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Vermont Farm Tours Named a 2011 “Best of New England — Editors’ Choice” Winner by *Yankee Magazine*

Burlington, Vt. (May 6, 2011)—Vermont Farm Tours has been recognized as a 2011 “Editors’ Choice” winner in *Yankee Magazine’s Travel Guide to New England* for its exceptional Artisan Cheese Tour. This designation is awarded by *Yankee’s* editors and contributors, who name select restaurants, lodgings, and attractions in New England to the exclusive list.

Vermont Farm Tours offers guided full-day and half-day tours visiting small farms in central and northern Vermont. The Artisan Cheese Tour recognized by *Yankee Magazine* visits three unique cheesemakers, allowing guests to experience firsthand all aspects of artisan cheese production, with plenty of samples and a three-course picnic lunch. Other tours include a vineyard tour, farm tour, and an annual cycling tour of the Champlain Islands. Tour pricing runs from \$30 for a walking “Urban Farm Tour” to \$400 for a private full-day tour. More information can be found at VermontFarmTours.com

Chris Howell, Vermont Farm Tours owner and guide, explains his philosophy as a guide, “I love introducing my guests to the people and farms making the very best artisan products. There’s nothing more memorable than eating real food with the person who made it on the soil it came from. It’s exciting to have the Artisan Cheese Tour recognized because cheese provides an especially vivid window on the story of the Vermont landscape. Every Vermont cheesemaker is totally unique, and that shows in their cheese. When you taste cheese from a farm you’ve visited, you’re immediately transported to the pasture, the animals, and the story of the cheesemaker.”

Yankee Magazine editor, Mel Allen, describes the *Travel Guide to New England*, “Our ‘Best of New England’ issue is about where we live and play and raise our families. These places happen to be the cities and villages, the beaches, mountains, and forests where visitors from around the world come to spend precious vacation days. We’ve filled our pages with the places we want to see, and have seen, and will see again.”

The 2011 *Travel Guide* features 288 “Best of New England — Editors’ Choice” selections, which include the region’s best dining and lodging venues, attractions, adventures, local secrets, and bargains. In the food section, follow six different trails that spotlight region-specific culinary legacies, including burgers in Connecticut, lobster rolls in Maine, chowder in Massachusetts, ice cream in New Hampshire, stuffed clams in Rhode Island, and cheddar cheese in Vermont.

For more information, visit: VermontFarmTours.com/bestofnewengland.html

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About *Yankee Magazine*: *Yankee Magazine* was founded in 1935 and is based in Dublin, New Hampshire. It is the only magazine devoted to New England through its coverage of travel, home, food, and features. With a paid circulation of more than 350,000 and a total audience of nearly 2 million, it is published by Yankee Publishing Incorporated (YPI), a family-owned and independent magazine publisher. More information about *Yankee: New England's Magazine* is available at: YankeeMagazine.com

About Vermont Farm Tours: Vermont Farm Tours is a Burlington, VT-based culinary tour outfit that offers guided day and half-day trips exploring the people and places that give Vermont its reputation for delicious local food. Summer-fall 2011 tours include an Artisan Cheese Tour, two Farm Tours, Vineyard Tour, and the annual Heart of the Islands Bike Tour this July 9. More information is available at VermontFarmTours.com

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