

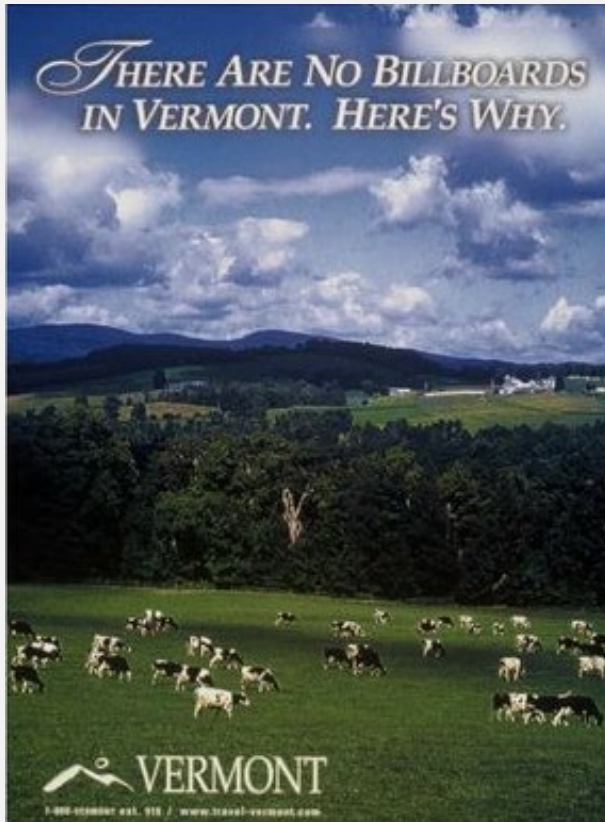
REFRAMING GROWTH, VETTING OUR VALUES

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2021 Southern Vermont Economy Summit

POLICIES & VALUES



**Downtown
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**Application
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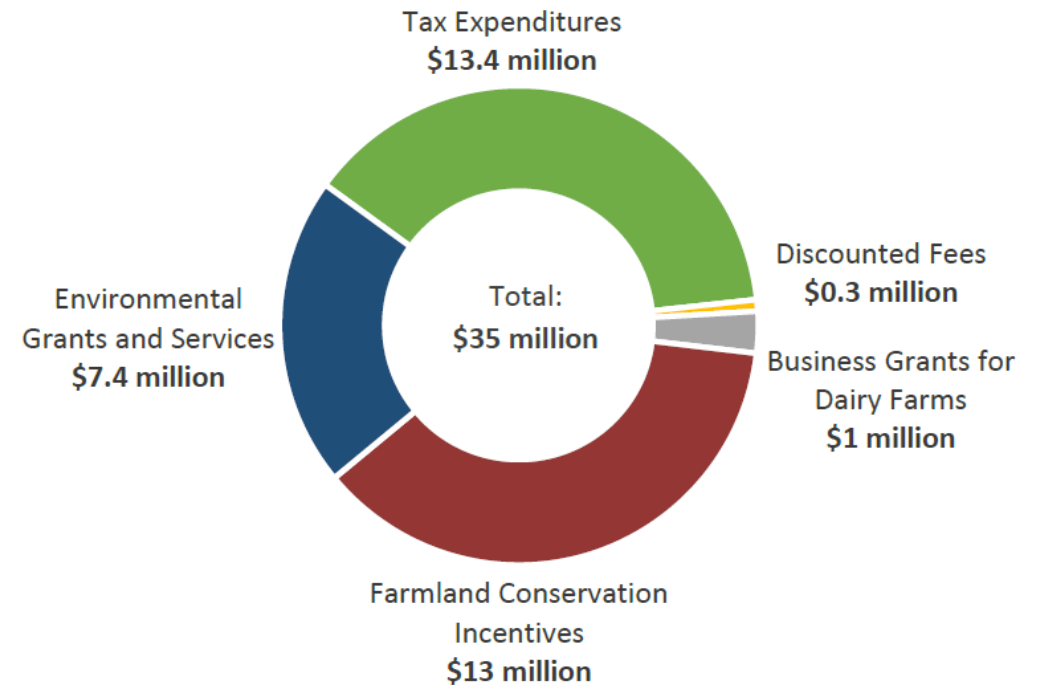
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“In the 2019 Vermont Rural Life Survey conducted by Vermont PBS and Vermont Public Radio, 93% of respondents said that the dairy industry was very or somewhat important to Vermont’s sense of self.”

Vermont Auditor Douglas R. Hoffer

Figure 1. Estimated State Spending on the Dairy Industry totaled more than \$35 million in FY19

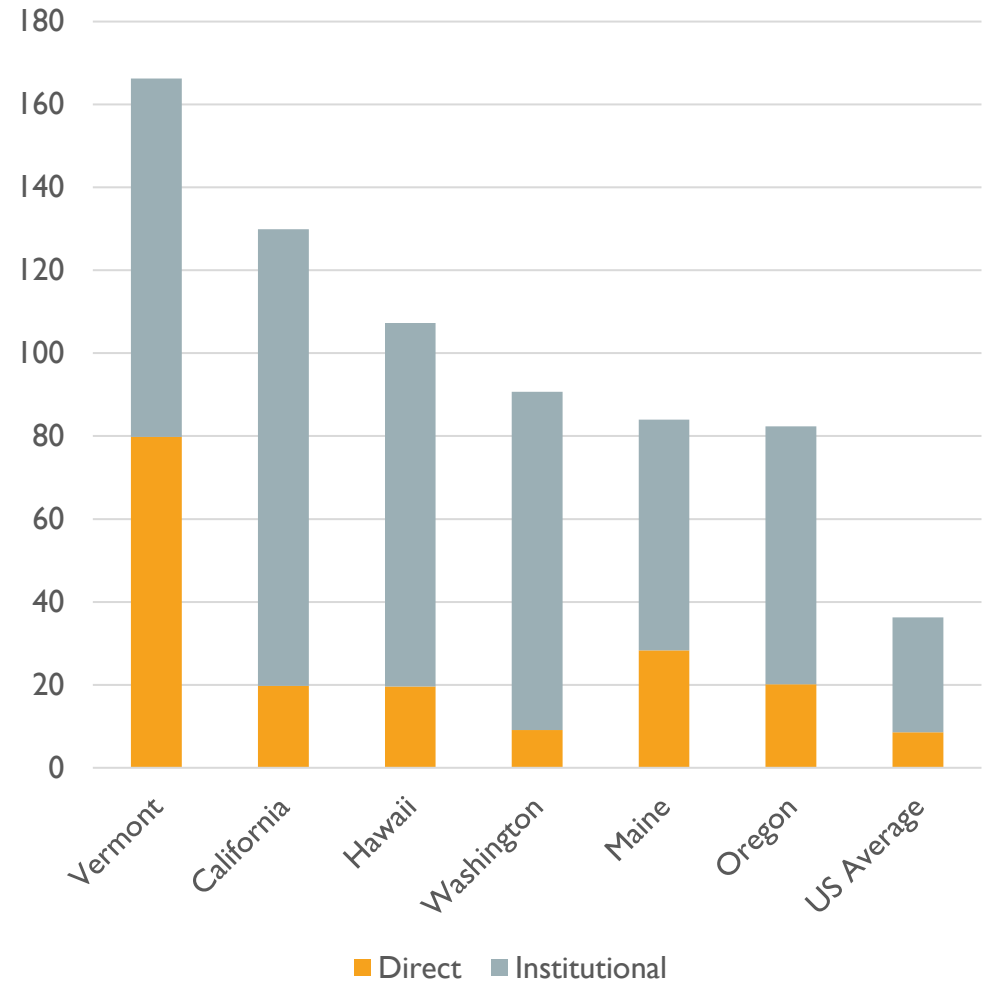


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“It’s clear Vermonters like what they are buying and are supporting local agriculture. Thanks to the public, farmers, and food companies, our rural communities are stronger.”

Vermont Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbets

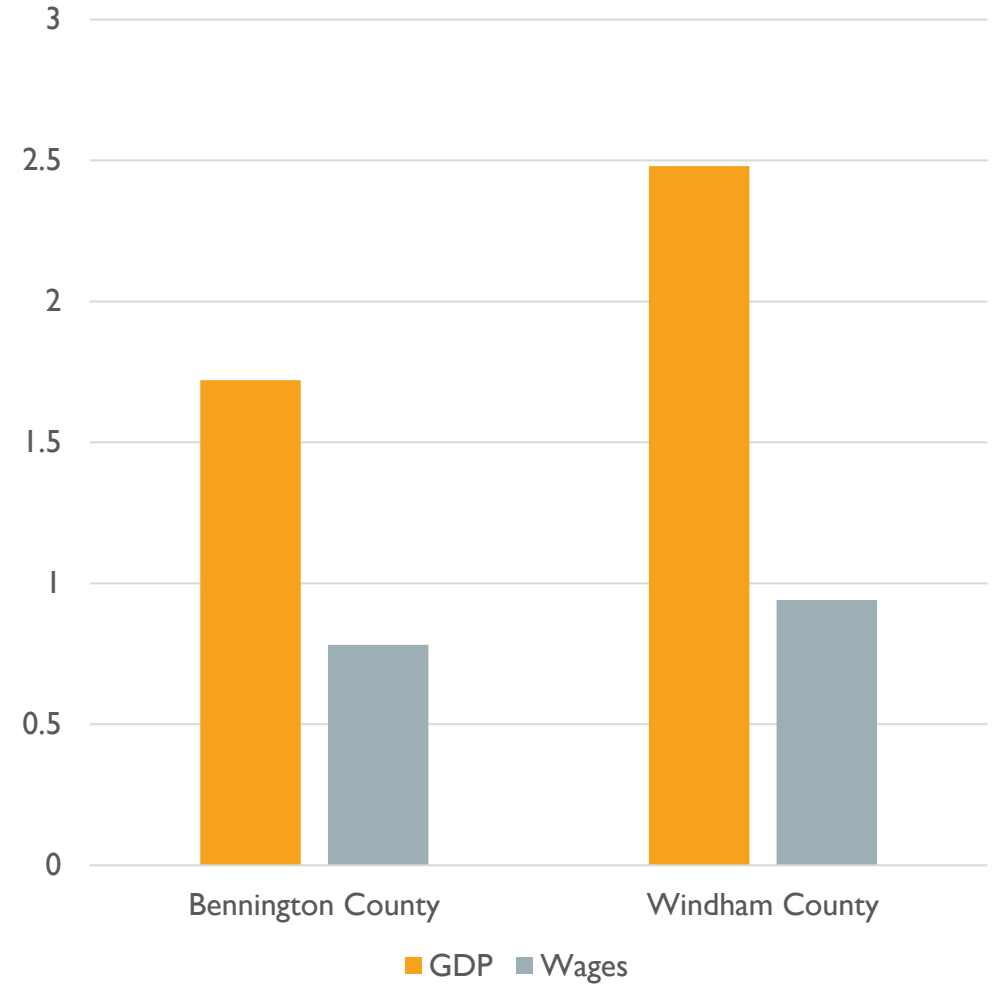
“Local Food” sales per capita



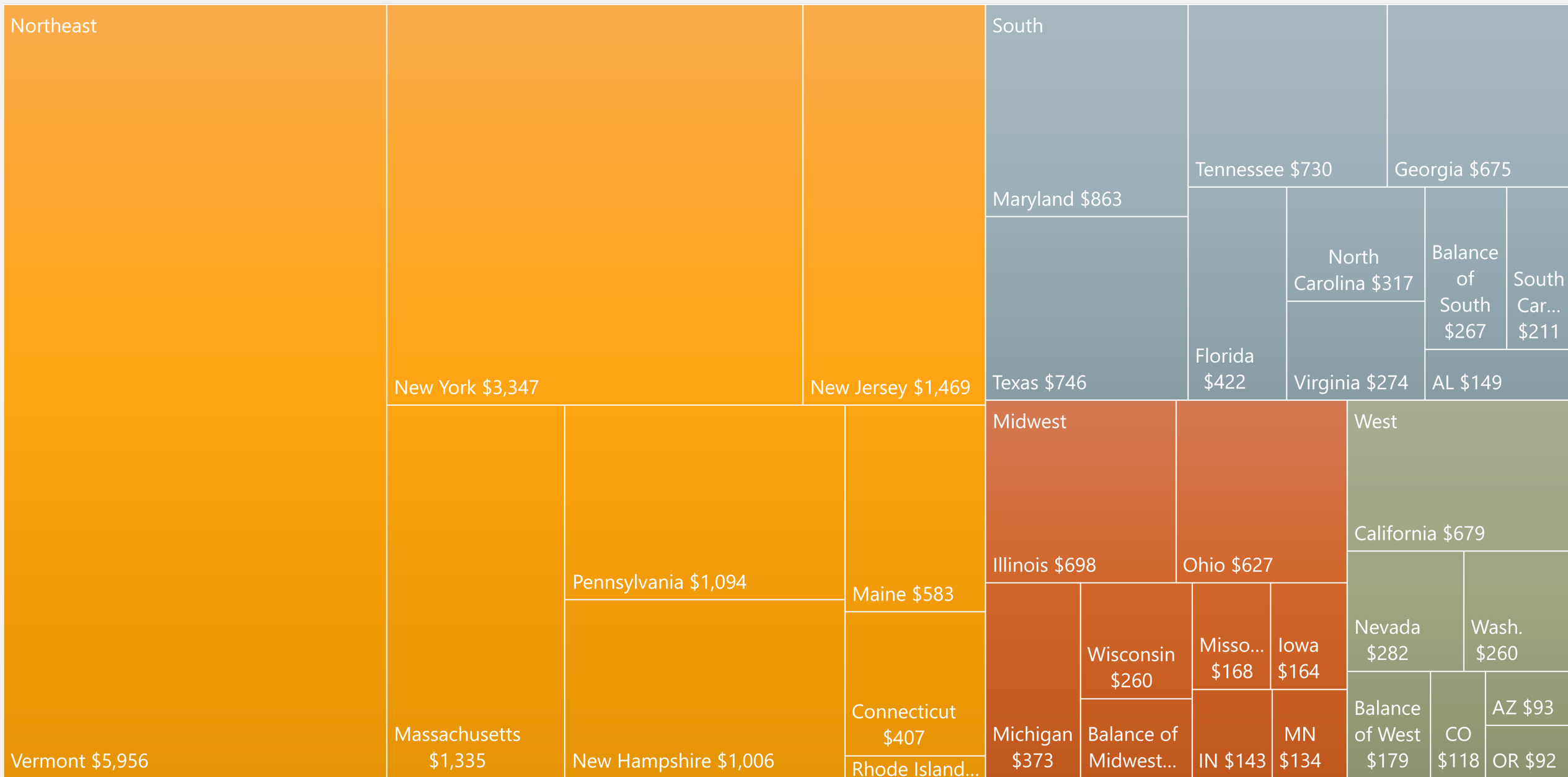
BUT HOW MUCH IS THAT?
HOW FAR CAN THAT GO?

SOUTHERN VERMONT:
\$4.2B GDP \$1.7B WAGES 38,600 JOBS

Wages and GDP, in \$billions



VALUE OF VERMONT COMMODITIES SHIPPED DOMESTICALLY, 2017 (\$in millions)



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■ Northeast
 ■ South
 ■ Midwest
 ■ West