

Other Area Events

Massachusetts

June 17, 6:30 p.m. Turkey Hill Farm, Haverhill, MA. Meeting focus will be pest management updates in blueberries and raspberries. For more information, please contact Sonia Schloemann at (413)-545-4347 or email sgs@umext.umass.edu

July 10 & 11, 2004, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Farmer's Field Days. Whittier Farms, Sutton, MA. Celebrate the history of agriculture and today's working small family farms. For more information call (508)-865-3916 or visit www.sutton300.com

Connecticut

July 1, 6:00 p.m. Pinecroft Farm. The tour will start at the packing house where we'll enjoy a quick bite to eat and get to see the cold storage facilities, hydro-cooler, vegetable sorters, loading dock, 4-row sweet corn picker, irrigation reels, conveyor belt harvesting aids, high-crop sprayers, bed-makers, etc. We will then head out to view the plasticulture systems for most of their cucurbit and solanaceous crops. This year, instead of using floating row covers on their early sweet corn, they planted in double-row trenches under clear plastic mulch. Pinecroft also does a great job of water management, critical to control Phytophthora blight. Jude Boucher will describe production and pest management practices used on various crops.

Directions to Connecticut twilight meeting: Take I-91 north to Exit 47 for Route 190 (east). Take Route 190 east for approximately 5 miles and watch for the Knights of Columbus Hall (blue roof) on the right. Directly across from the KC Hall, take a left onto Hulbert Road. Proceed to the stop sign at the end of the road and take a right onto Four Bridges Road. Pinecroft's packing facilities are about 1/4 mile up on the left. If you're coming from the east on Route 190, Hulbert Road is 1-2 miles east of the center of Somers.

New Hampshire

August 4, 2004, 5:30-7:30 p.m. UNH Woodman Horticultural Farm Durham, NH. Guests from Penn State University's Center for Plasticulture will be attending. For more information, please contact George Hamilton at (603)-641-6060 or email george.hamilton@unh.edu

Vermont

August 5, 2004. 5:00-8:00 p.m. Cover Crop Trial and Youth Horticulture Project at UVM Extension office in Brattleboro. The Brattleboro Extension office is located on a former dairy farm just outside of town. The fields are home to a 3/4 acre demonstration of 20 different summer cover crops, and to the greenhouse and 1 acre market garden of the Extension Youth Horticulture Project that works with local schools, the VT Department of Employment and Training, and Americorps to engage teens in growing and marketing organic produce.

Directions: Take Exit 1 off I-91. Turn east toward Brattleboro, Under the highway. At the first light turn right. Go about 1/2 mile, pass by the high school, then bear right onto South Main St., the office is another 1/2 mile up on right. Take the second drive, go around the big barn, and park by the greenhouse. questions? vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu or steve.hed@uvm.edu Call 257-7967 x13

30th NOFA Summer Conference August 12-15, 2004. Amherst, MA. Whether you are a farmer, gardener, activist, consumer, homesteader, parent/educator, herbalist, natural medicine practitioner, or any combination of these descriptions, or if you would one day like to be any of these things. Ralph Nader, Ron Paul, Vandiva Shiver and Eliot Coleman are among the speakers. Contact <http://www.nofa.org> for details. Also, visit their website for other events listed on their calendar.

Twilight Meeting Schedule At A Glance

Twilight meetings are open to all farmers, extension professionals, state leaders, non-profit and for profit organizations and anyone want to learn about and support Massachusetts Agriculture

June 23rd

Dumas Farm, Oxford, MA
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

July 14th

Czajkowski Farm, Hadley, MA
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

October 12th

Seeds of Solidarity, Orange, MA
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held rain
or shine!

For more information about the
sponsoring organizations please visit:

UMass Extension: <http://www.umassextension.org/>
Massachusetts Association of Roadside Stands:
<http://www.massfarmstands.com/>
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture
<http://www.buylocalfood.org>
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources: <http://www.mass.gov/agr/>

2004 Vegetable and Small Fruit Summer Twilight Meetings



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Massachusetts Extension,
Massachusetts Association of
Roadside Stands, Community
Involved in Sustaining Agriculture
and the Massachusetts
Department of Agricultural
Resources

Dumas Farm, Oxford
Wednesday, June 23, 2004
6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Frank Mangan at
(413)-545-1178 or (978)-422-6374

Joe Dumas is a producer of hydroponic greenhouse tomatoes. We will visit his small but sophisticated operation, which includes a computer-driven fertilizer injection system. Topics being discussed will be pest management strategies and marketing challenges. Also featured on this tour will be blueberries. Joe Dumas has been a blueberry producer for 16 years and runs a pick-your-own operation. We will discuss fertility and pest management strategies. Sonia Schloemann of the Small Fruit Specialist of the UMass Extension Fruit Program will be on hand to speak specifically about issues related to blueberry maggot. Refreshments served at 5-5:30 courtesy of MARS. Pesticide re-certification credits: 1 hour.

DIRECTIONS FROM RI: I-195W toward Rt-79/ Providence R.I./Rt.-138/Somerset. Merge onto I-95N toward Boston. Merge onto RI-146N via exit number 23 toward Woonsocket. Take the Central Tpk exit toward Oxford. Turn left onto Central Turnpike. Central Tpk becomes Sutton Ave. Turn right onto Lovett Rd.
FROM SPRINGFIELD: Take onto I-90East/Massachusetts Turnpike via exit number 7 toward Ludlow/Boston. Take exit 10 toward I-395/Auburn/I-290/ Worcester. Bear left after the tolls and then bear right/I-395 (Oxford/Webster). Take the exit 4A Sutton Ave. Take a left onto Lovett Rd.
LOWELL/WORCESTER AREA: I-495South then I-290W (exit 25B through Worcester. Merge onto I-395S. Merge onto Sutton Ave via exit number 4A towards Sutton. Turn left onto Lovett Rd.
FROM LOVETT RD. At fork, bear left onto Brown Rd. Follow for ½ mile. Farm will be on your left.



Czajkowski Farms, Hadley
Wednesday, July 14, 2004
5:00-8:00 p.m. Contact: Ruth Hazzard,
(413)545-3696 or Anne Carter (413)545-5216

See a well-managed, forward-looking farm in the heart of the Connecticut Valley. Joe and Wally will host this tour of their 170-acre farm where they are the third generation to grow vegetables, berries and tobacco. Most of their product is shipped wholesale but they also grow pick-your-own strawberries and brambles. They grow organic butternut (13A) and machine-picked green beans. The tour will start at their new storage facility and with their washing, peeling and packing line. Butternut is peeled from October through March, carrots are peeled year-round. We will hear about a new marketing effort to sell directly to public schools, then look at several fields where the Czajkowski's are working with UMass to test perimeter trap cropping in butternut and pumpkin, and to compare IPM strategies in no-till and conventional tillage systems in pumpkins. We'll see a new PYO field of brambles and other small fruits. Refreshments served at 5:00. Pesticide re-certification credits: 1 hour.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE WEST: Turn off I-91 at Rte 9/Northampton exit, turn right (east) across the bridge. Follow Rte 9 east to North Maple St (across from the malls). Turn left. At the stoplight go straight. Opposite the UMass Horse farm, turn left on Mt. Warner Rd. Go ½ mile, turn left into driveway, storage barn is at the end of the driveway.
FROM THE NORTH: Take Rte 116 over the CT river and go straight through the lights in the center of Sunderland. Continue to the next traffic light. Turn right onto Meadow St. After about 1 to 1.5 miles, turn right opposite the UMass Horse Farm onto Mt. Warner Rd, then follow directions above. (Note: North Maple St. and Meadow St. are two sections of the same road.)



Seeds of Solidarity, Orange
Tuesday, October 12, 2004
3:00-6:00 p.m. Contact: Anne Carter at (413)-
545-5216

Seeds of Solidarity Farm, owned and operated by Deb Habib and Ricky Baruc, is a working model of a profitable small farm enterprise utilizing alternative energy. Take a tour of this property, and see solar greenhouses used to extend the growing season, solar electricity used to power their farm and buildings, and biodiesel used to fuel their farm truck. Their high quality greens, garlic, herbs, and flowers are grown intensively and marketed directly to restaurants and food co-ops. Ricky Baruc will be speaking about his production methods, which utilize soil building techniques and permanent no-till raised beds. Cathy Roth will speak about saving energy on the farm. Ruth Hazzard will talk about pest management, especially management of flea beetles in greens. Learn of the North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival, a highly successful yearly event to promote garlic, local agriculture, and local artisans.

Located on the same property is the SOL (Seeds of Leadership) Garden. An educational program created in 1998, SOL inspires service and activism among teens as they use their hearts, minds, and bodies to cultivate food and a hopeful future. Deb Habib, Anne Carter, and Margaret Christi will talk about getting local foods into local schools (known as farm to school) and the creation of local hero school systems. Refreshments served at 5-5:30 courtesy of MARS. Re-certification credits: 0.5 hour.

DIRECTIONS FROM ROUTE 2: Take Exit 14 (West River Street, Lake Mattawa). Turn South off exit ramp (from the west, turn right, from the east, turn left) onto Holtshire Road. Follow this road approximately 1.5 miles to the first intersection at which point you will see, but not pass a large lake (Mattawa). Turn right onto Chestnut Hill Road. Proceed uphill 1/2 mile to the " T ". Turn left (still on Chestnut Hill Rd.). In approx.. 1/2 mile the road forks-bear right (still Chestnut Hill --do not take the left fork which is Lower Chestnut Hill!). Continue 3/4 mile.
FROM ROUTE 202 AND POINTS SOUTH: Route 202N to New Salem. At the yellow blinking light, turn left onto Wendell Road (just before the New Salem General Store). From points north (Athol) turn right onto Wendell Rd. at the yellow blinking light. Follow Wendell Road approximately 3 miles to the end. There is no stop sign, but the road curves sharply to the right, placing you on Neilson Road. Go 1/8 mile to the first left which is Crowl Road (a dirt road). Continue 1/2 mile.

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Each meetings will offer
0.5 to 1 contact hour
towards pesticide
application re-
certification. See
meeting details for
information

