

## WORKING WITH FARMERS TO PROTECT LAKE CHAMPLAIN

The Agronomy and Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) is making a positive impact on Lake Champlain. With agricultural lands accounting for 38 percent of phosphorus pollution in our lake and tributaries, farmers are taking action. Thanks to a partnership among the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), UVM Extension and the Poultney-Metowee Conservation District, Extension Agronomists Jeff Carter and Heather Darby, and the ACAP team provide outreach and technical assistance to farmers within the Lake Champlain Watershed.

ACAP has been in operation since 2011, but between July 2014 and September 2015 alone, the program helped a total of 140 farms to implement 239 conservation practices, including cover

crops that reduce soil erosion, and developing nutrient management plans (to name a few) - all with

some time to measure; however, it's clear



