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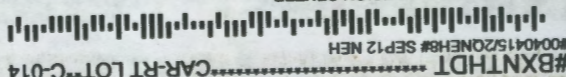
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Country Comfort on the Farm

Simplicity defines this rural property outside Boston. The classic farmhouse and barn, though new, look like they've been here for centuries. Landscape architect Clara Couric Batchelor's lawn, gardens, stone walls and split-rail fences complement the structures beautifully by adopting the same age-old look. Low plantings, including lily of the valley groundcover, enhance the stone facade of the house. A stone wall separates the lawn from the more natural fields that surround the barn, while sugar maples and ginkgo trees add to the property's woodland feel. "What was important was the relationship between the house and the barn and how the land connects the two," Batchelor says. "It just seems meant to be." *Landscape architecture: CBA Landscape Architects, Cambridge, Mass. / Architecture: Albert, Righter & Tittmann Architects, Boston / Photography by Robert Benson*