



North Country Updates - Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry

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Lancaster, NH

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Events



NH Farm & Forest Expo

February 1 & 2, Friday & Saturday

DoubleTree by Hilton

700 Elm Street, Manchester

The founding sponsors for the NH Farm & Forest Expo are the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, the NH Division of Forests & Lands and the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food.

Visit the many exhibitors in the Trade Show, attend Free Educational Seminars. NH Products, Agricultural & Forestry Experts, Kidzone/Farmo, Animals, Local Food.

[Learn More](#)



No-Till Discussion

February 5, Tuesday

1:00-3:00pm

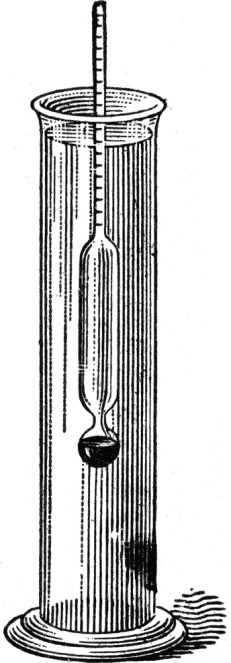
Tullando Farm, Orford

Are you interested in going no-till but have questions about the techniques & equipment involved? Have you tried no-till and want to troubleshoot your challenges with other farmers? Or, are you getting the hang of no-till and want to help other farmers get started?

Join us for a lively farmer-to-farmer peer discussion on the no-till transition process. Topics will include the economics of going no-till, successes and problems encountered, terminating cover crops, controlling weeds, and more. The focus will be on no-till silage and sweet corn (and squash or other large seed cash crops). We'll also discuss financial support and assistance opportunities for no-till farmers, including: No-till planter rentals and retrofits, NRCS conservation programs, On-farm technical help.

To Register Contact: Grafton County
Conservation District, 353-4652
or email pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdnet.net

[Learn More](#)



Hydrometer Clinic for Maple Producers

February 6, Wednesday

9:00am-12:00pm

UNH Extension, Lancaster

The NHDA, Division of Regulatory Services will be holding 6 hydrometer clinics for New Hampshire maple producers. Agricultural Inspector, Janis Conner, Alice Tuson, or Shane Conlin will be present to check the accuracy of syrup hydrometers.

In addition, information pertaining to the NH Maple Rules, the Department's Seal of Quality Program, Voluntary Registration, and Organic Certification program will be available.

In the event of inclement weather, please call the office at 271-3685, to confirm the clinic has not been cancelled.

[More Clinics](#)



Women In Livestock Business

February 15

9:00am-3:30pm

Plymouth

Inspired by Annie's Project Programming, the Women in Livestock Business workshop is a spin on our traditional Annie's Project programming that will focus solely on topics surrounding livestock production and business management.

[Register Here](#)

Topics include:

- Communication and negotiation skills.
- Rules and regulations livestock producers need to know.
- Branding and marketing, what makes you unique?
- Pricing your products and knowing your numbers.
- Grazing and pasture management
- How to meet the nutritional needs of your livestock.
- Infrastructure and facilities best suited for your operation.

This program will run every Friday for four weeks on February 15, 22 & March 1, 8.

First class must be attended in person, but subsequent classes will have remote access capabilities. In addition to the classwork, two Field Days will be scheduled in the spring-fall of 2019 at an agreed upon date among participants.

Limited scholarship opportunities are available, courtesy of Yankee Farm Credit. To be eligible you must be either a beginner farmer or Yankee Farm Credit member. To request a scholarship contact Kelly McAdam or Elaina Enzien.

This program is co-sponsored by UVM Extension and USDA Risk Management Agency. For special accommodations, please contact Elaina Enzien prior to the event start date. At least 15 business days are needed to accommodate requests.



2019 Farm Risk Management Workshops

Bring your farm's operations to the next level in the new year.

UNH Cooperative Extension's Food & Agriculture team partners with the USDA Risk Management Agency each year for workshops and programs designed to help Granite State agricultural producers grow their farms, make their operations more efficient and improve their businesses.

The 2019 slate of USDA RMA workshops has been set. Mark your calendars now or contact Extension specialists for more information.

Webinars -

Feb 22 - [Precision Heifer Feeding](#)

Contact Michal.Lunak@unh.edu

Feb 27 - Forage Quality Harvesting & Feeding Strategies

Contact - Carl.Majewski@unh.edu

[Find additional workshops here -](#)



Spotted Lanternfly Basics

Northeastern IPM Center

Webinars

February 26 & March 4

In conjunction with the New York State IPM Program and the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Northeastern IPM Center will host a collection of webinars, titled **Spotted Lanternfly Basics**.

Each webinar will focus on, and be tailored to, a specific commodity group:

February 26

Spotted Lanternfly Basics for Hops, Berry, and Vegetable Growers - 10:00AM

Spotted Lanternfly Basics for Grape and Apple Industries - 1:00PM

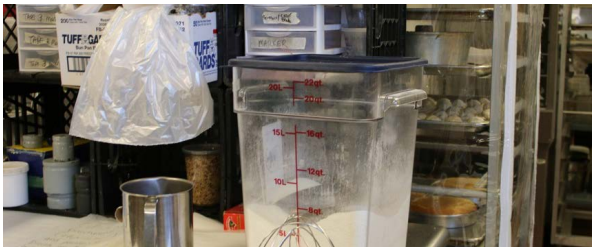
March 4

Spotted Lanternfly Basics for Christmas Tree Growers - 10:00AM

Spotted Lanternfly Basics for Nursery, Greenhouse, and Landscape Industries - 1:00PM

All webinars will follow a similar format that covers spotted lanternfly biology, identification, and hosts, monitoring and management strategies, and a regulatory update. While the content may be relevant to audiences throughout the Northeast, management practices covered will be specific to New York. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions.

[More Information](#)



Food Safety Planning for NH Commercial Food Processors

March 1

9:00am-4:30pm

North Haverhill

Topics:

- Overview of Food Safety Fundamentals and Planning.
- Complying with FSMA.
- Panel discussion on processing and selling food in New Hampshire.
- Overview of Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs).
- Overview of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Cost - \$40.00 per person

[Register Here](#)



3rd Annual Saffron Workshop

March 15, Friday

8:00am-4:00pm

UVM, Burlington, VT

The North American Center for Saffron Research and Development at the University of Vermont (UVM) is hosting the 3rd annual workshop on Saffron production.

Saffron is the most expensive spice in the world, with a retail price of over \$5,000/lb. It is made from the stigmas of a fall-blooming crocus flower (*Crocus sativus*), and is used as a culinary spice, coloring agent and medicinal herb. Saffron is a high-value crop that could significantly strengthen sustainable agriculture, and preserve the rural working landscapes of North America.

In 2015 UVM scientists began studying the potential of growing saffron in protected environments and obtained yields greater than what is reported in traditional saffron-growing areas of West Asia and southern Europe.

Contact: Margaret Skinner:

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[To Learn More & Registration Information](#)

Dirt-to-Trees-to-Wildlife

April 13, Saturday

10:00am-2:00pm

Randolph

Dirt to Trees to Wildlife (DTW) is an online tool consisting of DTW Mapper and it's companion website housing information used by DTW Mapper to create reports about an area of interest.



Identifying opportunities to enhance wildlife habitats requires knowledge, skills and experience related to interactions between soils, vegetation and the wildlife that use each type of vegetation. A new online tool helps professional managers simplify the process of compiling these complex interactions. The tool, called Dirt to Trees to Wildlife (DTW), simply requires a user to identify a piece of land by drawing it on a map. Behind the scenes, DTW identifies the soils on that land, the vegetation naturally supported by that soil, and wildlife breeding habitats supported by each vegetation type. This information is compiled in a handy report to inform management decisions.

DTW is based on decades-long work reflecting collaboration by soil scientists, foresters, researchers and wildlife biologists. It is largely funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the Randolph Community Forest.

At this workshop you will be introduced to the DTW online tool, set up a free ArcGIS online public account, and develop a report for a tract you identify. Bring your laptop with Windows 7 or 10. A limited number of computers will be available. Request one with your registration.

[More Information on D-T-W](#)

Our Presenters:

Brendan Prusik, Field Specialist, Forestry, UNH Cooperative Extension
John Lanier, Wildlife Biologist, Coös County Conservation District Associate

The workshop & lunch is provided free by the Randolph Town Forest Commission.

Space is limited, please register, email carolyn.mcquiston@nh.nacdnet.net

Donations to support the Coös County Conservation District are always appreciated and will be accepted at the door. The District helps coordinate and market these types of conservation projects in Coös County.

If this workshop fills and there is enough interest, we will work on providing another training.

NRCS, EQIP 2019 Batching Dates

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

Agriculture or Forest landowners in New Hampshire

If you are interested in protecting, conserving, all resources on your property through technical or financial contact



United States Department of Agriculture

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

In New Hampshire



[Contact your local Field Office](#)

your local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office to begin the conservation planning process.

Once an NRCS Conservation Plan is developed and you are interested in competing for financial assistance to implement practices from your Conservation Plan, work with NRCS to determine which program best suits your conservation needs.

Applications for the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), EQIP-RCPP and the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) program may be submitted at any time year-round; however, the 2019 ranking batching dates are listed above. All applications determined to be eligible by 4:30 p.m. on these dates will be considered in this funding cycle.

[Read More - Press Release](#)



NH State Forest Nursery

On Sale Now - Order your seedlings today!


NH State Nursery Seedling Orders should be received no later than March 31.

The Nursery does deliver once each season to county UNH Extension offices. When placing your order, let them know if you want to pick up your order at the County Extension office.

Questions and orders should be directed to the NH State Forest Nursery.
603-796-2323

NH State Forest Nursery

In The News




EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

APPLY ONLINE TODAY
JOBS.USNH.EDU/postings/31646

AGRICULTURE FIELD SPECIALIST

The Coös County Field Specialist will deliver research-based educational programs and technical assistance to farmers, agricultural business owners, communities and individuals interested in agriculture. In collaboration with a team of colleagues, the Field Specialist will develop and implement innovative, relevant, and impactful educational programs that enhance the profitability and sustainability of agriculture and farm-based businesses in Coös County and statewide. The successful candidate will have expertise in livestock production or agricultural business mgmt.

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Job Announcement

Field Specialist Agriculture, Coös County

This position is based at UNH Extension's Coös County office in Lancaster, NH.

Food and Agriculture Field Specialists educational programs and technical assistance to farmers, owners, communities, and individuals interested in agriculture.

The Coös County Food and Agriculture Field Specialist, individually and in cooperation with UNH Extension colleagues and the Coös County Extension Advisory Council, determines educational needs of agriculture clientele and develops educational programs to meet these needs.

[Learn More and Apply Online](#)

Spring Sale - Fundraiser Support the - Coös County Conservation District

Thank you for your support! Our spring sale includes flowers, small fruit and vegetable choices.

[Visit our website for More details & Order forms](#)

Orders due March 8



Coös County Conservation District (CCCD)



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Lancaster NH 03584

603-788-4651 ext 102

Visit our website - cooscountyconservation.org

email - da.cccd@gmail.com

Our office is located in the USDA Service Center,
Route 3, Lancaster, NH

Soil Health Rental Equipment

Click on the equipment for more information.



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The K2D-72 is 6' wide and capable of planting 3 rows, with 8" spacing. KASCO recommends a 25hp+ tractor, with sufficient lift capacity to handle approximately 1600 lbs. on back.

Grafton County



AWMP-075-AG-4 Safford AerWay. 45-75HP Tractor with hydraulics recommended. Cultivation width 7.5'. Weight 2150 lbs.

& Rental Terms
Grafton County

Home or Garden Question?



Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. highly trained master gardeners are available to answer your questions about gardening, lawns, pests, fruits and vegetables, food safety and more. For research-based information you can trust, pick up the phone, send an email or stop by today!

[Education Center & Info Line](#)

The [Education Center](#) at UNH Cooperative Extension offers a number of services including:

- Answers to gardening questions from Cooperative Extension Master Gardener residents via email and the Hotline 877-398-4769 or walk-in assistance.
- Master Gardener Volunteer Training Educational Programs for the general public.
- Public presentations by Master Gardener Volunteers on topics such as seed starting, composting, container gardening, and seed saving.

For more information on a variety of horticulture topics visit the UNH Cooperative Extension [website](#).



When in doubt.. UNH Cooperative Extension ID services may help.



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