

Vermont Vegetable and Berry News –

To register for the Annual Meeting go to <https://vzbga.org/user/register> and log in to your VVBGA account or create an account. Renew your membership and then pre-register for the Annual Meeting. The fee is \$50 per day, per person, for VVBGA members. The non-member fee is \$60 per day, per person. Please contact vzbga@uvm.edu to pre-register as a non-member, or if you need financial assistance.

Pre-registration closes on January 26, 2024. Add \$10 per person for walk-in registrations. All registrations include morning coffee with snacks and a hot buffet lunch.

If you need overnight lodging, please make your own room reservations by contacting the DoubleTree Hotel. Ask for the VVBGA room rate of \$109. There are also other nearby lodging options.

VVBGA member dues for 2024 are the same as in 2023: \$70 per farm or \$80 if paid after January 31. If this poses a barrier to participation, a lower payment can be selected, no questions asked. Go to vzbga.org to pay membership dues, register for the annual meeting, sign up for CAPS produce safety program,

Commercial membership in the VVBGA is \$100 per company or organization, per year. Membership includes a ¼ page ad in the Annual Meeting booklet if submitted by December 29. Go to: <https://vzbga.org/commercial-membership> to join, register for the Annual Meeting, sign up for an ad in the Annual Meeting booklet. and/or to request an exhibitor table--but space is limited.

VVBGA member benefits include:

- Access to the VVBGA listserv, to buy/sell plants and equipment and share farming information.
- Access to the VVBGA web site for produce safety, pollinator support, and soil health planning.
- Email subscription Vermont Vegetable and Berry Grower Newsletter.
- Discount of \$10 on the registration fee for events like the VVBGA Annual Meeting.
- Camaraderie, enhanced communication, and fellowship among commercial growers.

To request disability-related accommodation to participate, please contact Virginia Jaquish at vzbga@uvm.edu by January 3, 2024, so that we may assist you.

Questions? Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-656-7534, or vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu.

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UPCOMING WEBINARS ON CROP INSURANCE. These webinars will be recorded.

Crop Insurance. An Introduction for New England Vegetable and Berry Growers.

Jan.16, 10am-11am. Register at:

https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nIC8JUAcQnGtoWgBRlvU8A#/registration

This workshop is for those with little to no prior experience with insurance and wondering what the options are and if they are right for your farm. Or for those looking for a refresher or updates. We will

- Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and Risk
- Farm Revenue Protection and Micro-Farm Revenue Protection Programs.

