

Customer Testimonial

Nea-Tocht Farm

Wood Ash

Nea-Tocht Farm, translating to “Never Thought” in Dutch, was purchased by the Vander Wey family in 1976 and is located in the scenic farming town of Ferrisburgh, VT. Brothers Howard and Sid Vander Wey currently manage the family-owned farm which includes 300 acres of corn, alfalfa, and grass fields, around 270 dairy cows, and a towering wind-turbine that generates electricity for the farm.

Howard had identified the need for potassium and lime for his hayfields and placed an order for RMI’s Wood Ash. He found that in addition to supplying a range of nutrients, the Wood Ash application further enhanced the health of the soil by encouraging the growth of native grasses in the fields. Seeing the success of the hayfields led him to apply Wood Ash to the soil prior to seeding additional fields. Once germinated, he found that the new seedlings were stronger and more resilient, which he attributes to the abundance of micronutrients contained in Wood Ash that are essential for healthy growth in young plants.

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Both Wood Ash and High Carbon Wood Ash have been utilized by farmers like the Vander-Wey's for generations, praised for their effectiveness, economic value, and advantages over commercial fertilizers. These natural fertilizers improve soil quality and crop yields by supplying essential nutrients including potassium, phosphorous, magnesium, and zinc. They also contain calcium carbonate, a fast-acting liming agent which increases soil pH, resulting in enhanced growing conditions for a variety of crops. Both products are OMRI Listed® and may be used on operations that are certified organic under the National Organic Program. Grants applicable to the purchase and application of Wood Ash as a soil amendment may be available through the Natural Resources Conversation Service, and an RMI Sales Representative can help you determine eligibility.