

Settled in the 1600's and incorporated in 1803, Ancram has been a farming community for over 400 years.

Ancram is named for the Livingston ancestral homeland in Anchoram, Scotland. Robert Livingston, first Lord of the Manor, was granted the lands from the Hudson River to the Massachusetts and Connecticut borders by King George I, containing most of today's Columbia and Dutchess counties. Descendant Philip Livingston was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

In 2010, as part of a survey taken for Ancram's Comprehensive Plan, we learned that Ancram's love of its farming heritage is as strong as ever... over 90% of our townspeople say it is very important to support agriculture and conserve our open space, scenic views, and water resources.



Ancram celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Town Hall in 2013. This building echoes the town's agricultural heritage by reflecting the barn and silo in its contemporary design. Sue Bassin photo.



Rolling hills, natural features, and farmer ingenuity can create beautiful abstract compositions on Ancram's working landscapes. Photos by B.Docktor unless otherwise noted.

Enjoy this map and year-round guide to Ancram farms, hiking and recreational spots.

Get a meal or a snack at one of the 4 spots listed or do your shopping at "a Taste of Ancram" farm!



Many farm operations are open year round to visitors. Call ahead for times.

Comments and suggestions about Ancram Farming and this brochure are welcome to the Agricultural Advisory Council. 4th Ed. 7/13

Town of Ancram 1416 County Route 7
Ancram NY 12502
Historic Farming Community Moving Forward

Ancram Farming

Guide Map to Farms & Recreation Areas



Ancram Farming

Located in the scenic Hudson River Valley, Ancram covers 42 square miles—27,475 acres—62% still being farmed today.



With land well suited to grazing, and a good supply of ground and surface water ideal for fruits and vegetables, Ancram is well positioned to capitalize on the “Eat Local” trend.

Decades ago, most farms in Ancram were family-run dairies. Now, farms are more diversified:

- Dairy and dairy products
- Fruits & vegetables
- Livestock - beef, sheep, poultry
- Crops - hay, corn, soybeans
- Horses



Mike Citrin photo

More farm operations sell directly to the public and provide recreational activities as well. Look inside for the map and listings.



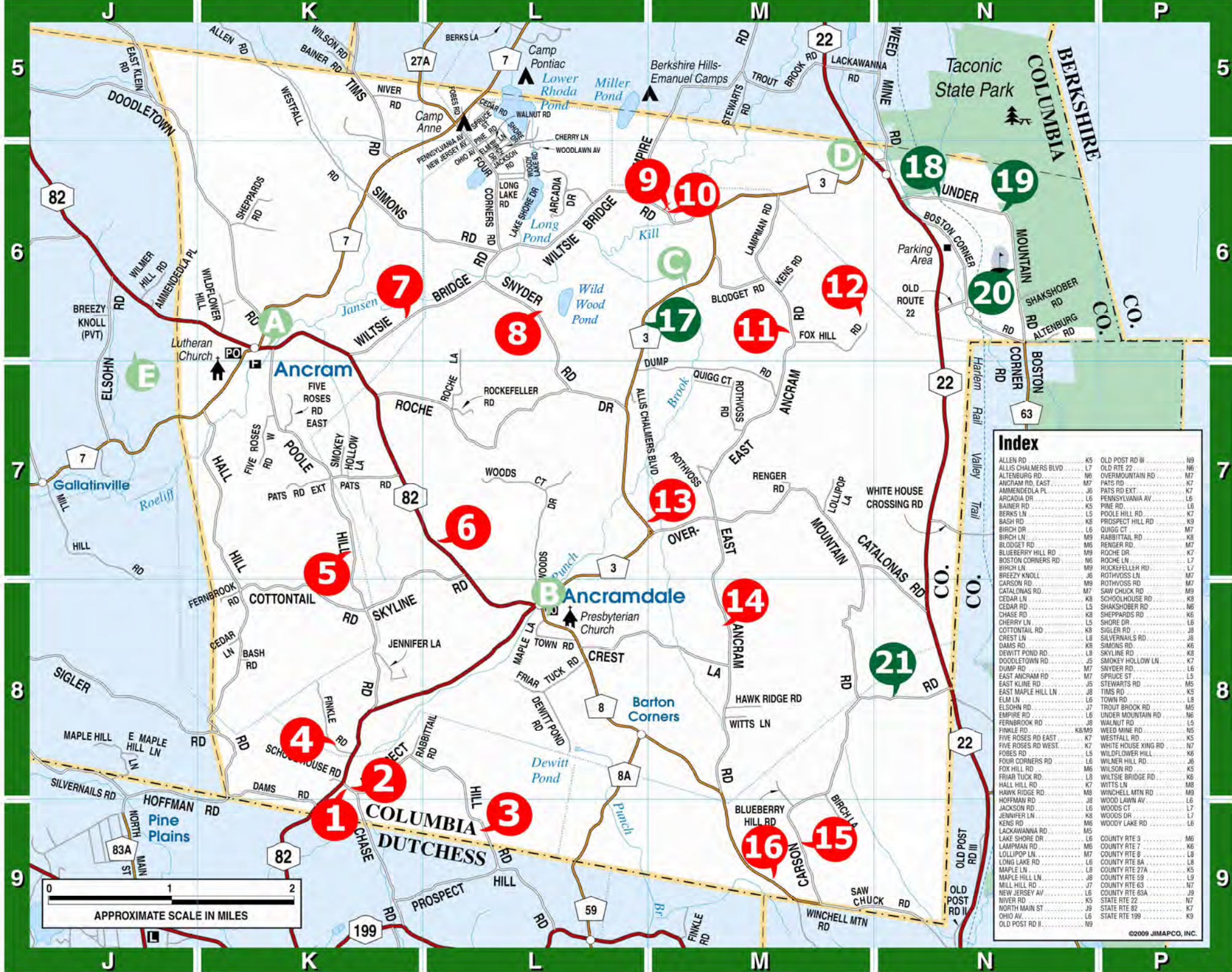
Farmers are major contributors to Ancram’s beautiful open space as well as the local economy. Agriculture is the largest employer, supporting at least 15 % of the town’s households.

Sales of Ancram farms are about \$7.5 million. Four new agricultural businesses have started up in the last three years, all listed here.

Ancram’s Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan was adopted in 2011 and is available on the town’s website, www.townofancram.org.

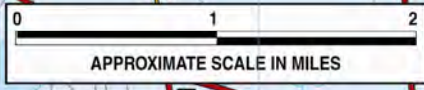


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1 **Chaseholm Farm** Sarah Lyons Chase 518-398-5569
Third generation dairy, sustainable farming practices. Jersey cows for higher fat and protein. Raw milk, other dairy products sold at Chaseholm Farm Creamery, #2 below. 115 Chase Road, Ancramdale. chaseholmfarm@gmail.com 

2 **The Amazing Real Live Food Co., LLC** Rory Chase
 Chaseholm Farm Creamery artisanal production of a variety of raw, pasteurized, and probiotic cheese and ice creams.
 Mailing Address: 96 Chase Rd, Pine Plains, NY 12567
www.amazingreallive.com 518-398-0368, Fax 518-398-0340


3 **Ronnybrook Farm Dairy** 518-398-6455
 Milk, ice cream, yogurt, butter, cheeses made on the farm. Non-homogenized milk from pastured cows, no hormones. Osofsky Family, 310 Prospect Hill Rd, Ancramdale. Tours. Farm Store open Sat. 10-2. Office open M-F 9-5. www.ronnybrook.com 

4 **The Horse Institute** Innovative training program for team building & leadership development combining accepted coaching tools with on-the-ground exercises with horses. Call Marie-Claude Stockl, Exec. Dir 518-398-6300 www.thehorseinstitute.com 

5 **Hillrock Farm & Distillery** 518-329-1023
 Artisanal spirits hand crafted from estate grown barley & rye. Tours, tastings. Sales on premises. Call ahead. Tim Welly, Manager, 408 Poole Hill Road, Ancram 

6 **Millerhurst Gardens** Emily Miller 518-329-2280
 Greenhouse, annuals, perennials, herbs, sweet corn, pumpkins and winter squash on 5th generation family dairy farm. 3201 Route 82, Ancramdale millerhurst@taconic.net 

7 **Thompson-Finch Farm** Don & Marnie MacLean 518-329-7578 call for reports during season.
 Pick-Your-Own organic fruits & vegetables on this 5th generation family farm. www.thompsonfinch.com 750 Wiltsie Bridge Rd, Ancramdale 

8 **Cricket Hill Farm** Sue & Art Bassin 518-329-6166
 Horse boarding, riding academy, training & showing. Camps & Saddle Club. Horse lay-ups & rehabilitation. Broodmares. Open every day year-round. Hay. staff@crickethillfarm.org Gardens part of Garden Conservancy Open Days Program. 115 Snyder Rd, Ancramdale www.crickethillfarm.org 

9 **Herondale Farm Store** 518-329-3769
 Carries three local producers. Open Fri 11-6, Sat 9-4, Sun 11-3 Jerry & Iva Peele, 90 Wiltsie Bridge Rd, Ancramdale 

10 **Sol Flower Farm, CSA** Vegetables; CSA pickup 
Jacuterie Hand crafted salami, artisanal bacons, and fresh specialty sausages. www.jacuterie.com 

11 **Fox Hill Farm** Larry & Erna Lampman 518-329-2405
 Grassfed British White beef, YaYa's organic eggs from pastured hens. 887 E. Ancram Rd, Ancramdale www.foxhillfarmgrassfedbeef.com 


12 **Toll Gate Farm at Beckinrah Farm** Jim Davenport 518-329-4174 Call for visit.
 Family operated dairy; Members Hudson Valley Fresh Milk & AgriMark Coop; Nat'l Quality Award winning milk. 136 Fox Hill Rd, Ancramdale tollgateholsteins@yahoo.com 

13 **Mill Farm** Icelandic horses 518-329-0185
 Open all year. Call for app't. dslott@icesport.com 281 County Route 3, PO Box 63, Ancramdale

14 **A Horse Drawn Affair** 518-329-5249
 Open every day year-round. Riding, driving, breeding Morgan horses, demonstrations. Bill & Nancy Broe 258 Crest Lane, Ancramdale www.ahorsedrawnaffair.com 

15 **Copper Star Alpaca Farm** 518-789-3470
 Alpaca Sales, Breeding, Training. Call for visit. Barbara & Joe Crocco, 132 Carson Rd, Ancramdale **Farm Store off the Farm** 518-592-1414
 Hand knit/felted apparel, accessories. Yarn, jewelry, gifts. 20 Main St, Millerton. Call ahead for hours. 


16 **Pleasant View Farm** Linda Pulver 518-789-3922
 Greenhouse operation - heirloom tomatoes, herbs, flowers, perennials, vegetables located on 4th generation Dairy of Distinction. Open May, June. 715 Route 8, Ancramdale 

17 **Drowned Lands Swamp Public Conservation Area** 113 acres, 2 trails, views of Berkshire, Taconic, Catskill Mountains. Open year round. Hiking not difficult. 354 Route 3. 

18 **Harlem Valley Rail Trail** Ancram to Copake Falls, 3.7 mile easy hike or bike trail Open year round. Entrance on Undermountain Road. Future connection south to Millerton is approved.


19 **Alander Mountain 2,239 ft.** Mountain straddles NY and MA, highest point in Columbia County. Generous views west make mountain feel bigger. Top-trails exposed, rapid weather changes possible. Plan carefully. Entrance on Undermountain Road.

20 **Undermountain Golf Course** 518-329-4444
 Public 9-hole course with snack bar. Barbeques, catered events. Near entrances to hiking trails #18 & #19 above. Open 7 days March—November. Jack & Pat Shakshober, John & Trish MacArthur 274 Undermountain Rd, Boston Corner www.undermountaingolf.com

21 **Round Ball Mountain Public Conservation Area** 415 acres. Summit 1318' with spectacular views of Harlem Valley and Taconic Mountains. Open year round. 503 Carson Rd. 

Food, Rest Stops, Gasoline

A **Ancram Hotel** Joe Hoyt 518-329-0050
 Pizza, restaurant, bar. Route 82, Center of Ancram

B **The Farmer's Wife** 518-329-5431
 Fine catering, prepared foods, breakfast/lunch, open every day except Tuesday, 7-5, Sunday 7-1 Emilie Sommerhoff & Job Yacubian 3 County Route 8, Ancramdale www.thefarmerswife.biz 

C **The Pond** Linda & Larry Marrish 518-329-1500
 Old fashioned, real home cooking in a casual lodge setting. Restaurant and banquet facilities. Wed-Sat 4-9 Sun 12-9 711 County Route 3, Ancramdale

D **Citgo-Ameristore** 518-329-7744
 Gas, diesel station, convenience store. Routes 3 & 22



Edibles produced by Ancram farms



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