells are a part of the business of farming.

Additionally, there are many times when farmers must begin work early in the morning or work until late at night. This can be noisy and may also generate some dust. Farmers work according to the weather conditions and often find it necessary to work on Sundays and holidays.

