

# Greenhouse (Hoophouse) Use

NESFP greenhouses are located at Smith Farm and Richardson's Dairy. The greenhouse is for NESFP farmers only. There is no charge to use the greenhouse. You may be responsible for replacing torn or worn plastic covers.

**Space:** You will share the greenhouse with other farmers. You will get your own space for your use only. You will work out a space schedule with other farmers.

**Use:** In spring, use the space to start seeds and grow seedlings. After that, you may grow crops in the soil or dry crops like onions, winter squash, or garlic that need solar heat.

**Equipment:** You must provide your own greenhouse supplies and equipment. The greenhouse is not a place to store tools, equipment, or personal belongings.

**Care for the greenhouse:** You must look after the greenhouse with the other farmers, and make any necessary repairs. Keep it clean to prevent insects, pests, weeds, and disease.

**Cleanup:** You will be expected to take part in regularly scheduled cleanup days for the greenhouses. You will meet with other farmers in early spring, mid-summer and in late fall to clean the greenhouse to prevent pests and disease. You are encouraged to sweep the greenhouse on a regular basis. You should remove plastic and ground cover at the end of the year.

**Safety and security:** You should secure the greenhouse and all materials in it. Do not leave valuables in the greenhouse since the greenhouse is not locked.

**Children and visitors:** You must escort all children and visitors in the greenhouses at all times. Children are not permitted without their parents in the greenhouse.

If you fail to comply with the guidelines, NESFP will give you one warning. The second time you fail to comply, you will lose greenhouse privileges.