



Surowiec Farm Barn

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 **53 Perley Hill Road
Sanbornton, NH**

 www.surowiecfarm.com



Story Map

What's Special About This Site

Perched atop a scenic hill in the Lakes Region not far from I-93, Surowiec Farm provides a classic New England farm setting for visitors to enjoy. The farm is open to visitors from spring through the December holiday season, with a farm

stand and greenhouse offering a variety of local products. The farm offers pick-your-own blueberries in midsummer, and apple picking in the fall. For the holidays, the farm offers cut-your-own Christmas trees, as well as wagon rides.



Photo courtesy of Ryan Cutting

Barn History and Use

The Surowiecs have been farming on this land since 1917. Prior to that, the Taylors operated the farm. Originally a dairy operation, the farm also had a few workhorses and a poultry barn. A milking area in between the barn was added in 1958, and the dairy operation continued until 1970. In 1971

apple trees were planted, and later operations expanded to include more fruit and vegetables. In 2018 an addition to the main building was built that included a commercial kitchen, enlarging the existing farm stand and expanding its offerings.



*Historic rendering courtesy of
Surowiec Farm*

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Architectural Features

The Surowiec Barn is a New England-style barn, with barn doors in the front that once had a transom window above it. The roof boards run horizontally along the length of the barn, and there are common rafters and major purlins. The wood was cut with a circular saw, as this can be seen from the circular marks left in the wood. The barn is made with mortise and tenon construction. Part of the barn has been whitewashed. A hay fork

and track run the length of the barn. The foundation is made of stone. There are six-over-six pane windows in the front of the barn, and there is a cupola on the roof. There used to be a hay scaffold above the front of the front part of the barn. There are hay lofts on both sides of the barn where hay is stored now and the center alley of the barn is boarded over, except for the front portion, to allow for more hay storage.



*Interior photo courtesy of
Ryan Cutting*

What You Can Do Here Now

Surowiec Farm produces a variety of seasonal vegetables, meats, fruit, flowers and ornamental plants available for purchase at their farm stand and by subscription year-round. The farm stand also offers locally made milk and cheeses, meats, the farm's own beef, baked goods, pantry items, maple syrup and maple products in the farm stand.

Christmas trees and holiday greenery are sold beginning the day after Thanksgiving. They are open on Saturdays during the winter months.

Be sure to check out the farm's website to learn about seasonal opportunities for pick-your-own blueberries and apples.

For Further Reading

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