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When farmers need to make room for cattle grazing, it can be one of the most impactful and dangerous problems for Vermont's environment. For a long time farming and agriculture have been a large culture in Vermont, which has provided many jobs, and given people a source of income. But there are still some problematic conditions that come with agriculture and farming. “ About 40% of the phosphorus pollution in Lake Champlain comes from agriculture,” says the Total Maximum Daily Load, which can be detrimental to Vermont's wildlife and air quality. Phosphorus on its own isn't a bad mineral, it is used in fertilizers, matches, LED lights, and even metalworking. In Lake Champlain, there is an overload of phosphorus, which can give invasive species a place to thrive. Agriculture remains to be a major problem that has been denied for decades in Vermont.

Vermont has a reputation for its green mountains and luxurious forests. But in the 1880s Vermont was barren when it came to forests because the lumber business was hitting its peak, at least at the moment “by focusing on its present, rather than securing its future” says Vtdigger. As Vermont's government system and views on the environment have changed, we have replanted much of the barren land. But even now there are large plots of land that farmers have planned to use either for farming or cattle grazing, but end up not being used or simply a space of storage or trash. This ends up leaving Vermont with an unlikeable image.

Earth day is an important celebration in Vermont, we live in such a state that takes the foibles people have into account. Humans are capable of destruction, havoc, and annihilation. But humans are also the source of life, love, and restoration. Vermont by all means is ahead of its time and is very forward-thinking. This does not disregard the fact that we still have areas where we can work to change. It's unrealistic to cut off all sources of meat and dairy because not all people can afford to do that, but there are sustainable ways to reduce the amount of meat and dairy you consume, for the people who can afford to. For example, getting calcium from vegan sources, as well as trying plant-based milk, or milk from animals that produce less methane than cattle.

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