



Extension

Coös County Ag Update

August 2017

The North Country Ag Update from Coös County 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 for future content?

Send us an email -

steven.turaj@unh.edu or

carolyn.mcquiston@unh.edu



Events & Opportunities



Veterans in Agriculture - Connect with Fellow Vets & Farmers

An Introduction to a Diversified Livestock & Vegetable Operation

Spread the word, and plan to join us to
Connect with fellow Vets & Farmers.

Saturday, August 12, 2017

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Come for the day or for the weekend.

Please RSVP.

Abdali Farm, 181 Route 12A, Langdon NH

For more information & how to register,
please contact: dianec@nhfarmbureau.org

[More Information &
How to Register - Click Here](#)



Asparagus Lunch & Learn

Thursday, August 24, 2017

10:00AM-2:00PM

North Country Resource Center,
Route 3, 629A Main Street,
Lancaster NH 03584

Contact:

Heather.Bryant@unh.edu

603-787-6944

[More Information Click Here](#)



SAVE THE DATE

North Country

Fruit & Vegetable Seminar

Monday, October 30, 2017

9:00AM - 3:30PM

Mountain View Grand, Whitefield, NH

Contact:

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In The News

Searching for Leek Moth

by Heather Bryant

A new-to-New Hampshire pest called the leek moth was discovered in Northern Coös County last year. It is too early to tell if this will become a significant pest for us, however, in response to this discovery, the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food teamed up with UNH Extension to recruit growers to set up a series of traps across the state to attempt to monitor the pest. In mid-June moths were caught in the traps in the same general vicinity that they had been found last year.

The leek moth lays eggs on allium crops (onions, garlic and leeks). The eggs then hatch and the larvae can damage the crops by stunting growth and diminishing storage quality. Please see the Cornell site for a series of pictures of the damage the leek moth causes.



[More information from
Cornell University](#)

Please keep in mind that the information about the timing of the leaf moths lifecycle comes from New York; it may not keep the same schedule in New Hampshire. If you see damage on your allium crops that looks like it could be caused by leek moth larvae, please email photos to -
Heather - Heather.Bryant@unh.edu or
Steve - Steven.Turaj@unh.edu

Soil Test, Plant Disease, Insect ID

Reminder - this is the time of year you will want to have this information handy.



[Link to Soil Test Webpage](#)



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How & Where to Submit Samples](#)



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[Link to Insect Identification](#)

Coös Conservation District

LARGE EQUIPMENT RENTALS

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

HIGH TUNNEL / GARDEN TOOL RENTALS

Coös County Conservation District applied for and received the 2012 Specialty Crop Block Grant to purchase tools specialized for high tunnels. With this grant various tools were purchased for the general public 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.

Contact Sarah at the -
Coös County Conservation District



NH Farm Bureau



Farmer–Veteran Workshops

AUGUST 12, Abdali Farm, read details above.

As we develop our workshops for this year, we are asking for help for both Veterans and Farmers who want to be involved. We will be sending out this survey through various methods. Here is first look, please complete and send back to us here in Coös Extension:

For Veterans:

- 1) List two(2) skills you gained when on active service that can be helpful in farming.
- 2) What type of farming are you interested in pursuing? Your own farm or to work on a farm?
- 3) List three(3) Farming/Agricultural skills in which you would like to become proficient.

For Farmers:

- 1) When employing a military veteran, what are the most important skills you would like them to have?
- 2) Would you be willing to host an on-farm workshop for aspiring farmer veteran? If yes, please call Diane Cleary at the NH Farm Bureau (224-1934).
- 3) Do you have an on-farm/job training program that would be helpful to aspiring farmers veterans? If yes, please describe the training program.

NH Farm Bureau's new **Veterans in Agriculture Committee** is looking for feedback from our members.

Are YOU a veteran? Would you like to learn more about opportunities for veterans in agriculture? Would you like to be a part of this new committee? Do you know a veteran in agriculture or who is interested in agriculture?

Contact the NHFB Office at (603) 224-1934 or e-mail Josh editor@nhfarmbureau.org with your name, county, contact info, and how you would like to be involved.

Veteran / Farmer Update

Two items of interest on this effort to help guide Veterans who are considering a career in agriculture:

1. First organizational meeting of NH Farm Bureau's new Veterans in Agriculture Committee in March. Very well attended by motivated Vets, Farmers, and other Ag Folks, of all ages and abilities. Mission is to recruit, educate, support, and promote Veterans and Veteran families in Agriculture. Right now we are compiling a list of resources and individuals who can help. Know someone? Email Diane at dianec@nhfarmbureau.org
2. We, on UNH's Ag-Extension Dairy/Forage Crop/Livestock Team have signed on to receive a grant through the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) Armed to

Farm. All agricultural commodities will be considered, we are just taking the lead on this.

Its intent is to build farmer training programs, provide net-working opportunities for Military Veterans in the Northeast. This will give us funds for training materials, specialty speakers, facility use that would be needed. We are still planning a series of pilot workshops this summer. A lot is possible.



[NH Farm Bureau](#)

Questions, The Education Center Can Help



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