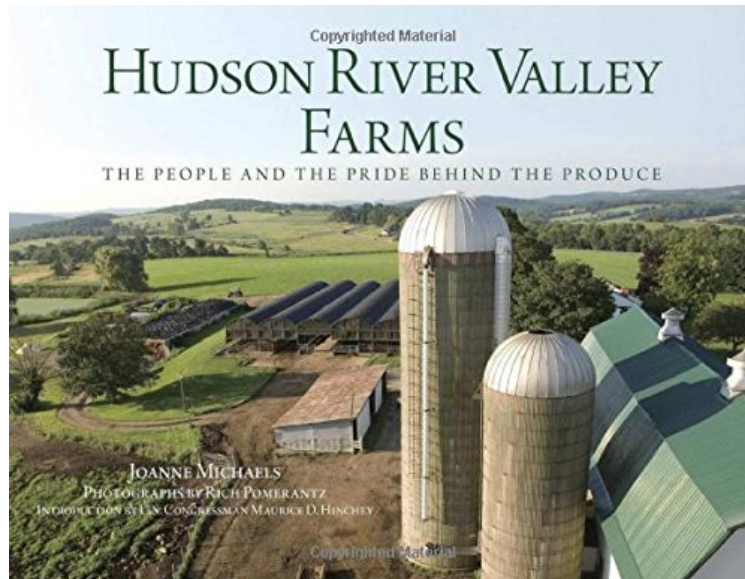


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industryBy Mary E. MulliganJoanne captures the true mission of NY State farmers' markets. There are so many markets now that have popped up, but very few are "true" markets whose purpose is to simultaneously equally, serve consumers, farmers and their communities in a manner that brings value to each and benefits all. Very well organized book giving a good representation of the farming industry by profiling a cross-section of Hudson Valley farmers. Beautifully written and photographed.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book and fast serviceBy Craig R BuryLove the service and book so much, I bought two. Great way to learn about our local farmers, many you can visit.

Meet your local farmer! Published for the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's September 1609 journey along the river that today bears his name, this fascinating illustrated portrait celebrates the local farmsand farmersin one of the country's most scenic and storied regions, once known as the Breadbasket of America. Hudson River Valley Farms brings to life the renaissance of food producers who have developed the region as a source of artisanal cheeses, grass-fed beef, and first-rate organic fruits and vegetables. Stunning photography and short, evocative essays take you on a rare, behind-the-scenes journey to forty-four farms from Westchester County to the Capital District of Albany, and include the colorful maverick entrepreneurs behind the striking scenery. The book also includes a directory of nearly 100 local farmers' markets, directions to the featured farms, and an introduction by the region's popular U.S. Congressman, Maurice Hinchey.

"In a world doubling its population every three decades these farmers are seeking and finding answers."