



# Extension

Coös County Updates

February 2020

## ***North Country Updates - Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry***

This newsletter comes to you from  
UNH Cooperative Extension,  
Coös County Conservation District &  
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## Events



### **Maple Producers Hydrometer Clinic NHDA, Div of Regulatory Services**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**  
9:00am-12:00pm  
UNH Extension, Lancaster

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.

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

[NHDA Website](#)



### **18th Annual NOFA-NH Conference**

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**  
7:30am-6:30pm  
N Sutton, NH

Green Market Fair - Conference attendees enjoy a full-day Exhibitor Fair, with 40+ vendors, crafters, food makers, demos, and more.

Book Signing - Many conference presenters are published authors. Look for the MainStreet BookEnds tables at the Green Market Fair to browse hundreds of titles, and get your books signed by the authors. 20% of book sale proceeds during the conference are donated to NOFA-NH.



Seed Swap - Bring your favorite seeds to swap, or take some seeds home - look for the Seed Swap table

Raffle - Purchase raffle tickets throughout the conference for a chance to win one of many great prizes donated by our sponsors.

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[For more information -  
NOFA Website](#)



## **Future of the Farm - Webinars - Three Part Series**

### **Thursday, February 13 - Leasing Farmland**

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Leasing is a great way to make use of fallow agriculture property and for a new farmer without land to get their farming career started. In this webinar, we will take a look at the importance of a lease agreement, information that should be communicated by both parties, and resources that are available for both landowners and those seeking land to lease.

### **Thursday, March 12 - Understanding the LLC**

12:00pm - 1:00pm

An LLC form of business ownership can be used as a tool to transfer a farm to another generation. It can also offer many protections that a sole proprietor or a group of partners need to shield personal assets from the risks of the business. Despite the simplicity of setting up an LLC, there are several points to consider and be cautious of when setting one up for your farm.

### **Thursday, April 9 - Installment Sales**

12:00pm-1:00pm

An installment sale can be an affordable way for the incoming generation to purchase the farm. There are legal and tax impacts to consider before signing over the farm, especially if the sale occurs between family members. Learn more about the tax implications, as well as what should be included in an installment sales agreement.

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[More Information & How to Register](#)



## Farm, Forest & Garden Expo

Friday & Saturday, February 14 & 15, 2020  
Manchester

Join us for a family-friendly event to celebrate the state's farming, forestry, and horticulture communities. The exposition includes animals, kid's activities, workshops, speaker programs, a large trade show featuring equipment, products and food produced or sold in New Hampshire, and much more.

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[See Website for More Information](#)



February 14th  
**New Hampshire No-Till Solutions**  
for Dairy Producers & Vegetable Growers  
at the NH Farm and Forest Expo

Join us for roundtable discussions on how to make no-till practices work on New Hampshire Farms. All levels of experience with no-till farming are welcome. Agricultural service providers from UNH Cooperative Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Conservation Districts will facilitate and provide information about opportunities for farmers. Come to one or both discussion sessions on February 14th, 2020.

Hale Room  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
700 Elm St, Manchester, NH

10:30 - 12:00	Dairy Producers' Roundtable Discussion
1:30 - 3:00	Vegetable Growers' Roundtable Discussion

The USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider and lender. If you need accommodations, please contact Chad Cochran (603.223.4823). The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and NH Counties cooperating.

Hosted by the New Hampshire Soil Health Partnership  
[nhsoilhealth.org](http://nhsoilhealth.org)

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[NH Soil Health](#)



learn about forests and wildlife.

N.H. Coverts Project  
Apply by March 1  
(NHI residents only)

[Apply Now](#)

## NH Coverts Training

### Applications due March 1

Each year, 25 landowners and conservation-minded New Hampshire residents gather with a team of natural resource professionals at a rustic camp. For three and a half days, participants learn about the latest concepts and

issues in wildlife and forest ecology, habitat management, land conservation, and effective outreach. The NH Coverts Project is funded in part by NH Fish & Game Department, with support from UNH Cooperative Extension and the NH Division of Forests & Lands.

Participants agree to return to their communities and motivate others to become stewards of the state's wildlife and forest resources.

Over 400 people from throughout New Hampshire have completed the workshop and become NH Coverts volunteers since the beginning of the program in 1995. These volunteers have returned to their communities and hosted tours on their property, conserved land, presented wildlife programs in schools, joined conservation commissions, written articles for newspapers and magazines, staffed exhibits, initiated natural resource inventories, worked on community conservation projects, and much more.

[Learn More](#)



## **Annie's Project Managing for Today & Tomorrow**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday - March 20, 21, 22**  
Fairlee, VT

An Estate & Succession Planning Retreat for Women Farmers

This weekend program is a discussion-based workshop to connect women and subject-matter experts. As they work through important discussions in the areas of business, estate, retirement and succession planning, women will find many opportunities for questions, sharing, and connecting with the presenters and other participants. It's a relaxed, fun and encouraging way to learn, and discuss one of the most difficult subjects that face farm women today.

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[More Information & How to Register](#)



## Pruning Demonstrations

Coös County  
**Saturday, April 25**  
Stratford (please register)

Learn how to prune and care for apple trees and blueberry bushes and how to keep them healthy and productive at this hands-on workshop.

Topics will include: when, how and why to prune as well as how to care for apple trees and blueberries (e.g. fertilization, managing pests and diseases) to help you successfully grow fruit at home or on your farm.

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[More Information & How to Register](#)

## In The News

### UNH Extension & NRCS working together to Help Forest Landowners!

Recently Extension Field Specialist, Brendan Prusik, inspected this hardwood thinning in Coös County for an NRCS TSI project.



Before photo (left), After photo (above).

**Brendan Prusik photos**



## Coös County Conservation District Spring Sale

Accepting orders now through March 6

Proceeds from the sale of these items helps support coordination of local educational, natural resources, conservation programs.



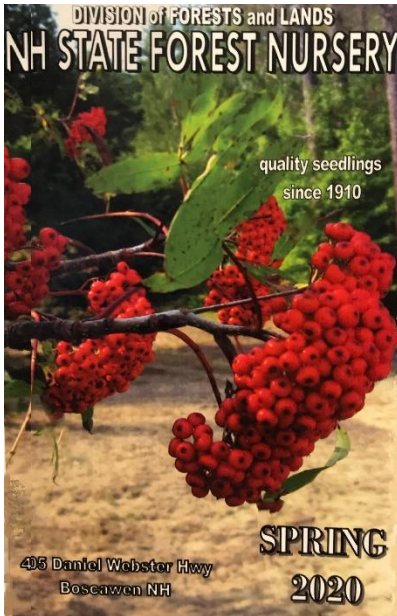
NH Conservation Districts were created in 1946. As a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, with a non-profit status under the IRS tax code. As a subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, conservation districts are a partnership of federal, state and local agencies interested in the wise use of natural resources.

The Coös County Conservation District is co-located with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, providing technical assistance to County landowners.



The District Supervisors are recommended by the District and appointed by the State Conservation Committee. Associate Supervisors are appointed by the local District Board. The District Supervisors and Associate Supervisors bring local contacts to the conservation process, representing local needs, and bringing technical expertise from the community to the District. The Coös County Conservation District is fortunate to have the support of the Coös County Commissioners and County Delegation who generously provide funding for the District Manager.

[District website for more information](#)



## NH State Forest Nursery

The New Hampshire State Forester Brad Simpkins says, "Since 1910, the New Hampshire State Forest Nursery has occupied an established role in contributing to the well being of the state's forests and forest economy. Planting trees and shrubs is an important stewardship activity for landowners who wish to improve our environment for future generations. Our State Forest Nursery is part of our heritage and an investment in our future."

Offering more than 50 different bare-root seedling species and specialty packages of incomparable quality. We have a small program by most standards and that allows us to concentrate on product quality and customer service. Our experienced staff and seedling quality are unsurpassed. We do not import seedlings from out-of-state or transplant seedlings from other sources. All of our seedlings are grown from seed in our own seedbeds. This ensures that our seedlings are well adapted to New Hampshire climate, free of disease and insect pests.

Our seedlings are useful for many purposes including:

- Wildlife Food and Cover
- Site Reclamation
- Erosion Control Stream Bank and Wetland Plantings
- Reforestation
- Hedgerows for wind and snow breaks
- Christmas tree growing stock

[More Info and How to Order](#)

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## State Conservationist, Rick Ellsmore, Retiring



"It's been a wonderful 35-year ride," said Ellsmore. "Twenty-two of those years have been in New Hampshire and it's definitely been the best part of it – although Ohio, Maine, Iowa and D.C. are nice," he laughed.

A native New Englander from Machias, Maine, Ellsmore was easily able to relate to the conservation concerns of the people of New Hampshire and has served the agency to further

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conservation efforts for NRCS for the duration of his career.

His knowledge and candor in relating to the customers in the region also caught the attention of the congressional officials he worked with.

Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, who has worked with Ellsmore regularly since 2009, had a letter formally presented to Ellsmore after his concluding remarks thanking him for his service and wishing him well on his next endeavors:

“I want to thank you for your years of service to the people of New Hampshire, and your dedication to conservation. Your expertise and commitment have been a true asset to our state. Throughout your career you have interacted with countless farmers and residents to provide technical assistance and promote sustainability,” the letter stated. “My staff and I always appreciated how approachable you were when constituent questions arose and how eager you were to answer them quickly and knowledgeably. While your retirement is certainly well deserved, your strong presence and effectiveness will surely be missed. I hope that the challenges and rewards of your career provide you with a unique sense of accomplishment and I wish you the best of luck as you enter this new chapter of your life ...”

[NRCS News Release](#)



## Christmas Tree Online Course

Growing Christmas Trees in New Hampshire

Growing Christmas trees on a few acres or on large acreage can be a great deal of work, yet very rewarding. This course was designed with you in mind. After completing this self-paced course, you should be ready to not only start a Christmas tree farm but also be ready to take the NH Private Pesticide Applicator exam in Christmas Trees.

[Learn More](#)

**Coös County Conservation District (CCCD)**



## Coös County Conservation District

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

Visit our website - [cooscountyconservation.org](http://cooscountyconservation.org)  
email - [da.cccd@gmail.com](mailto: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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& Rental Terms](#)

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[Hi-Tunnel Tool  
Loan Program,  
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Loan Process](#)

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[No-Till Seeder  
& Rental Terms](#)

[Grafton County](#)

The KFD-72 is 6' wide and capable of planting 9 rows, with 8" spacing. KASCO recommends a 33hp+ tractor, with sufficient lift capacity to handle approximately 1600 lbs. on back.



[Aerway  
& Rental Terms](#)

[Grafton County](#)

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

## 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 can help.

Soil Testing Services

Insect Identification Services

Plant Diagnostic Lab

NH Bugs

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USDA / NRCS in NH

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Lancaster, NH 03584

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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