



Coös County Ag, Forestry, Conservation Updates from the North Country

March 2018

North Country Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation News from Coös County.

Welcome! We've joined forces with Coös County Conservation District & NRCS. We hope to share more Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation information with you.

This is a periodic email to let you know about upcoming events, interesting stories, disease and pest alerts, etc. that are relevant to agricultural producers in the area.

Do you have comments, questions, suggestions? Please let us know your ideas for future content!

Send us an email - steven.turaj@unh.edu (UNH Extension) carolyn.mcquiston@nh.nacdnet.net (Coös County Conservation District)



"In like a lion, out like a lamb" has always seemed a straightforward enough proverb: when March starts, it's still winter, and by the end of the month spring has begun. True, in many climates the weather hasn't quite reached the lamb stage by the end of the month—it's more like a surly cat, maybe, or one of those awful territorial honking geese. But we get the idea."



Events

Everything You Need to Know About Growing Blueberries.

Wednesday, March 7
1:00pm-3:00pm
North Haverhill, NH

We will meet at the UNH Cooperative Extension Conference Room, in the Grafton County Complex, Route 10, North Haverhill.

Grafton County Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service and UNH Cooperative Extension of Grafton County are excited to offer this indoor workshop.

Please contact Pam - email Pamela.Gilbert@nh.nacdnet.net or call 603-353-4652, ext. 103.
We want to be sure to have enough handouts for everyone.



Grafton County Conservation District

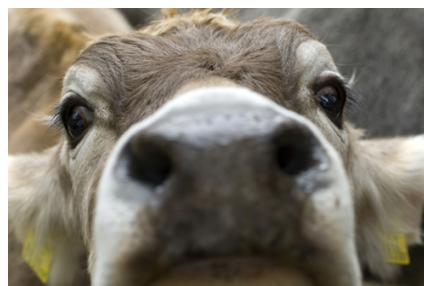
Two Free Webinars for Dairy Farmers

Thursday, March 8
10:00am-Noon
NH Experiences with Automated Calf Feeders & Calving Sensors
You will have a chance to learn more about these automated technologies including logistics, calf health issues, labor savings and other considerations.



Learn More March 8 Event

Thursday, March 22
10:00 - Noon
NH Experiences Using Robotic Milkers, Economics, Effect on Labor and Herd Performance



Learn more March 22 Event

NEK Veterans Summit

Lyndon State College
Saturday, March 10
(see more details below)



Food Safety Modernization Act - Intro

Thursday, March 15
10:00am-Noon

WREN Farm & Food Program
22 Park Ave, Bethlehem, NH

Contact - WREN 603-869-9736



WREN on Facebook

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
More Information Here

Fine Tuning Your Crop & Forage Program

UVM, USDA/RMA

Tuesday, March 27
9:30am-3:30pm
Bradford Fire Hall, Bradford, VT

More Information, contact -
Sid Bosworth, UVM
802-656-0478
sid.bosworth@uvm.edu



Fine Tuning Your Crop and Forage Program

Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bradford Fire Hall, 135 Carson Lane, Bradford, Vermont

All are welcome to attend this one-day workshop highlighting the latest in field and forage crops, soils and pest management. Come early for coffee and pastries.

Program Overview

- What is soil health and why is it important
Heather Darby, UVM Extension Agronomist
- Diagnosing crop problems in the field
Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Extension IPM Specialist
- Making no-till and cover crops work
Jeff Carter, UVM Extension Agronomist
- Farmer experiences with no-till, cover crops and grazing
Carl Majewski, UVM Extension Agronomist with
• Keith Sprague, Dairy Farmer, Brookfield, VT
• Nate Tullar, Dairy Farmer, Orford, NH
• Paul Knox, Dairy Farmer, Bradford, VT
- Choosing the right corn silage hybrids for yield and quality
Rick Kersbergen, Ext. Dairy and Forage Specialist, Un. Of Maine
- Achieving high NDF digestibility in your haylage crop program
Sid Bosworth, UVM Extension Agronomist

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Sarah Kingsley-Richards at (802) 656-0475 by March 6, 2018 so we may assist you.

Pre-Registration On-Line

Registration fee is \$20 per person that includes the program, lunch and handouts. To guarantee lunch, please register by March 20. Late Registration is \$25.

All registration is ONLINE at:
<https://www.regonline.com/2018cropforage>
For more information, contact Sid Bosworth at (802) 656-0478 or sid.bosworth@uvm.edu or visit <http://pas.uvm.edu/pas/>

This program will provide two pesticide recertification credits (private) for Vermont and New Hampshire and four CCA CEU credits pending approval. Have your pesticide license number.

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Register Online

NH Dept of Ag Scale Clinic

Tuesday, April 17
12:00pm-2:00pm

North Country Resource Center
Lancaster NH



NH Dept of Ag

Contact: NH Dept of Ag 271-2894

Pruning Demonstrations Save the Date

April 14, Saturday, 10:00am-Noon
Carroll County - Blueberries
Carroll County Farm, Ossipee
Contact: Olivia.Saunders@UNH.EDU

April 20, Friday, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Coös County - Tree Fruit
Oxbow Farm Orchard, Stark
Contact: Heather.Bryant@UNH.EDU

April 28, Saturday, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Grafton County - Blueberries & Raspberries
Darlings Berries, Canaan, NH
Contact: Heather.Bryant@UNH.EDU



Initial Training for Commercial & Private Pesticide Applicators

Mondays, April 16, 23 & 30
1:00pm-4:00pm
North Country Resource Center,
Route 3, Lancaster

Contact for more information:
Rachel.Maccini@unh.edu or 603-351-3831



[Register Here](#)

[Purchase Study Materials](#)

Become a NH Coverts Volunteer! Love New Hampshire's Forests & Wildlife? May 2-5 Greenland NH

Started in 1995, the NH Coverts Project has trained over 500 volunteers to promote wildlife conservation and forest stewardship throughout New Hampshire. Applications are now being accepted for this year's NH Coverts Project.



[Learn more & apply today!](#)

Opportunity for North Country Farms

NCIC Equipment & Supply Grant

NCIC has received some funding to support farmers in the North Country. The funds may be used to purchase supplies or equipment and can also be used to secure professional services such as business coaching, marketing assistance, financial management, training, etc. These funds are competitive. Accepting applications from Carroll, Coös and Grafton county farmers.

More information contact:

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Northern Community Investment Corporation
51 Depot Square, Suite 2
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

[NCIC website](#)

Phone - 802-748-5101 Ext. 2027

Fax - 802-748-1884

email - krobinson@ncic.org

In The News - Agriculture

Current Use

Current use is the means for encouraging the preservation of open space and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural, and wildlife resources. Property owners with 10 or more acres of land, which are left in their natural state may apply.

Land owners must apply on or before April 15 of the tax year that the land owner wishes to have his or her land classified as current use pursuant to RSA 79-A:5, II.

Current use acreage requirements consist of one of the following criteria:

- Tracts of farm land.
- Forest land or unproductive land may qualify.



NH Department of Revenue

[Forms & Instructions](#)

Fresh Market Corn and NAP Programs for NH Vegetable Producers in 2018

For many years, crop insurance for specific crops has been available to N.H. producers. These policies are served via independent crop agents. If a crop insurance policy is not available to the producer for a specific crop, protection is usually available from the Farm Service Agency (FSA/USDA) through the Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP). This program can provide a catastrophic level of crop insurance-like protection.



Read more of this article by
 Michal Lunak, Dairy Management
 Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension

In The News - Forestry

NH Bugs

THIS JUST IN!!

Emerald ash borer detected in Vermont!

The state is currently determining the extent of the infestation to inform quarantine decisions (<http://bit.ly/2F0Dy2W>).

Emerald ash borer has not been detected in the NH counties that adjoin Vermont (but we are still looking!). How can you help?

Visit NHbugs.org for more information and to report suspicious trees or insects, and **don't move firewood - buy it where you burn it!**



NH Bugs

Forester

In Coös County contact
Brendan.Prusik@unh.edu

More Resources for Woodlot Owners



In The News - NRCS

An example of many small patch cuts completed through EQIP on Kauffmann Forest (a SPNHF property). The goal was to promote softwood regeneration.

Photo courtesy of Haven Neal, NH Licensed Forester and Coös County Conservation District Supervisor.



Who to contact - List of NH County Field Offices

More NRCS Information









Coös County Conservation District







2018 Spring Sale Bulbs and Plants

Please order before March 16

We are now taking orders for our annual fundraiser which helps fund conservation projects in Coös County. For full details and an order form, visit the District's [website](#). Please note orders are due March 16 and will be available for pick up in Lancaster early May.

Coös County Conservation District
2018 Spring Bulb / Plant Sale

Bulbs, Roots & Cuttings	
 <p>Lily of the Valley Fragrant, small, creamy-white bells with standard wide leaves, great as ground cover in moist shady areas. <i>Height: 4-6" Zone: 2-9</i></p>	 <p>Gladiolus 'Sun Kissed' Vivid orange, ruffled flowers. Blooms in 65-90 days. <i>Height: 45-65" Zone: 3-10</i></p>
 <p>Dahlia 'Kevin Floodlight' Classic butter-yellow flower with deep green foliage. With proper pinching, flower diameter can be up to 10 inches. <i>Height: 48" Zone: 8-10</i></p>	 <p>Daylily 'Baja' Slightly fragrant bright red flowers with yellow throats on a very large plant semi-evergreen foliage. <i>Height: 26-30" Zone: 2-9</i></p>
 <p>Hosta 'Frances' Almost glossy, sun resistant leaves, with narrow white margins. <i>Height: 18-20" Zone: 2-9</i></p>	 <p>Yellow French Shallots Mild, sweet, nutty onion flavor.</p>
 <p>Candy Yellow Onion (plants) Unique sweet, mild flavor; produces jumbo bulbs. Attractive white rings. Intermediate day.</p>	 <p>Redwing Onion (plants) Red, slightly pungent, globe shaped, 8-10 month storage potential, long-day.</p>

NH Grown Potted Plants	
 <p>Great Blue Lobelia Thick stems topped with light blue flowers. Native plant that thrive in boggy areas. Reseeds. <i>Height: 24-36" Zone: 3-9</i></p>	 <p>Cardinal Flower Striking bright red flowers for moist gardens. Reseeds. <i>Height: 24-36" Zone: 3-9</i></p>
 <p>Columbine 'Little Lanterns' Dwarf wild columbine. Abundant bright red flowers with yellow centers. Attracts pollinators. <i>Height: 12-18" Zone: 3-8</i></p>	 <p>Ostrich Fern Elegant plant with broad, upright fronds. Delicious fiddleheads in the spring. <i>Height: 48" Zone: 3-8</i></p>
 <p>Shasta Daisy 'Whoops-a-Daisy' White flowers with gold centers. Plant forms a dense, rounded ball-shaped mound blanketed in flowers. <i>Height: 15" Zone: 3-9</i></p>	 <p>English Lavender Fragrant, woody herb, with slender lavender-purple flower spikes. Needs good drainage. <i>Height: 15-18" Zone: 3-8</i></p>



Thank you for supporting the Coös County Conservation District. Your purchase helps to fund programs throughout the county. Please visit our website at www.cooscountyconservation.org to learn more about our various programs, workshops, and education outreach.

4 Mayberry Lane
Lancaster, NH 03584
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603-788-4651 ext. 102

LARGE FARM EQUIPMENT RENTAL - Wood Ash Spreader

For descriptions of the tools go to the District's [website](#)

HIGH TUNNEL / GARDEN TOOL RENTALS

Coös County Conservation District applied for and received grant funds to purchase tools specialized for high tunnels. With this grant various tools were purchased for farms & commercial growers to use free of charge. This allows the client to try-out these specialized, often expensive, quality tools before purchasing.

A simple agreement with each client, along with a check for a deposit in the amount of each tool is all that is required for use of these great tools. The time frame on the use of these tools varies on supply and demand but is usually 4-7 days. A specific lending time frame will be determined and noted on the sign-out form before the equipment is used.



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Email - Coös County Conservation District

Please visit our website,
CoosCountyConservation.org

(We have been updating our website, if you have suggestions of content you would like to see, please let us know.)

NH Farm Bureau

Event - 6th Annual NEK Veterans Summit



Lyndon State College
Saturday, March 10

NEK Veterans Summit
More Info
and
How to Register

Coming right up is this annual Veterans Summit at Lyndon State College. I (Steve Turaj) have attended it in the past and found it a great networking resource to the many groups working to help Veterans. Registration is free. Check out all the scheduled events which even includes an afternoon concert by Vermont's Army Band.

New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation Veterans in Agriculture Committee

To Recruit, Educate, Support, and Promote Veterans and Veteran families in Agriculture!

The New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation Veterans in Agriculture Committee is made up of Farm Bureau members, veterans and civilians, with a common goal of promoting agriculture as a vocation, hobby, and passion for veterans and to provide them with the resources to learn, grow, and flourish.

NH Farm Bureau has created a new *New Hampshire Veterans in Agriculture* resource booklet. Start the year off with a look at this guide containing topics including:

- Post Service Career Advice
- Access to Land
- Financial Consideration
- Management and Legalities
- Other Resources

Email NH Farm Bureau for your copy.

Contact:

Veterans in Agriculture Committee Chair, [Glen Putnam](#) email or call (603) 667-0097
NH Farm Bureau, please call (603) 224-1934 or e-mail nhfb3@nhfarmbureau.org
Coös County Farm Bureau President is [Joyce Brady](#)

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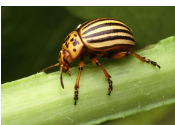
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If you missed a newsletter, you can find the archives online!

We are saving an archive copy of each newsletter on both the Coös County UNH Cooperative Extension website and the Coös County Conservation District's website. (see buttons below). You can also click on the subscribe button to receive other UNH Cooperative Extension newsletters.

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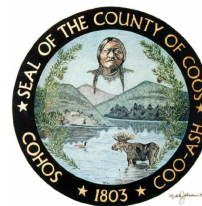
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The UNH Cooperative Extension office in Coös County is located in the [North Country Resource Center](#)
[629A Main Street](#)
[Lancaster, NH 03584](#)

For more information on Coös County UNH Cooperative Extension [visit our website](#), [email us](#), or call 603-788-4961



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