



Coös County Ag Update

November 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?

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Events

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

Tuesday, November 14

8:00am-5:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Church
274 Pleasant Street
Concord NH

Are you covered under the FSMA Produce Safety Rule? If so, this course is one way to meet training requirements under the rule. Pre-registration is required by November 1, space is limited.

[To Register](#)

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[Not sure if you are covered?
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Food Evolution

Screening & Panel Discussion

Thursday, November 16

6:00pm-10:00pm

How do we ensure our food supplies are safe and plentiful? Are GMO foods good for your health or not? And what data and evidence are we using to answer these questions? The new documentary **Food Evolution** tackles those questions and more and separates emotion and hype from science and facts.

Food Evolution comes to UNH for a free screening on November 16. NH Agricultural Commissioner, Lorraine Merrill, moderates a panel discussion after the film. The event is free, but registration is limited — [sign up today!](#)

Sponsored by the NH Agricultural Experiment Station, UNH College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, UNH Cooperative Extension, UNH Sustainability Institute, and the Carsey School for Public Policy.



New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference 2017

Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH

December 12-14



[Conference Information](#)

In The News

Oats for Grain Trial

This local effort, thanks to a farmer willing to give it a try, comes under the definition of what some researchers call "Little Science": Investigative work done by a few individuals with a minimum (at least for me) cost in \$, equipment and personnel that can be comfortably managed, yet still yield useful results. It gives those involved time for observation and productive thought. This sort of "applied science" has long been a hallmark of Extension services in the past.

In this case three different varieties were planted, recently harvested with samples for quality going to a forage lab. There is a lot to like about Oats, give me a call to talk more.



[Dairy One Website](#)

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Crop Circles?!

No, rest easy, just one of the interesting items often encountered when out and about doing corn sampling. All sorts of 4 legged and occasionally human damage is seen. "Bank Beavers" for instance will cut out, at ground level, neat little geometric blocks of corn stalks and pull them down to the river for whatever purpose. We were once blamed for that...nope, we just take the ears...

In this case .. bears have been busy with some corn sampling of their own. This an average size mess they've created. I've been known to break out in singing stanzas of "Waltzing Matilda" as a deterrent when bears are sighted, been told they prefer the bears...



Corn Yield Sampling

While farmers are busy chopping many acres of field corn I join FSA/USDA partners in the three northern counties to assess yields for the year's production. These results are used for programs they are involved with to assist commercial farm operations. Yields vary considerably depending on planting date, wet or dry soil conditions, cultivars planted, pest pressure,



amongst many other factors. Altogether we measure out many "representative acre samples" and shuck out a lot of corn. The picture of these quite differently colored samples gives an idea of how much variability is present. This 2017 was a fairly cold year with delayed plantings. That September that felt like July and August should have, was quite welcome. For me I find it a good opportunity to look at end of season weed control, fertility impacts, IPM type stuff and often a chance to talk with growers on such topics ...before the next empty truck arrives.

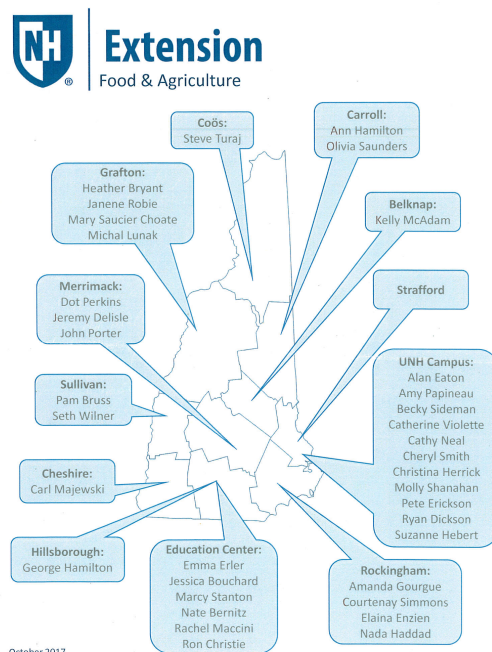
UNH Agricultural Extension Staffing

Linked here is how Agricultural and Food Staff are in place about the state and the 'Teams' they are working in.

A point to remember is while the person(s) in the closest county office to you is a good first contact; they will direct you (for further assistance) to the nearest Team member in the type of agricultural enterprise you are inquiring about.

For instance: Steve in Coös will introduce you to Heather in Grafton for fruit & vegetable support. Likewise Heather will direct Grafton County field corn growers to Steve.

Home gardeners should feel comfortable contacting the Education Center, staffed with trained Master Gardeners, for all manner of non-commercial



[More Detailed List](#)

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.

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NH Farm Bureau



Veterans in Agriculture

Welcome them back to the land:

This new NH Farm Bureau committee is continuing their efforts to grow NH Agriculture by helping Veterans connect with the larger agricultural community. Further educational workshops are being planned for the coming year. Visit their booth at this year's [Annual NHFB meeting in Keene, November 10 & 11.](#)

Join us!

Interested in being part of [NH Farm Bureau's Veterans in Agriculture Committee?](#)

Contact Veterans in Agriculture Committee Chair, Glen Putnam, 603-667-0097 or email glen@winsomefarmorganics.com

For more information about NH Farm Bureau please call (603) 224-1934 or e-mail nhfarmbureau.org



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