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**Shelburne Farms Named a 2013 “Best of New England — Editors’ Choice” Winner by *Yankee Magazine***

Shelburne, VT, May 13, 2013—Shelburne Farms has been recognized as a 2013 “Editors’ Choice” winner for “Best Hands-On Farm Programs” in *Yankee Magazine*’s *Travel Guide to New England*, on newsstands now. This designation is awarded by *Yankee*’seditors and contributors, who name select restaurants, lodgings, and attractions in New England to the exclusive list.

A nonprofit organization, Shelburne Farms works to cultivate change for a sustainable future through education, collaboration, and land stewardship. Integrated with a 1,400-acre working farm and National Historic Landmark on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shelburne, Vermont, Shelburne Farms serves more than 140,000 program participants and visitors each year. It also crafts award-winning cheese and operates an inn and restaurant on the property.

As reported by *Yankee*, Shelburne Farms “has become a leader in the local-foods movement with farm-based education programs for both children and adults.” A national model for sustainable farming and education, Shelburne Farms uses its children’s farmyard, market garden, pastures, dairy, cheesemaking hub, education center, and restaurant to inspire deeper connections with community, nature, and agriculture.

Beyond the property, Shelburne Farms partners with many education and land stewardship organizations to advance farm to school and education for sustainability initiatives locally and around the world. This includes leading the 2,500+ member Farm-Based Education Network and being the educational arm of Vermont Food Education Every Day (VT FEED). Shelburne Farms offers programs, walking trails, and farm products year-round. Its farm-to-table inn and restaurant, featuring ultra-fresh and local ingredients, opened its doors for the 2013 season May 11 and will remain open until October 20.

“Every one of the 300-plus places we highlight contains an untold back story about someone striving for perfection, having a dream, and having the vision to make a difference, whether it’s a small artisan’s studio or a lobster-in-the-rough shack or a dressed-up steakhouse on a tree-lined Boston street,” says *Yankee*’s editor Mel Allen. While it may be hard to create a business, the true challenge is in making it work, being good enough that it endures and brings people back. Those are the qualities we look for and reward when we say ‘Best of New England.’”

*Yankee Magazine*’s May/June 2013 *Travel Guide,* on newsstands April 23, features 317 “Best of New England — Editors’ Choice” winners, which include the region’s best attractions, food & dining, lodging, and bargains. This special issue also names 120 top events around New England and shares six island day trips—from dawn to dark, plus recipes for delectable island fare.

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**About Shelburne Farms**

Shelburne Farms ([www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org)) is a nonprofit organization working to cultivate change for a sustainable future through education, collaboration, and land stewardship. Integrated with a 1,400-acre working farm and National Historic Landmark on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shelburne, Vermont, Shelburne Farms is a national model for farm-based education and land stewardship. Its extensive partnerships advance farm to school and education for sustainability initiatives locally and around the world. Recognized by Yankee Magazine in 2013 for “Best Hands-On Farm Programs” in New England, Shelburne Farms serves more than 140,000 program participants and visitors each year. The nonprofit is supported by the charitable contributions of generous supporters from 44 states and five countries, as well as its program support enterprises, including award-winning farmhouse cheesemaking, inn, and restaurant. In 2012, the Inn at Shelburne Farms was a Fodor’s “100 Best Hotel” awardee as a farm-to-inn trendsetter. The Farm is located at 1611 Harbor Road, Shelburne, VT 05482.

**About *Yankee Magazine***

*Yankee Magazine* ([www.yankeemagazine.com](http://www.yankeemagazine.com)) 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 feature stories. For 37 years, *Yankee Magazine*’s *Travel Guide to New England* has been the most widely distributed and best-selling guide to the six-state region, providing readers with a comprehensive vacation-planning tool and daily reference. With an average circulation of 317,000 and a total audience of 1.7 million readers, it is published by Yankee Publishing Incorporated (YPI), a family-owned, independent magazine publisher. YPI also owns the nation’s oldest continuously produced periodical, *The Old Farmer’s Almanac,* and McLean Communications.

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