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New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference

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New England Vegetable & Berry Growers' Association, and
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association

2026
Conference at a Glance

TUESDAY Dec. 15

8:00 am	**Trade Show 8:00 am - 6:00 pm** Expo Center				
9:30 am - NOON	**Apples I** Pemigewasset	**Cut Flowers** Merrimack/ Piscat.	**Organic** Armory	**Strawberries I** Contoocook	**Sweet Corn** Frost/ Hawthorne
NOON - 1:45 PM	Extended lunch: Network & visit Trade Show!	**MFGA Annual Meeting** 12:00 - 12:45 Pemigewasset	**Farmer2Farmer Sessions 12:45 - 1:45** Agritourism - Contoocook Cut Flowers - Merrimack/Piscat. SARE Research Forum - Frost/Hawthorne		
2:00 - 4:30 PM	**Advanced Farm Technology** Armory	**Cucurbits** Merrimack/ Piscat	**Spraying** Contoocook	**Stone Fruit** Pemigewasset	**Strawberries II** Frost/ Hawthorne
4:30 - 6:00 PM	**Trade Show Social** Expo Center	**Farmer2Farmer Sessions: 4:45-5:45** Farm Succession Planning - Contoocook Mushrooms - Pemigewasset Strawberries - Frost/Hawthorne			
6:00 - 9:00 PM	**Worker Protection Standards Training** Webster				



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WEDNESDAY Dec. 16

8:00 am	**Trade Show 8:00 am - 6:00 pm** Expo Center					
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NOON - 1:45 PM	Extended lunch: Network & visit Trade Show!	**Farmer2Farmer Sessions 12:45 - 1:45** Specialty Crops - Frost/Hawthorne Vegetable Insects - Merrimack/Piscat. Wash/Pack & Food Safety - Contoocook				
2:00 - 4:30 PM	**Cover Crops & Reduced Tillage** Contoocook	**Soil Water Management** Pemigewasset	**Specialty Fruit** Frost/ Hawthorne	**Vegetables II** Armory	**Winter Growing** Merrimack/ Piscat.	
4:30 - 6:00 PM	**Trade Show** Expo Center	**Student Poster Session** 4:45 - 5:45 Assembly Area	**Farmer2Farmer Sessions: 4:45-5:45** Reduced-till - Contoocook Vegetable Diseases - Pemigewasset Winter Growing - Merrimack/Piscat.			
6:00 - 7:30 PM	**Social Mixer and Awards** Assembly Area					

THURSDAY Dec. 17

8:00 am	**Trade Show 8:00 am - 2:00 pm** Expo Center					
9:30 am - NOON	**Blueberries I** Frost/ Hawthorne	**Farm Business Management II** Contoocook	**Protected Culture** Merrimack/ Piscat.	**Vegetables III** Armory	**Weed Management** Pemigewasset	
NOON - 1:45 PM	Extended lunch: Network & visit Trade Show!	**Farmer2Farmer Sessions 12:45 - 1:45** High Tunnel Tomatoes - Merrimack/Piscat. Seeds - Webster Weed Control - Pemigewasset				
2:00 - 4:30 PM	**Blueberries II** Frost/ Hawthorne	**Farm Business Management III** Contoocook	**Postharvest Handling** Merrimack/ Piscat.	**Root Crops** Pemigewasset	**Seed Saving** Webster	**Soil Testing & Amendments** Armory

Greetings and Welcome

Welcome to the 27th New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference and Trade Show. This meeting takes place every other year in December, and includes more than 30 educational sessions over 3 days. Topics include major vegetable, berry and tree fruit crops, and much more.

Farmer-to-Farmer sessions throughout the conference allow you to discuss specific issues in more detail. There is also an extensive Trade Show with more than 130 exhibitors. We hope that you will enjoy your time here, and meet with fellow growers, advisors, researchers and industry representatives. We want you to leave with new ideas and information that will have a positive impact on your farm.

This conference is special because it is put together with close collaboration between growers and Extension from across the region. The steering committee gathers the best speakers from within our region and across the country to tell you about the latest innovations and advances in vegetable and fruit production. Almost every session includes both farmers and research or Extension personnel, so you are getting the "best of both worlds."

The New England Vegetable and Fruit Extension team also collaborates to conduct research, hold other educational programs, and to create resources for the benefit of growers. These include the New England Vegetable Management Guide, the New England Small Fruit Management Guide, and the New England Tree Fruit Management Guide which are published every other year. For more information about New England Vegetable and Fruit Extension Programs, contact your state Extension office.

Our sponsors invite you to visit the Trade Show during the conference. We invite businesses and organizations to exhibit at the Trade Show for the purpose of providing information to the participants. While we make responsible efforts to assure the integrity of the exhibitors, the conference sponsors do not guarantee or warranty any product exhibited; neither do the sponsors imply approval of or endorse any product to the exclusion of others that may be available.

We value your feedback! We use your comments and suggestions to plan the next program. Please tell us what you think by filling out a paper or electronic evaluation.



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Pesticide Education Credits

Certified pesticide applicators from New England are eligible to receive pesticide applicator training (PAT) credits. Growers from New York are NOT eligible to receive PAT credits. Pick up a form during registration and complete the information on the top portion. Be sure to have your certification number with you. This form is to be used for the entire conference. To get credit for a session, you must attend the entire session and forms must be signed by the Session Moderator at the end of the session. Turn in both the pink and yellow copies of the form at the registration desk when you leave the conference and keep the white copy for your records.

Certified Crop Adviser: Continuing Education Units

Certified Crop Advisers who attend certain sessions are eligible to receive Continuing Education Units. A sign in/out sheet will be available for each session in the room. CCA members must SIGN IN at the beginning of each session and SIGN OUT at the end of the session. You must attend the entire session to receive credit. Be sure to include your CCA membership number.

Credits are awarded in topic areas. Credits are listed by topic area under the heading for each session. **Topic areas are: Nutrient Management, Soil & Water Management, IPM, Crop Management, Professional Development, Organic, Sustainability, and Precision Ag.** Credits will be listed in that order (e.g., # NM, #SW, #PM, #CM, #PD, #O, #S, #PA) and also provided as a list in registration packets.

Farmer-to-Farmer Sessions

What are farmer-to-farmer sessions? They are informal sessions where farmers learn from farmers and industry professionals in a moderated conversation. There will be very short or no presentations at these sessions. Farmers can brainstorm and talk about what works for them and what doesn't, while learning new ideas from all who attend these roundtable discussions.

Why should I attend? Much can be learned from a mixed group of farmers, Extension professionals, researchers, and other interested folks. It will allow you a chance to ask questions of presenters and also of those who have experience in farming.

Share your expertise! For any topic, bring photos, videos, a favorite tool, etc.

Poster Session

At each of our collaborating institutions, Extension staff and students conduct agriculture-related research that may be relevant to you. Many have created posters to present their research at this conference. Check out the posters in the Assembly Area outside the Ballrooms! On **Wednesday evening** presenters will be on-hand to present their posters—stop by and meet them!

Lunch

Each day of the conference, a selection of lunch offerings featuring local ingredients will be set up near the Trade Show exhibition hall. In partnership with the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, the New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference Steering Committee has made an effort to source locally grown ingredients. Lunch and refreshments will also be available at the hotel restaurant (The Current, located to the left of the front desk), the hotel cafe (The Daily Brew), and at many restaurants nearby in downtown Manchester.

Social Mixer and Awards Program

The Conference sponsors a social mixer and awards ceremony on **Wednesday evening**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, with a cash bar and light refreshments. The purpose of this event is to bring everyone together including guests from various state Departments of Agriculture and the New England Land Grant Universities. There will be a short speaking program that will include a brief awards program for the New England Vegetable & Berry Growers' Association to honor outstanding contributors for local agriculture. The cost of this event is covered by the Conference and industry supporters of local agriculture. All are invited to this free event.

Trade Show

The trade show features over 130 exhibitors, and is open from 8am to 6pm on **Tuesday & Wednesday**, and from 8am to 2pm on **Thursday**. On **Tuesday evening,** the trade show is sponsoring a social from 4:30-6pm. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Come and visit our exhibitors!

New England Vegetable & Berry Growers' Association

The New England Vegetable & Berry Growers' Association (NEVBGA) is the oldest vegetable growers association in the United States. We support and promote the vegetable and berry industries in New England. Its membership is made up of farmers and research and Extension personnel from universities and industry.

We are offering a REDUCED RATE on Association dues for
FIRST-TIME MEMBERS attending the Conference!
Visit us at our table by the registration booth.

Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association

The Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association (MFGA) is a proponent of fruit production in Massachusetts and New England. Its membership consists of commercial and hobby fruit growers, industry personnel, Extension and university personnel, and other interested persons.

Both the NEVBGA and MFGA provide educational programming, publications, and networking opportunities for growers and support university research projects relevant to New England growers. You are invited to become a member! The NEVBGA and MFGA are co-sponsors of the New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference.

Tuesday Morning

8:00 **Trade Show Opens**

	Apples I Pemigewasset	Cut Flowers Merrimack/Piscat.	Organic Armory
	Credits *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 1.5 / CM 1*	*Credits* *PAT: 2* *CCA: NM 0.5 / PM 1 / CM 1*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: NM 0.5 / SW 0.5 / PM 1 / O 0.5*
9:30	**Fungicide/Bactericide Efficacy & Possible Resistance Issues for Apple Scab & Fireblight** Dr. George Sundin, Michigan State University Extension	**Feeding for Success: Fertility Fundamentals for Cut Flower Growers** Jonathan Ebba, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension	**High Tunnel Cover Cropping with Legumes: Lessons Learned** Dr. Becky Sideman, University of New Hampshire
10:00	**Codling Moth Management Strategies: A Modern Approach for Best Results** Dr. Greg Krawczyk, Penn State Extension	**More Than Just an Afterthought: Adding Flowers to Your Farm to Improve the Bottom Line** Lennie Larkin, B-Side Farm, OR	**Organic Seedling Production at Red Fire Farm** Ryan Voiland, Red Fire Farm, MA
10:30	**The ABCs of Apple Grower Pest Dilemmas: Ambrosia Beetles & *Colletotrichum* (Bitter Rot)** Kaitlin Quinn, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	**When Pests Strike Cut Flowers: How to Detect and Respond** Jason Lilley, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**Evaluating the Efficacy of OMRI-Listed Pesticides in Cabbage, Eggplant & Squash** Veronica Yurchak, University of Maryland Extension
11:00	**The Honeycrisp Playbook** Dan Donahue, Cornell Cooperative Extension	**Preventing Problems: Pest & Disease Basics for Cut Flower Farms** Alicyn Smart, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**Commercial Organic Fertilizers: The Icing on the Soil Fertility Cake** Dr. Kate Cassity-Duffey, University of Georgia
11:30	**What I've Learned from a 6-Year Study of Arrange G7 PGR Used to Correct Biennial Bearing Habit in 'Honeycrisp'** Dan Donahue, Cornell Cooperative Extension ***Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Annual Meeting to immediately follow this session.***	**Postharvest Handling for Cut Flowers** Gregory Witscher, Understory Farm, VT	**Bio-insecticides: 60% of the Time, It Works Every Time** Dr. Anna Wallingford, New Hampshire Community Supported Research

Tuesday Morning

Trade Show Opens

Strawberries I Contoocook	Sweet Corn Frost/Hawthorne
Credits *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: NM 0.5 / PM 1.5 / CM 0.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 1.5* *CCA: PM 1.5 / CM 1*
Discussion & Management of Strawberry Field Collapse Dr. Nate Westrick, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	**Corn Earworm: Progress in Monitoring & Management** Dr. Kelly Hamby, University of Maryland
Weed Management Strategies for Strawberry Dr. David Handley, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**Sweet Corn Variety Update** Daniel Eggert, Gowan Seed Company, NY
Building Better Strawberries: Approaching Strawberry Nutrition Dr. Melissa Muñoz, Clemson University	**Deterrents for Birds in Sweet Corn: Research & Experience** Rebecca Brown, University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension
Wacky Winters: How Should I Manage Straw Mulch & Row Covers Dr. Ed Durner, Rutgers University	**Disease Problems in Sweet Corn** Daniel Heck, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Updates on *Neopestalotiopsis* in Strawberry Dr. Nate Westrick, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	**Weed Management in Sweet Corn** Dr. Thierry Besançon, Rutgers University

Tuesday Afternoon

12:00 - 1:45 Extended Lunch: Network • Visit the trade show •

12:00 -12:45 — **Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Annual Meeting**
Pemigewasset

12:45 -1:45

Farmer2Farmer: Agritourism
Contoocook

Farmer2Farmer: Cut Flowers
Merrimack/Piscat.

	Advanced Farm Technology Armory	Cucurbits Merrimack/Piscat.
	Credits *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PA 2.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 1 / CM 1.5*
2:00	**Precision Nutrient Management & Mapping** Brad Dressler, Helena Agri-Enterprises	**Greenhouse Cucumbers: An Overview** Nate Gorlin-Crenshaw, Johnny's Selected Seeds, ME
2:30	**Can Laser Weeding Replace Herbicides? Lessons from Vegetable Field Trials in the Northeast** Dr. Thierry E. Besançon, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	**Understanding Striped Cucumber Beetle for Better Pest Management in Cucurbits** Dr. Anna Wallingford, New Hampshire Community Supported Research
3:00	**Early Detection of Nutrient Deficiencies in Commercial Fruit Orchards Using Drone Technology** Evan Lentz & Dr. Chandi Witharana, University of Connecticut Extension	**From Transplant to Direct Seed: Lessons Learned in Organic Winter Squash & Pumpkin Production** Max Morningstar, MX Morningstar Farm, NY
3:30	**Technology Vendor Showcase** Dr. Amy Jancewicz, CropVue Technologies; Anthony Tasselli, Tempus Ag; Matt Sharpe, HOBO Dataloggers; Casey Darrow, Pomona Systems **(1 hour)**	**From Field to Farm Stand: Pumpkin Trends, Categories & the Future of Breeding** Dr. Chris Hernandez, University of New Hampshire
4:00		**Minimizing Powdery Mildew** Elizabeth Buck, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Farmer2Farmer Sessions

Farmer2Farmer: SARE Farmer-led Research
Frost/Hawthorne

Spraying Contoocook	Stone Fruit Pemigewasset	Strawberries II Frost/Hawthorne
Credits *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 2.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 1.5 / CM 1*	*Credits* *PAT: 1.5* *CCA: PM 1 / CM 1.5*
Extreme Weather & Pesticides: When to Wait, When to Reapply, When to Invest in New Equipment Jason Lilley, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**Tools to Effectively Manage Oriental Fruit Moth in Fruit Orchards** Dr. Greg Krawczyk, Penn State Extension	**Strawberry Varieties for the Northeast** Dr. Courtney Weber, Cornell AgriTech
The Bug Stops Here: Safe Chemical Storage & Design Kyle Quigley, Wilson Farm, MA	**Update on Brown Rot Management in Stone Fruit** Dr. George Sundin, Michigan State University Extension	**Pest Management on Plasticulture Strawberries** Dr. David Handley, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
Optimizing Your Boom Sprayer George Hamilton, Hillside Meadows Ag Consulting, NH	**Freeze Protection in Peach** Dr. Shan Kumar, Penn State Extension	**Best Practices for Growing Strawberries from Plug Plants** Charlie Gray, Four Corners Farm, VT
Improve Pest Control in the Greenhouse or High Tunnel with Cold Fogging Dr. Charlie Krasnow, University of Connecticut Extension	**Not-So-Boring News About (Peach Tree) Borers** Kaitlin Quinn, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	**Strawberry Diseases: A Breeder's Perspective** Dr. Courtney Weber, Cornell AgriTech
Pesticide Efficacy Research & New Products for Insect & Disease Control Susan Scheufele, University of Massachusetts Extension	**Testing New Peach Varieties: Phase 2** Dr. Renae Moran, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**Degradable Plastic Mulches for Strawberry Production - Grower Panel** Trevor Hardy, Brookdale Fruit Farm, NH; Ross Belanger, R. Belanger & Sons Farms, ME

Tuesday Afternoon/Evening

4:30 -6:00

Trade Show Social
Expo Center

Light refreshments provided

4:45 -5:45

Farmer2Farmer: Farm Succession Planning
Contoocook

Farmer2Farmer: Mushrooms
Pemigewasset

6:00 -9:00

Worker Protection Standard Training
Andrea Szylvian, EPA

Webster

Credits - PAT: 3

EPA's Worker Protection Standard (WPS) requires those who conduct pesticide safety training for farmworkers and pesticide handlers to meet certain qualifications. One way to qualify as a WPS pesticide safety trainer is to complete an EPA-approved Train-the-Trainer program. Those completing the session will receive a certificate that documents course completion, and are able to train agricultural workers and handlers. EPA approved materials will be used.



Farmer2Farmer: Strawberries

Frost/Hawthorne



Wednesday Morning

8:00 — **Trade Show Opens**

	Apples II Pemigewasset	Brambles Frost/Hawthorne	Farm Business Mgmt I Contoocook
	Credits *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 1 / CM 1.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 1 / CM 1.5*	*Credits* *CCA: CM 1 / PD 1.5*
9:30	**Managing Aphids, Scales, and Dogwood Borers** Dr. Monique Rivera, Cornell Cooperative Extension	**Developing a Scouting Program for New Jersey Brambles** Dr. Janine Spies & Carrie Manuse, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	**Beyond the Farm Stand: Building an Integrated Retail Experience** Peter Alsop, Tenderwild Farm, ME
10:00	**How to Make the Best Use of Your Single-sites and Biologicals in Your Season-long Fungicide Program** Dr. Kerik Cox, Cornell Cooperative Extension	**Best Management Practices for Insect & Mite Pests of Caneberries** Dr. Kelly Hamby, University of Maryland	**Tracking Marketing ROI** Lennie Larkin, B-Side Farm & Flower Farming for Profit, OR
10:30	**Freeze Protection in Apple** Dr. Shan Kumar, Penn State University	**Bramble Varieties for the Northeast** Dr. Courtney Weber, Cornell AgriTech	**Digital Marketing Tips for 2027** Marlana Trombley, Prosper Peak Marketing, NH
11:00	**Thinning Apples with Accede** Win Cowgill, Win Enterprises, NJ	**Rotating Cross Arm Trellis & Other Innovative Practices in Bramble Production** Tim Stanton, Stanton's Feura Farm, NY	**Value-Added Products: Pricing, Labeling & Regulations** Gavin & Mary MacDonald, Genuine Local, NH
11:30	**Best Storage Practices for Regular and CA Storage Conditions for Northeastern Apple Varieties** Dr. Chris Watkins, Cornell Cooperative Extension	**Trellis & Support System Construction for Brambles** Scott Fallon, Specialty Agricultural Products, CT	**Cooperative Marketing Models: Farmers Selling Together** Dr. Analena Bruce, University of New Hampshire; Sarah Cox, Tuckaway Farm, NH

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Tomatoes Armory	Vegetables I Merrimack/Piscat.
Credits *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 0.5 / CM 1.5 / O 0.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 0.5 / CM 1.5 / O 0.5*
Management Adjustments to Improve High Tunnel Tomato Production Dr. Becky Sideman, University of New Hampshire	**So You Want to Grow Asparagus?!** Dan Smiarowski, D. A. Smiarowski Farm, MA
Field Tomatoes: Systems & Efficiencies Gideon Porth, Atlas Farm, MA	**Asparagus: Growing, Reaping & Protecting Your Investment** Ben Werling, Michigan State University Extension
Bred for Success: How Selection Influences Field Performance Olivia Gao, Johnny's Selected Seeds, ME	**An Overview of Disease & Pest Management in Asparagus** Elizabeth Buck, Cornell University
Production Techniques for Organic Greenhouse Tomatoes Frédéric Lawler & Annie Levesque, L'Abri-Végétal, Quebec	**Celery Production at Kitchen Garden Farm for Wholesale & Processing** Max Traunstein, Kitchen Garden Farm, MA
Disease Management for High Tunnel Tomato Production Dr. Anna Testen, USDA-ARS Application Technology Research Unit, Wooster, OH	**Stalking Michigan's Celery Industry to Get Good Growing Tips** Ben Werling, Michigan State University Extension

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12:45 -1:45	**Farmer2Farmer: Specialty Crops** **Frost/Hawthorne**	**Farmer2Farmer: Vegetable Insect Pests** **Merrimack/Piscat.**
	Cover Crops & Reduced Tillage **Contoocook** *Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: NM 0.5 / SW 1.5 / CM 0.5*	**Soil Water Management** **Pemigewasset** *Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: SW 2.5*
2:00	**Cover Crop Decomposition & Nutrient Release** Dr. Kate Cassity-Duffey, University of Georgia	**Soil Water Dynamics & Management Decisions That Matter** Chad Cochrane, USDA-NRCS
2:30	**Mechanized Management of Living Mulches** John Eidson, SodCo, RI	**Installing the Intelligence: Soil Moisture Sensors & Automated Irrigation Decisions** Anthony Tasselli, Toro Ag
3:00	**Undersowing Cover Crops in Popcorn & Vegetables** Ashley Loehr, Hurricane Flats Farm, VT	**Automating Irrigation: What Works and What Doesn't (Panel)** Bryan Hennigan, Parlee Farms, MA; Tim Allen, Allen Brothers Farm, VT
3:30	**Adapting Equipment for Reduced- and No-till Vegetables** Mike Snow, Snow Ag/Connecticut River Watershed Alliance, VT	**Getting Drainage Right: Design Principles & Installation Standards that Drive Performance** Chad Klotzbach, Alleghany Services, NY
4:00	**Integrating Cover Crops Into Small-scale No-till** Mike Roberts, Roots Family Farm, RI	**Managing Water Below the Surface: The Power of Tile Drainage** Linda Chiarizio, Tangerini's Farm, MA

Farmer2Farmer Sessions

Farmer2Farmer: Wash/Pack & Food Safety
Contoocook

Specialty Fruit Frost/Hawthorne	Vegetables II Armory	Winter Growing Merrimack/Piscat.
Credits *PAT: 2* *CCA: CM 2.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 1.5 / CM 1*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: SW 1 / CM 1.5*
Pawpaw Orchard Establishment Dr. David Hlubik, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	**Allium Diseases: What to be on the Lookout For** Crystal Stewart-Courtens, Cornell Cooperative Extension	**Nuts & Bolts of Winter Growing** Mike Roberts, Roots Family Farm, RI
Growing Juneberries: A Native North American Superfruit Mike Davis, Cornell University	**Pepper Maggot Trapping & Monitoring for Improved Control** Alireza Shokoohi, University of Massachusetts Extension	**Soil Health Considerations for Year-round High Tunnel Production** Bruce Hoskins, University of Maine
Elderberry Production Dr. Megan Meuhlbauer, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	**TBD**	**Maintaining Long-term Soil Health & Productivity at Jericho Settlers Farm** Christa Alexander, Jericho Settlers Farm, VT
Beach Plum Production Dr. Megan Meuhlbauer, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	**Embracing Eggplant Diversity: Exploring Asian Eggplant Varieties & Types** Dr. Becky Sideman, University of New Hampshire	**The Winter Anchor: Re-evaluating the Role of Year-round Production** Sam Zurofsky, Long Season Farm, NY
Kiwiberry Production, On-farm Trials & New Variety Release for the Northeast Dr. Iago Hale, University of New Hampshire	**No More Tears: Highlights from a Decade of Onion Pest Management Research** Dr. Vic Izzo, University of Vermont Extension	**Diversity of Profitable Winter Growing in New York** Sue Decker, Blue Star Farm, NY

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Contoocook

Farmer2Farmer: Vegetable Diseases
Pemigewasset

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Merrimack/Piscat.

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Poster Session

Assembly Area

Extension professionals and students from our collaborating institutions who have been conducting agriculture-related research will present posters showcasing their research. Come see the posters and talk with the students in the Assembly Area outside the Ballrooms!



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8:00 **Trade Show Opens**

	Blueberries I Frost/Hawthorne	Farm Business Mgmt II Contoocook	Protected Culture Merrimack/Piscat.
	Credits *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: PM 2 / CM 0.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 1.5* *CCA: CM 0.5 / PD 1.5*	*Credits* *PAT: 2.5* *CCA: SW 1 / CM 1.5*
9:30	**Managing Cane Diseases of Blueberry** Dr. Nate Westrick, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	**Agritourism 101: Is Welcoming Visitors the Right Strategy for Your Farm's Goals?** Dr. Jason Entsminger, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**From Handheld Tools to Automation: A Practical Guide to Improving High Tunnel Irrigation** Manuel Díaz González, P.E., American Farmland Trust
10:00	**Advances in Managing Spotted Wing Drosophila with Entomopathogenic Nematodes** Dr. Carlos Garcia-Salazar, Michigan State University Extension **(1 hour)**	**Lessons Learned Out of Disaster** Eric Skovsted, Joe's Brook Farm, VT; Ray Sprague, Edgewater Farm, NH; Chelcie Martin, Honey Pot Hill Orchard, MA	**High Tunnel Heating at Six River Farm** Nate Drummond, Six River Farm, ME
10:30		**Leveraging Community Partnerships for Success** Hillary Brennan, VH Veggies, ME; Brett Johnson, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**High Tunnel Automation Benefits from a Grower's Perspective** Tasha Dunning, Spring Ledge Farm, NH
11:00	**Evaluating Novel Attract & Kill Strategies for Managing SWD on Blueberry Farms in New York** Dr. Anna Wallis, Cornell Integrated Pest Management	**Retaining Farm Labor** Lilly Israel, Kitchen Garden Farm, MA; Bethany Allen & Eric Ferguson, Harvest Tide Organics, ME	**High-yield Award-winning Tomato Cultivation Using Soilless Bag Culture** Chris Grant, Grant Family Farm, MA
11:30	**Blueberry Pruning** Heather Kase, Cornell Cooperative Extension	**Agritourism 202: Diving Deeper into Experience Design – The Value Driver of Agritourism Enterprises** Dr. Jason Entsminger, University of Maine Cooperative Extension	**Impact of Spring Cover Crops on Tunnel Soil Chemistry & Tomato Yields** William Hastings & Heather Bryant, University of New Hampshire Extension

Thursday Morning

Trade Show Opens

Vegetables III
Armory

Credits
PAT: 2.5
CCA: PM 0.5 / CM 2

A Rose by Any Other Name: Cauliflower Production at MX Morningstar
Max Morningstar,
MX Morningstar Farm, NY

Outsmarting the Swede Midge: Developing an IPM Program to Disrupt a Challenging Invasive Pest of Brassica Vegetables
Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon,
Cornell Cooperative Extension

Harvest Efficiencies in Brassica Crops (and Beyond)
Tori Desmond,
Tangerini's Farm, MA

Cool It! Tips for Growing Greens Through the Summer Heat
Susan Scheufele, University of Massachusetts Extension

Organic Legumes at Langwater Farm
Kevin O'Dwyer, Langwater Farm, MA

Weed Management
Pemigewasset

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PAT: 2.5
CCA: PM 0.5 / CM 1

Mechanical Weed Control
Sam Tilton, Glacial Drift Enterprises, MN; Justin Rich, Burnt Rock Farm, VT
(1 hour)

Management Tips for Integrating Cover Crops & Herbicides to Optimize Your Weed Control Program
Dr. John Wallace, Penn State Extension

Biodegradable Plastic Mulches: Performance, Degradation & On-farm Considerations
Dr. Shuresh Ghimire, University of Connecticut Extension; Jim Ward, Ward's Berry Farm, MA
(1 hour)

Thursday Afternoon

12:00 - 1:45 Extended Lunch: Network • Visit the trade show • Farm

12:45 -1:45	**Farmer2Farmer: High Tunnel Tomatoes** **Merrimack/Piscat.**	**Farmer2Farmer: Seeds** **Webster**

2:00 Trade Show Closes: Last chance to visit exhibitors!

	Blueberries II **Frost/Hawthorne**	**Farm Business Mgmt III** **Contoocook**	**Postharvest Handling** **Merrimack/Piscat.**
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2:00	**Growing Better Blueberries in New England: Understanding Plant Morphology to Improve Yield** John Galvan, University of Massachusetts Extension	**POS Reports: Making the Most of Your Sales Data** Amy Franklin, Back of the Forty Farm, NH	**Postharvest Water Quality from the Front (Wash) Lines** Ben Comeau, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
2:30	**Difficult Diseases in Highbush Blueberry** Dr. Peter Oudemans, Rutgers Cooperative Extension **(1 hour)**	**Practical Lessons from Interviewing Farmers from High-grossing Operations** Jeremy DeLisle & Seth Wilner, University of New Hampshire Extension	**Wash & Pack: From Tables to Hoses to Full Production Washlines** Andy Chamberlin, University of Vermont Extension
3:00		**Smart Retirement Moves for Farmers** Sarah Groleau & Mark Haglin, The Groleau Financial Group at Thrivent	**Wholesale Harvest & Pack Automation: Carrot Bagger & Brussels Sprouts Harvester** Seth Kroeck, Crystal Spring Farm, ME
3:30	**Soil pH Management, Cultivar Selection & Septoria Leaf Spot in Young Highbush Blueberry Plantings** Dr. Jianyu Li, University of Massachusetts Extension	**Payroll: Can I Do it Myself?** Jeff Benton, Orange Circle Farm, ME	**Cleaning & Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces in Apple Harvesting/Storage & Packinghouse Studies of Flume Water Quality** Craig Kahlke, Cornell Cooperative Extension
4:00	**From the Garden to the Woods: Understanding Bumble Bee Ecology to Support Blueberry Production** Dr. Caleb Bryan, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	**Successful Grant Applications: Finding the Right Fit** Jesse Wright, University of New Hampshire Extension; Jeff Cole, The Carrot Project, MA	**Growing Pains & Pleasures: Cost-Benefit Breakpoints of Scaling Leafy Greens Washlines from 10 to 1,000 lbs** Hans Estrin, University of Vermont Extension; Christa Alexander, Jericho Settlers Farm, VT

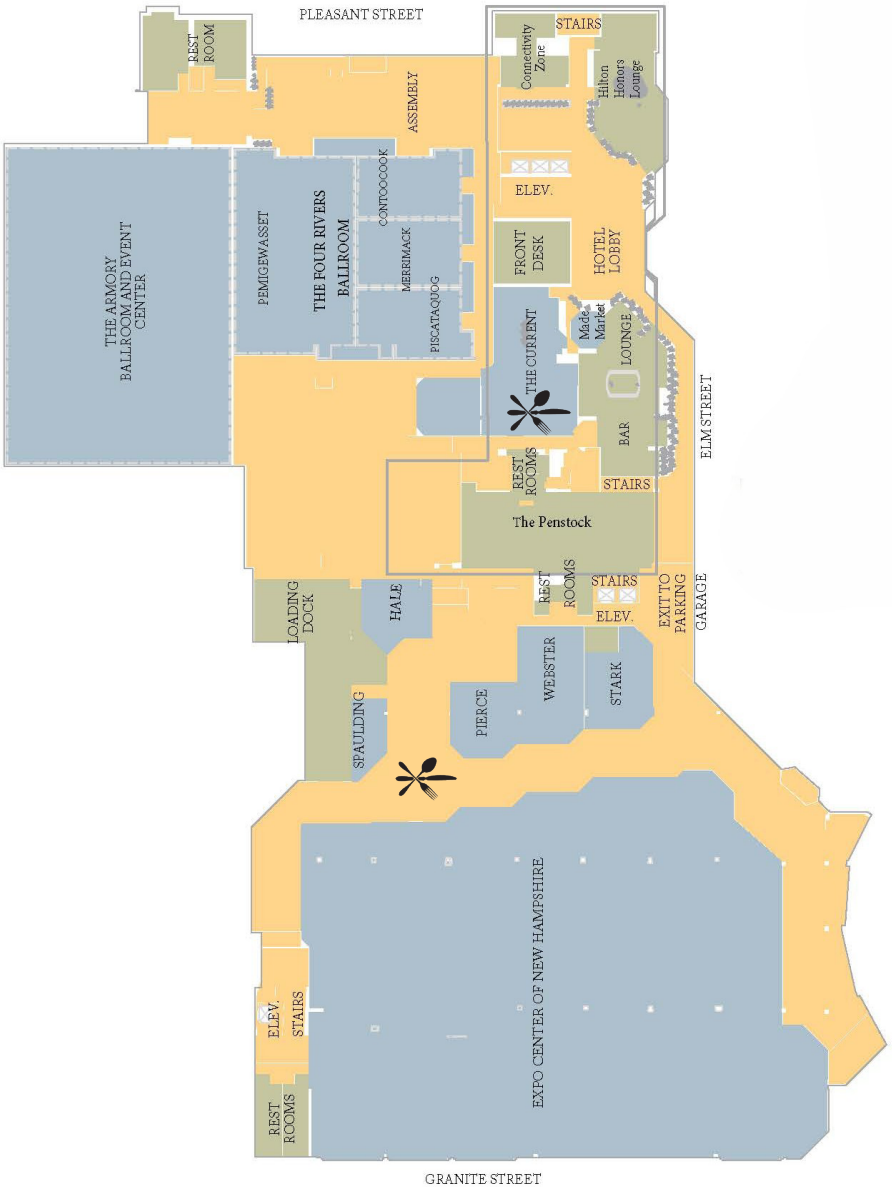
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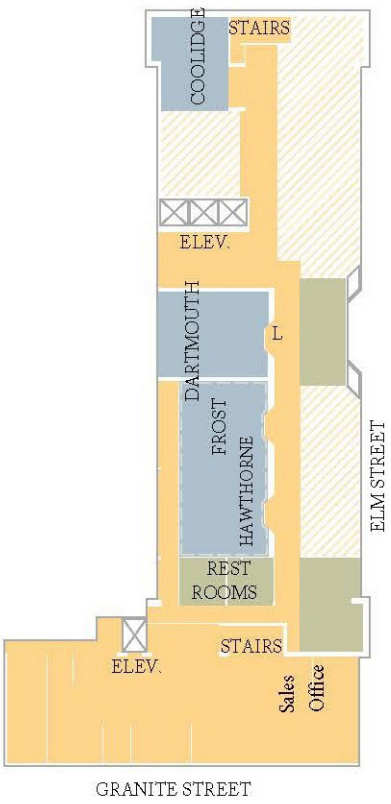
Farmer2Farmer: Weed Control
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Root Crops Pemigewasset	Seed Saving Webster	Soil Testing & Amendments Armory
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UMaine Potato Breeding Program: Advancing Varieties for Market Needs Dr. Mario Andrade, University of Maine	**Keys to Success for Northeast Seed Production** Crystal Stewart-Courtens, Cornell Cooperative Extension	**How Do We Know Soil is Healthy? Advances in Soil Health Benchmarking from the Cornell Soil Health Program** Dr. Joseph Amsili, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Colorado Potato Beetle: New Chemistries & How to Make Them Last Alireza Shokoohi, University of Massachusetts Extension	**On-farm Plant Breeding** Bill Braun & Hannah Traggis, Freed Seed Federation, MA	**The Importance of In-season Soil & Tissue Testing in Vegetables & Small Fruits** Dr. Renuka Mathur, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
Strategies to Speed Up Canopy Closure in Direct-seeded Crops Dr. Maria Gannett, University of Massachusetts Extension	**Modern Approaches to Seed Sanitation & Practical Seed Treatment Options** Dr. Collins Bugingo, Cornell AgriTech	**Understanding the Big Picture of Your Soil's Fertility** Sam Tilton, Glacial Drift Enterprises, MN
Growing Specialty Storage Root Crops at Hall Brook Farm Pheonix O'Brien, Hall Brook Farm, ME	**Seed Savers Farmer Panel** More, Please! Scaling up Dry Bean Production for Eating & Seeding, Kellie Quarton, Quarton Farm, NY Cucurbit and Corn Seed Production for Regional Seed Companies, Tyler Murray, Granite Grains, VT Transitioning from Produce to Seed Farming, Tucker Andrews, Bone Mountain Farm, VT **(1 hour)**	**Basics of Fertigation** Sam Tilton, Glacial Drift Enterprises, MN
Underground Detectives: Unearthing Diseases Towards Healthy Root Crops Dr. Sarah Pethybridge, Cornell AgriTech		**Spreaders, Spinners, Slingers & Putting the Fertilizer Where You Want It** Justin Rich, Burnt Rock Farm, VT

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American Farmland Trust

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