

Vermont Vegetable and Berry News – December 4, 2015
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UPCOMING EVENTS

VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

January 25, 2016. Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, VT

8:00 Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments

9:30 President's Remarks.

Christa Alexander, Jericho Settlers' Farm, Jericho VT

9:50 Lessons from the Field in 2015

Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension

10:10 Using Mustard Cover Crop as a Biofumigant

Charlie Gray, Four Corners Farm, S. Newbury VT

10:30 Earning a Living on a Small

Sponsored by: USDA, Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency; Vermont Compost Company; Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation; University of Vermont Extension; and the VVBGA. Registration includes morning coffee break and a hot lunch buffet: \$40 for VVBGA Members, \$50 Non-Members. Add \$10 for walk-in registration.

Register for the annual meeting and/or pay membership dues by January 22 on-line at: <http://2016vvbga.eventbrite.com> or print the membership form at: www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/VV&BGA/VVBGA_membership_form.pdf and mail it with your check to: VVBGA, PO Box 2091, South Burlington, VT 05407.

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NEW ENGLAND VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

December 15, 16, 17 at the Radisson Hotel, Manchester NH. The conference includes 32 educational sessions over 3 days, covering major vegetable, berry and tree fruit crops and 11 Farmer-to-Farmer discussion groups on cutting edge topics. There is an extensive Trade Show With over 100 Exhibitors. Additional information, including downloadable registration material, may be found at www.newenglandvfc.org

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON DRAFT REQUIRED AG PRACTICES RULE

There are still several more meetings to go where you can get briefed on the draft rule that will regulate compost, manure and fertilizer use, among other things.

December 8: St. Johnsbury Comfort Inn and Suites. 9-11am

December 8: Newport, Eastside Restaurant, 2-4 pm

December 10: Montpelier, Room 11 in the Vermont State House, 9-11am

December 10: Randolph, Chandler Music Hall, 2-4 pm.

See: <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/news-events/public-meetings>

MAKING IT HAPPEN: PROFITABILITY AND SUCCESS

January 4 in Rutland VT at RAFFL or January 7 in Burlington at the Intervale Center. Noon-5pm. This workshop will help small farmers build sound financial systems. Farmers will learn effective financial management tools that can be used to make business decisions and improve their farm business. These tools can be easily used by farmers in business operations: to improve productivity, reduce costs, increase net farm income, and improve overall quality of life. To register for Rutland: <http://www.rutlandfarmandfood.org/workshop> or for Burlington: email maggie@intervale.org

NOFA-VT WINTER CONFERENCE

February 13-15, 2016 at the University of Vermont, Burlington. Registration begins in January.

See: <http://nofavt.org/annual-events/winter-conference>