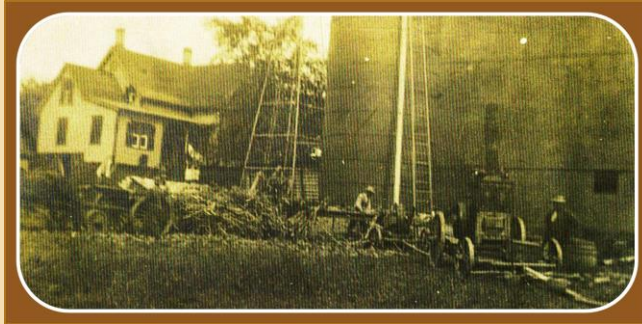


## Old Ways Won't Open New Doors



There are many reasons the Strong Family Farm has been a working farm since 1878. Perhaps the most compelling is that the family adapted to the changes of the times in which they found themselves. For example, when dairy farming was no longer a profitable venture in the 1960s, they began raising turkeys.

Some fifty-years later, the family adapted once again when son Morgan decided that he had had enough of Connecticut winters and wanted to farm in Virginia.

Daughter Nancy Strong conceived of saving both the farm and its history by providing a historic agricultural education center where individuals, families, and groups could experience an authentic family farm environment.

That was four years and six months ago.

Through the belief and help of wonderful people who volunteer their time in so many ways, the farm had a new life and a new way of serving the community.

## Survival Requires Making Changes



### New Barn - November 1917

There is no getting around the fact that farming is hard work. The farm's current garden plots require constant weeding and attention.

The woodchucks and rabbits literally eat into the potential profits.

The wonderful volunteers who show up for work days are a great help. The farm would not be where it is now without you.

Questions must be asked though about how the farm needs to change in order to keep serving the community.

- Who comes to our programs and events?
- Who buys our produce from the farm store?
- Do we sell the types of produce people are looking for?
- What can we do to encourage more participation in the farming/gardening activities?
- How can we make our gardens more profitable and reduce the backbreaking maintenance the current ones require?

These are questions that have a variety of answers.

The answers to these questions also require funding to implement.

But not to worry - we are not asking you for money!

That's because Nancy Strong and I just spent a good many hours last week finalizing the farm's application for the CT Department of Agriculture 2017 Viability Grant.

If we're awarded this grant, then we can begin implementing the answers to the above questions.

We'll let you know what happens as soon as we hear from the grant committee!

Keep your fingers crossed!

## Veteran's Day



On This Veteran's Day we first want to say thank you to the veterans who volunteer at the farm.

Your continuing service to your community are greatly appreciated.

To all veterans on this day, your commitment, and the sacrifices you and your families have made have our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

Thank you for your service in keeping America the great country it has always been.

All the Best!

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