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I was really interested in the deep dive on using silage tarps. I got great tips such as tarping bare soil areas, after late harvest, for winter, to preserve soluble N for an early spring crop, and using a mulch winder with replaceable spools to wind-up inter-row weed mat for easy future use.

I'm still amazed by how many staples growers use to secure their weed mat, which we've

SURVEY OF DIRECT MARKETERS IN VERMONT

On the other hand, just because someone grew up on farm does not mean that they are cut out to run a successful farm business. If the priority is to keep the business going, succession can't just be viewed as a birthright. The younger generation needs to show some initiative and aptitude and willingness to learn not just the skills of production, but the skills of management.