

Vermont Vegetable and Berry News – January 11, 2008

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bob Pomykala, Pomykala Farm, Grand Isle

The Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association was started by growers for growers. Our mission is to promote the economic, environmental and social sustainability of vegetable and berry farming in Vermont through education, promotion and communication among growers.



**VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

Capital Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 100 State Street, Montpelier

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- 8:30 **Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments**
- 9:30 **President's Remarks** – Bob Pomykala, Pomykala Farm, Grand Isle
- 9:35 **Slide Tour of Vermont Vegetable and Berry Farms**
Vern Grubinger, University of Vermont Extension
- 10:00 **IPM that Works on Diversified Vegetable and Berry Farms**
Jude Boucher, University of Connecticut Extension
- 10:30 **How Effective are Various Organic and Biorational Pesticides?**
Abby Seaman, Cornell Cooperative Extension
- 11:00 **Review of Pest Problems in 2007 and what to do about them in 2008**
Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Extension
- 11:30 **Update from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**
Roger Albee, Secretary of Agriculture
- 11:45 **Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.**
- 12:00 **Luncheon and Trade Show**
- 1:30 **Winter Squash Production, Peeling, and Marketing**
Eric Rozendaal, Rockville Market Farm, Starksboro
- 2:00

All types of beets, lettuce, squash, pumpkins, radishes, greens, beans, tomatoes, turnip, cabbage, peppers, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, herbs, onions, peas, potatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, bok choy, etc. can be covered under this policy. The fee is \$100 per crop; with a \$300 per county maximum fee. The policy coverage is a catastrophic level loss of 50% of your crop. The NAP \$100 policy covers all acreage on the crop. No maximum, no minimum acreage requirements. Limited Resource Producer waiver of fee is also available to qualifying producers. This policy also entitles you to apply for additional disaster legislation funds if they are appropriated. The current disaster legislation is approved to pay at a 42% loss level for producers with insurance or participating in NAP. Contact your county FSA office for more information.