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MADE IN VERMONT

# Sweet Treats

*Sales for Vermont-made candies and chocolates are on the rise.*



Leigh Williams opened Laughing Moon in Stowe in 2002.

When we mention Vermont, we often think of green mountains, rolling fields, barns and covered bridges. We may also think of award-winning cheeses and pure maple syrup. Now you can add Vermont's confectionary products and gourmet chocolates to that list.

Vermont has long been synonymous with quality food. The Vermont Specialty Food Association boasts more than 100 producers, from the very small to household names like Cabot and Green Mountain Coffee. One interesting specialty food trend is the growth of Vermont-based confectioners, such as Lake Champlain Chocolates and Birnn Chocolates, along with smaller companies like Laughing Moon Chocolates, Blackflower Chocolates, Sweet on Vermont Artisan Confections and Vermont Nut Free Chocolates.