



Extension

Coös County Updates

May 2020

North Country Updates - Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry

This newsletter comes to you from
UNH Cooperative Extension,
Coös County Conservation District &
USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Services,
Lancaster, NH



Hello Coös County Extension Is Still Here!

Hey folks I hope you are all continuing to do well in these times. We have had some truly beautiful days but many days we can still be reminded of winter in the cool wind or the falling snow flurries. I'm a winter guy, I enjoy it a lot. However, this year I'm ready to move along, ready to swing the fly rod around, ready to see leaf break and ready to see corn pop up along the banks of the Connecticut. Like many of you I'm also ready to be done dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. Unfortunately, that will still take some more time. As we head into the demands of spring and summer, lets keep in mind that it's all of our responsibility to keep our communities safe.

I want to let you know that we are still working and available to provide guidance and help during this busy season. While UNH Extension's administration has decided to curtail face-to-face meetings and in-person programming for at least the next few weeks, we (and the rest of UNH Extension) are still working every day to help your season be a successful one. We are doing this by developing new programming and altering existing programming to still deliver you relevant and effective research-based information in ways that keeps us all safe. We are very much available to talk via phone, email, or 'virtual' visits. We can even make physical site visits, as long as we're able to follow certain protocols!

I continue to look forward to meeting and working with the people of Coös County. As this season gets underway reach out with any questions and be well.

-Nick

PLEASE Check websites regularly for updates

In person events are still being cancelled and online events are being created. a few websites to keep an eye on.

[NHTOA](#)

[UNH Extension](#)

[NH Department of Ag](#)

Events



New Hampshire
AGRICULTURE
Daily COVID-19 Updates

Open Forum for NH Farms

The online sessions will be held

Mondays - 10:00-11:00 AM

Wednesdays - 7:00-8:00 PM

Extension's open farmer forums are ongoing and continuing to evolve to fit current and emerging needs. Growers and producers can join the reoccurring meetings through video chat or by phone to share information and concerns regarding the public health pandemic and the effects on their operations.

The forums continue to be offered every Monday from 10-11am and every Wednesday from 7-8pm. Currently the Monday forum is discussing COVID-19 Updates and mental health topics such as, managing farm stress. The Wednesday forums are special sessions focusing on specific topics. for more information visit

Contact: email: Olivia.Saunders@unh.edu

[More Information](#)



Granite State Gardening Facebook Live Series

With Emma Eler

UNH Extension Education Center Program Coordinator
(as seen on WMUR's Grow it Green) and Nate Bernitz

Mondays & Thursday, at 3:00pm

Tune into - Ask UNH Extension Facebook Page

Facebook live sessions where UNH Extension staff will discuss gardening in the Granite State. A wide variety of topics focused for the enthusiastic home gardener are covered.

May 4 - Invasive Plants with Mike Gagnon and Charlotte Thompson

May 7 - Pollinator Gardening and Habitat with Emma Eler

May 11 - Vegetable Gardening with Becky Sideman

May 14 – Food Preservation: Canning Basics with Ann Hamilton
May 18 – Landscaping for Wildlife with Matt Tarr
May 21 – Food Preservation: Canning, Pickling, Jams and Jellies with Ann Hamilton
May 28 – Food Preservation: Freezing, Drying and other Food Preservation Techniques with Ann Hamilton

[Archived topics can be viewed here](#)



Northern New England Dairy Discussions

May 5 and May 7
Tuesday & Thursday
7:00-8:30pm

Dairy farmers in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont are invited to join us for two free, virtual meetings to get industry updates and discuss strategies to help navigate through these challenging times. Farmers will hear from state extension specialists, Farm Service Agency, dairy cooperatives, and other dairy farmers in the region. These meetings will provide producers an opportunity to connect with one another, and to ask and discuss questions surrounding these issues.

[More Information & How To Register](#)



Webinar - COVID-19: Business Strategies for Small Meat Processors

May 5, Tuesday - 2:00pm
Independent Processor and the American Association of Meat Processors are hosting this webinar. The webinar will feature a panel of speakers discussing latest developments in the meat industry, and how meat markets should be handling their processing and retail operations.

[Click here to Register](#)



Webinar - Adding SNAP/EBT Sales to your Farm

May 6 - Wednesday
7:00pm - 8:00pm

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to eligible, low-income individuals and can be an added revenue source for direct market farmers. As funding for SNAP is increasing, we hope NH Farmers will consider becoming an approved vendor to provide healthy, local food to SNAP customers.

[Webinar is Free, but you must register - Click Here](#)



Webinar - Coös County Small & Beginner Farmers, a Presentation on Season Extension

May 14 – Thursday
6:30-8:00pm

The Small and Beginner Farmer Group in Coös County is composed of community members who are passionate and eager to learn about a variety of farming and natural resource related topics. If you are interested in learning about getting a little more time out of our short growing season, than join this webinar! We will go over basic techniques, technology and tips for getting the most out of your season!

Webinar link <https://unh.zoom.us/j/93654585647>



Scale Clinics cancelled?

May 27, 12-2pm – The scale clinic at the North Country Resource Center is cancelled.

The Division of Weights and Measures scale certification clinics, scheduled **through the end of May 2020**, have been cancelled due to COVID-19 mandates.

The clinic scheduled for June will take place unless we are directed otherwise. At this point, it is not feasible to offer single appointments for scale certification so do not bring your scale/s to the NHDAMF office in Concord.

A list of service companies who can certify scales is found on the NHDA website.

In The News



Please Support Local -

Many of our local business are open for curbside pickup.
Some restaurants are open, many are posting daily on facebook their takeout menus.

The Root Seller and the North Country Marketplace support local businesses and they are open for business -

The [Root Seller in Lancaster](#), order online and curbside pickup at the store.

The [North Country Marketplace](#), Colebrook, order and pickup curbside.

Greenhouses, Nurseries - soon our favorite nurseries will also be open for spring plant sales, essential businesses, please follow their lead with wearing masks and social distancing.

All COVID-19 Agriculture Related Information (Food Safety, Labor, Ect.)

We have created a place on our website where you can easily find the answers to questions we have collected. You can also ask new questions through the "ask a question" button. Ultimately this website will be a platform where Extension and other members of the Ag Service industry can come together to provide answers to you.

[FAQ About Covid19 & NH Agriculture](#)

Two Interactive Maps to Help you Find Food



The New Hampshire Farm Products Map: Please Add you Farm

In response to the developments associated with COVID-19 and the resulting adaptations being made by farmers as they market their products, UNH Cooperative Extension has developed a statewide New Hampshire Farm Products Map. This is the only statewide map of it's kind. This tool will make it easy for farmers to update their information on an interactive online map so that consumers can quickly and easily learn where and how to purchase their products in light of the changing situation associated with COVID-19.

[Add Your Farm](#)

[NH Farm Products Map](#)



The New Hampshire Food Map

UNH Extension worked with the public assistance community to create the New Hampshire Food Access Map, an online platform that enables organizations to offer their services and share their needs with the public.

The map shows locations where:

- free or low-cost food is offered
- volunteers are needed
- donations are accepted

[NH Food Map](#)

North Country Fruit & Vegetable Seminar and Tradeshow

The North Country Fruit & Vegetable Seminar and Tradeshow has been absent for a couple years. This is an event we at Extension would like to bring back. While the possibility of a 2020 conference is still up in the air due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are trying to get the ball rolling and are asking for your input. In the past, attendance had dwindled down to a point where it wasn't feasible for our invited vendors. We are trying to recreate this event to better serve the people of the North Country and this is a great time to start. We would appreciate your thoughts and ideas on the matter and are willing to move away from the traditional structure of the conference if necessary. Please fill out this anonymous survey in the provided link it will help us take the first step into bringing this fun and informative event back.

If you have any questions or want to provide additional insight, please contact Nick at nicholas.rowley@unh.edu or at 603-788-4961.

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

Soil Health Rental Equipment

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[No-Till Seeder
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[Grafton County](#)

The KED-72 is 6' wide and capable of planting 3 rows, with 8" spacing. KASCO recommends a 35hp tractor, with sufficient lift capacity to handle approximately 1600 lbs. on back.



[Aerway
& Rental Terms](#)

[Grafton County](#)

AWMP-JFS-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.



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UNH Cooperative Extension
ID services can help.

Soil Testing Services

Insect Identification Services

Plant Diagnostic Lab

NH Bugs

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Coös County Conservation District

USDA / NRCS in NH

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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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