

Coös County Updates

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North Country Updates -Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry

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Farmer to Farmer Soil Health Field Day

November 1, Friday 9:45pm-3:00pm N Haverhill

We will join Chad Cochrane, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); Preston Hatch, Hatchland Farm; and Carl Majewski, UNH Cooperative Extension (UNHCE), to discuss the benefits of soil health practices like going no-till and cover cropping.

We will also be joined by NRCS, Orford Field staff; Heather Bryant, UNHCE Grafton County Field Specialist; and Bill Fosher, NHACD Conservation Planner in the Connecticut River watershed.

This is a great opportunity for people of all levels of experience and interest in no-till and cover cropping to learn from other farmers. We will discuss Cover Crop Species Selection, No-till Planting Equipment and Techniques, Cover Crop, No-till and Soil Health.

This session has been approved for 1.5 Pesticide Applicator Credits.

Contact: Pam Gilbert, District Manager Grafton County Conservation District Call: 603-353-4652, ext 103 or email: pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdnet.net

Learn More



Agritourism:
Building Connection Between Farmers, Customers and
Communities
11th Annual NH Direct Marketing Conference

November 4, Monday 12:00pm-5:30pm Greenland Before inviting visitors to your agricultural operation for an authentic farm experience like picking berries, petting farm animals or savoring a meal with locally grown produce and meat, there are many factors to consider. Learn to demystify the Agritourism buzzword and how to start or grow an Agritourism business.

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Learn More & How to Register





UNH Food & Agriculture Day

November 7, Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Durham

Join UNH professors, researchers, industry experts and government officials for a day of learning and exploring the possibility of partnering with UNH.

Learn about UNH research topics including sustainable agriculture and food systems, aquaculture, nutrition and nutrition trends, organic dairy farming, animal and crop health, veterinary technology, extending New England growing seasons, big data and farming, brewing science, ecogastronomy, fisheries and more!

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ServSafe Food Safety Training & Exam

November 11, Monday 9:00am-5:30pm Littleton

ServSafe® is a nationally recognized food safety certification program of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF). This one-day course provides the latest science-based information on food safety and best practices in the industry.

Registration required.

Contact: Mary Saucier Choate

Food Safety Field Specialist, Grafton County Office Call: 603-787-6944 OR Email: mary.choate@unh.edu

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Environmental Science Workshop NH Envirothon Teacher Training

November 21, Thursday 8:30am-3:00pm Hopkinton

Since 1991, NH Envirothon has inspired teens to make responsible environmental and natural resource decisions through real-world, hands-on educational experiences. Many students step away from the Envirothon experience excited about learning and motivated to pursue careers in environmental studies, environmental law, natural sciences, and natural resource management.

Join the science experts behind NH Envirothon for a full day of hands on contact hours! Geared towards middle and high school teachers, participants will gain valuable knowledge in the areas of –

Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, and the 2020 NH Envirothon Current Issue - *Water Resources*

Management: Local Control and Local Solutions

Contact: Dawn Dextraze, NH Envirothon Coordinator

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Event information & How to Register

NH Envirothon



Beginning Quickbooks for Farm Businesses

Mondays, November 25, December 2 & December 16 10:00am-2:00pm Lancaster

This workshop will teach farmers how to set up a bookkeeping system using QuickBooks.

Topics covered include recordkeeping concepts and accounting principles, how to record common business transactions in QuickBooks, and how to utilize reports to guide business management decisions.

Note: This workshop teaches the desktop version of QuickBooks and the online version will not be covered. Participants will need the desktop version to get the most from this workshop.

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Read More & How to Register

In The News



Will Staats - Retires

Wildlife Biologist with NH Fish & Game Region 1, Lancaster

We would like to Thank You, Will Staats, for your dedication to Wildlife and the Environment in the North Country!

You will be greatly missed by many, especially our northern wildlife, for whom you have stood up for and protected during your career with NH Fish & Game.

You will be missed! Enjoy this next chapter in your life!



Karen Bennett - Retires

State Forestry Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension

Karen joined UNH Cooperative Extension in 1979. She worked in Hillsborough and later in Merrimack county as a County Forester helping people care for their forest land. She shared information about forest and wildlife management, current use taxation, selling timber, growing Christmas trees, caring for shade trees, identifying trees, trail and road layout, forest ecology, soils and many other topics of concern to woodlot owners.

She assumed her Extension Specialist role in 1996 where she specializes in private forest lands management providing education to landowners, land managers, conservation volunteers, and public decision makers.

Karen, Enjoy the next chapter in your life!



Conserving Land with Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is a permanent legally binding agreement between a landowner and a conservation organization that restricts the use of the land to protect its significant natural features. If you place a conservation easement on your land, you can manage it for agriculture, forestry, recreation, and wildlife habitat, but not for intensive uses like development or commercial and industrial activities.

As a landowner you are still responsible for paying the property taxes on the land. You may sell or bequeath your easement-protected land to anyone at any time, but all future owners are required to follow the terms of the easement. Conservation easements run with the land forever. Your easement is custom-tailored between you and the conservation organization and may allow you to build and maintain certain roads or structures that serve uses allowed by the easement. The easement also grants specific rights to the easement holder, including the right to periodically enter the property to monitor its condition and to ensure that its terms are upheld.

Read More at NRCS

Read More at NH Land Trust



VT Cheesemakers
Take home international awards!

Congratulations to our neighbors -- The Vermont Cheese Council (VCC), an organization dedicated to the production and advancement of quality Vermont cheese announced that seven Vermont cheesemakers took home 19 medals at the *World Cheese Awards* held in Bergamo, Italy.

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

Soil Health Rental Equipment Click on the equipment for more information.



Wood Ash Spreader & Rental Terms Coös County



No-Till Seeder & Rental Terms **Grafton County**



Hi-Tunnel Tool Loan Program, List of Tools & **Loan Process** Coös County



Aerway & 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 <u>Education Center</u> 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 <u>website</u>.



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

Soil Testing Services

Insect Identification Services

Plant Diagnostic Lab

NH Bugs

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Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information visit our website, email us, or call 603-788-4961



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