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## NEW YORK FARM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS WITH LEADING FARM SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFIER

--High Meadows Farm of Delhi, NY, celebrates 10 years of being Certified Animal Welfare Approved by  
AGW for high-welfare, pasture-raised pigs—



**DELHI, NY (OCTOBER 31, 2018)**--High Meadows Farm is celebrating 10 years of certification with Certified Animal Welfare Approved by [A Greener World](http://www.agreenerworld.org) (AGW) for their pasture-raised pigs, the leading animal welfare and sustainable label across North America.

Nestled near the Catskill Mountains, High Meadows Farm was the first farm in New York to become certified. Owners John and Laura Hussey have long been devoted to conserving rare and endangered livestock breeds. Working with livestock manager, Ann Van Arsdale, and her co-worker, James Hodges, the Husseys



raise registered Tamworth and Gloucestershire Old Spots pigs and are a certified source farm for breeding pigs, selling to other certified farms. A Greener World has awarded High Meadows Farm a commemorative sign and plaque acknowledging their decade of certification and unwavering commitment to high-welfare, sustainable management.

The Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW certification and food label lets consumers know farm animals are raised outdoors on pasture or range in accordance with the highest animal welfare standards in the U.S. and Canada, using sustainable agriculture methods on an independent farm. [Consumer Reports](#) has rated Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW as a “highly meaningful” label for farm animal welfare, outdoor access and sustainability--and the **only** animal welfare certification they “have any confidence in.” A recent report from the influential Hartman Group, a leading food and beverage market research company, reveals Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW label has the **highest impact** on consumer purchasing behavior of any current food certification label.

**Ann Van Arsdale of High Meadow Farm says,**

“We started out with our first Tamworth pigs in 1994 and today, we have between 15-18 sows at any given time. We sell the piglets from spring through autumn, with a list of committed customers, who raise them outdoors with sustainable and high-welfare practices. There seems to be more and more people starting up with pigs and doing it in a small, sustainable farm setting.”

**AGW Executive Director Andrew Gunther says,**

“We’re proud to celebrate 10 years with [High Meadows Farm](#) and we applaud their commitment to good stewardship, community values and transparency. As one of our longest-certified farms, High Meadows Farm is truly a pioneer of the growing market for verified sustainable products. As this market continues to expand, AGW farmers like John, Laura, Ann and James are at the forefront--offering trusted and verified products to a public hungry for honestly labeled meat, dairy and eggs. We celebrate our shared successes over the last decade--and look forward to the next!”

Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW pigs are available directly from High Meadows Farm. For more information about High Meadows Farm, visit their website [highmeadowssuffolks.com/pigs](http://highmeadowssuffolks.com/pigs).

#### **ABOUT A GREENER WORLD**

A Greener World (AGW) identifies, audits, certifies and promotes practical, sustainable farming systems by supporting farmers and ranchers and informing consumers. AGW’s growing family of trusted certifications includes [Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW](#), [Certified Grassfed by AGW](#) and [Certified Non-GMO by AGW](#). Each program is designed to have positive and measurable impacts on the environment, society and animals, and to encourage truly sustainable farming practices. AGW’s standards and procedures are robust, transparent and achievable.

A nonprofit funded by public donations and [membership](#), AGW offers a range of resources to help people make informed food choices, including an [Online Directory](#) of certified farms and products and [Food Labels Exposed](#)--a definitive guide to food label claims (available in print, online, and as a smartphone app). For more information visit [agreenerworld.org](http://agreenerworld.org).

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