New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference

December 13 - 15, 2022
Double Tree by Hilton
Downtown Manchester, NH

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the Cooperative Extension Systems of:
Universities of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,
New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Cornell University
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
New England Vegetable & Berry Growers’ Association
Massachusetts Fruit Growers’ Association
Conference at a Glance

TUESDAY Dec 13

8:00 AM
Trade Show 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Expo Center

9:30 AM to NOON
Sweet Corn
Contoocook
Strawberry I
Webster
Apples I
Pemigewasset
Cut Flowers
Armory
Equipment
Merrimack/Piscat.

NOON to 1:45 PM
Extended Lunch:
Network & Visit the Trade Show!
Farmer2Farmer Sessions 12:45-1:45
H2A/Labor - Frost/Hawthorne
Equipment - Merrimack/Piscat.
Cut Flowers - Contoocook

2:00 to 4:30 PM
Cucurbits
Merrimack/Piscat
Strawberry II
Webster
Stone Fruit
Pemigewasset
Organic
Armory
Technology
Contoocook

4:30 to 6:00 PM
TRADE SHOW SOCIAL
in the Expo Center
Farmer2Farmer Sessions 4:45-5:45
Strawberries: Organic - Merrimack/Piscat.
Technology: Sensors, Cameras, Wi-Fi - Pemigewasset
Gleaning/Food Security - Contoocook

6:00 to 9:00 PM
Worker Protection Standards Training
Pemigewasset
Federal Income Taxes for Beginning Farmers 6:00-7:00
Contoocook
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Greetings and Welcome

Welcome to the 25th 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 meetings throughout the conference allow you to discuss specific issues in more detail. There is also an extensive Trade Show with over 120 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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Becky Sideman, UNH
Michaele Williams, Grower, CT
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 Advisor: Continuing Education Units

Certified Crop Advisors 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, and Professional Development. Credits will be listed in that order (e.g., # nut, # s&w, # ipm, # crop, # pd) and also provided as a list in registration packets.

Farmer to Farmer Sessions

What are farmer to farmer sessions? They are informal “chat” sessions where farmers learn from farmers and other knowledgeable presenters. 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, presenters, Extension people, 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.

Student Poster Session

Students have been conducting relevant research that you might want to know about at one of our collaborating institutions. Check them out in the Assembly Area outside the Ballrooms! On Wednesday evening students 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 and in the Assembly area outside of the ballrooms. In partnership with the Double Tree 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 (to the left of the front desk), ‘The Daily Brew’ and at many restaurants nearby in downtown Manchester.

Social Mixer and Awards Program

On Wednesday evening, the Conference is sponsoring a social mixer and awards ceremony from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with 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. Dinner will be on your own.

Trade Show

The trade show features over 120 exhibitors, and is open from 8am-6pm on Tuesday & Wednesday, and from 8am-2pm on Thursday. On Tuesday evening, the trade show is sponsoring a social from 4:30-6pm. Light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Come and visit our exhibitors!

NEVBGA

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.

The Association is a co-sponsor of the New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference. Made up of farmers and research and Extension personnel from Universities and Industry, we provide educational programming, publications, and networking opportunities for growers of all scales and production practices. We also support University research projects relevant to New England growers. You are invited to become a member!

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.
### Trade Show Opens

8:00

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| **Panel: What Varieties are We Growing?**  
Justin Gray, Pineland Farms, ME; Trevor Hardy, Brookdale Fruit Farm, NH | **Strawberry Variety Update: Nursery Perspective**  
Tim Nourse, Nourse Farms, MA | **Cut Flower Production: 5 Commonly Made Mistakes to Avoid**  
Grace Lam, Fivefork Farms, MA |

### 10:00
| Herbicide Mode of Action Review  
Lynn Sosnoskie, Cornell University, NY | Weed Management - Getting Started  
David Handley, University of ME | Overwintering Cut Flowers for Early Season Production in the Northeast  
Joy Longfellow, Johnny’s Selected Seeds, ME |

### 10:30
| No-Till Grower Experience  
Trevor Hardy, Brookdale Fruit Farm, NH | Strawberry Herbicide Update  
Thierry Besacon, Rutgers University, NJ | Year Round Flower Farming and Winter Tulip Production  
Emily Von Trapp, Von Trapp Flowers & The Tulip Workshop, VT |

### 11:00
| Advances in Sweet Corn Bird Management  
Rebecca Brown, University of RI | A Strawberry Industry Snapshot  
Becky Sideman, University of NH | Cut Flowers and Finding the Right Scale at Understory Farm  
Jessie & Gregory Witscher, Understory Farm, VT |

### 11:30
| Sweet Corn IPM, What’s New  
Kyle Quigley, University of NH | Strawberries at Brookdale Farm  
Trevor Hardy, Brookdale Fruit Farm, NH | Greens and Flowers Year Round for Profitable Production in Zone 4 of Vermont  
Cathy Wells, Unity Farm, VT |

### 12:00 - 1:45
**Extended Lunch:**  
Network • Visit the trade show • ...
## Apples I

### Use of the Seafood Byproduct Chitosan for Management of Apple Diseases in the Northeast

Anissa Poleatewich, University of NH


Dr. Jaime Piñero, University of MA Amherst

### Nursery Production of Containerized (air root pruning) Trees; advantages/disadvantages

Todd Einhorn, Michigan State University

### Apple Variety Grower Panel (1 hour)

*We’re not just growing Macs and Cortlands!*

Giff Burnap, Butternut Farm, NH

*How much do apple varieties really matter? PYO vs. retail*

Chelcie Martin, Honey Pot Hill Orchards, MA

### Love your fruit as much as we do! Bill & Rupert Suhr, Champlain Orchards, VT

21st Century Apples: MAIA & more!

Win Cowgill, Win Enterprises Intl., LLC, NJ

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## Equipment

### Mechanical Harvesters

Mark Fasching, Jericho Settlers, VT

### The Evolution of Cultivation on a Mixed Vegetable Farm

Andre Cantelmo, Heron Pond Farm, NH

### Transplanter and Equipment Modifications for No-Till Veggies in Multi-year White Clover

Lincoln Fishman, Sawyer Farm, MA

### Equipment Innovations for Cover Cropping and Reduced Tillage

Ben Dana, Root 5 Farm, VT

### Spreaders and Tools for Easy and Accurate Amendment Application

Justin Rich, Burnt Rock Farm, VT

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**Massachusetts Fruit Growers Annual Meeting** to immediately follow this session.

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### Farmer2Farmer Sessions
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<td>Meg McGrath, Cornell University, NY</td>
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<td>Reduced Tillage Cucurbit Production: positive effects on soil health and fruit quality but what are the stumbling blocks?</td>
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<td><strong>Worker Protection Standards Training</strong>&lt;br&gt;Andrea Szylvain, EPA&lt;br&gt;Pemigewasset&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;EPA’s revised 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. PAT credits will also be available.</td>
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<td>Larry Tse, Dig Inn Farm, NY; Christina Chan, Choy Division Farm, NY</td>
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<td>Erica Pate, OMAFRA, Canada</td>
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Wednesday Morning

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<td>Advances in Broccoli Varieties</td>
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<td>Overcoming the Challenges of Cauliflower Production</td>
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<td>Managing Brassica Foliar Disease</td>
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<td>Wholesale Green Bean: how we do it</td>
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<td>Snap Peas: a successful high tunnel alternative</td>
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**Wednesday Afternoon**

**Farmer2Farmer: Variety Updates Veggies A-Z**
Merrimack/Piscataqua

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| **Colorado Potato Beetle Management: problems, solutions and perspectives**
Andrei Alyohkin, University of ME | **PFAS Contamination and Vegetable Farming**
Caleb Goosen, MOFGA, ME |
| **Cultural Practices to Optimize Crop Quality and Potential**
Bob Chapelle, Chappelle’s Potatoes, VT | **Lessons from a PFAS Impacted Maine Farm**
Adam Nordell and Johanna Davis, Songbird Farm, ME |
| **Managing Potato Diseases, from Seed to Field**
Beth Gugino, Penn State University | **Farmer Panel: case study (1 hour)**
Moderator Chris Callahan, University of VT |
| **Designing On-Farm Potato Variety Trials for Disease and Insect Resistance**
Brett Johnson, University of ME | **Building from the Ground Up: new construction of a pack shed**
Phoenix & Megan O’Brien, Hall Brook Farm, ME |
| **Postharvest Systems for Small- and Medium-scale Wholesale Potato Production**
Justin Rich, Burnt Rock Farm, VT | **Giving a Dairy Barn New Life: renovating a bank barn as a pack shed**
Elizabeth Keen, Indian Line Farm, MA |
| **Working with an Open Plan: three season pack shed with prefab steel trusses**
Kate Donald, Stout Oak Farm, NH | **State Funded Produce Safety Improvement Programs (30 min)**
Michael Botelho, MA Dept of Ag Resources; Kim Burns, VT Agency of Ag, Food and Markets; Chris Callahan, University of VT |
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| 5:45  | Farmer2Farmer: Washing Stations  
       Contoocook                                                        |
|       | Farmer2Farmer: Greenhouse A-Z  
       Merrimack/Piscat                                                  |
| 6:00  | Social Mixer and Awards Ceremony  
       Assembly                                                            |
| 7:30  |                                                                      |

The Conference sponsors a social mixer and awards ceremony with 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.
Student Poster Session
Assembly

We've introduced a poster session for students who have been conducting relevant research that you might want to know about at one of our collaborating institutions. Check them out in the Assembly Area outside the Ballrooms!
## Thursday Morning

### 8:00

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<td>Getting Ready for the 2023 Blueberry Season Ben Waterman, Waterman Orchards, VT</td>
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<td>Managing Water and Fertility for Best Results in Highbush Blueberry Plantings Laura McDermott, Cornell University, NY</td>
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**Ag Tourism & Marketing Frost/Hawthorne**

**Credits**

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**Integrating CSA Platforms into the Overall Farm Marketing Program**

Bethany Allen, Harvest Tide Organics, ME

**10:45**

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Andy Farmer, Northeast Vine Supply, VT

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**Farmer2Farmer Sessions**
## Thursday Afternoon

### 12:45 - 1:45

**Farmer2Farmer: Winter Growing**

Armory

**Farmer2Farmer: Tomatoes**

Contoocook

Pemigewasset

### 2:00

**Trade Show Closes: Last chance to visit exhibitors!**

### 2:00 - 2:30

**Alliums & Roots**

- **2:00**
  - **Cover Crop Considerations Prior to and Following Root Crops**
  - Thomas Bjorkman; Cornell University, NY

**Blueberry II**

- **2:00**
  - **Extending the Season with Frozen Fruit Products**
  - Amanda Kinchla and Jill Fitzsimmons, University of MA

**High Tunnels**

- **2:00**
  - **Winter Cover Crop in High Tunnels: home grown fertilizer and soil health**
  - Judson Reid, Cornell University, NY

### 2:30 - 3:00

**Disease Management**

- **2:30**
  - **Allium**
  - Beth Gugino, Penn State University

**Organic and Conventional Strategies to Limit Losses from Allium Insect Pests**

- **3:00**
  - Cristy Hoepting, Cornell University, NY

**Blueberry Weed Management**

- **3:00**
  - Thierry Besancon, Rutgers University, NJ

**Fitting It All In: moveable tunnels and more at Siena Farms**

- **3:00**
  - Mishreky Lawandy, Siena Farms, MA

### 3:30 - 4:00

**What's New in Parsnips**

- **3:30**
  - Mark Hutton, University of ME

**Emerging and Secondary Pests of Highbush Blueberry Production**

- **3:30**
  - Philip Fanning, University of ME

**Using Structures to Increase Production Year-round**

- **3:30**
  - Adam Hainer, Juniper Hill Farms, NY

**Root Crop Harvest: how we do it**

- **4:00**
  - Phoenix O'Brien, Hall Brook Farm, ME

**Strategies for Growing Organic Blueberries at Adam's Berry Farm**

- **4:00**
  - Adam Hausman, Adam's Berry Farm, VT

**High Tunnel and Greenhouse Ventilation: challenges, practices and trends**

- **4:00**
  - Chris Callahan, University of VT
### Thursday Afternoon

#### Farmer2Farmer: Marketing—Farmer Collaborative Models
Contoocook

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- **Database and Software Management Tools to Help Your Farm Grow**
  Taylor Mendell, Footprint Farm, VT
- **Trunk Diseases**
  Elsa Petit, University of MA
- **Using a Whole Farm Planning Approach to Achieve Work/Life Balance and Long Term Goals**
  Olivia Saunders, Seth Wilner, Jeremy Delisle and Elaina Enzien, University of NH
- **Spotted Lantern Fly Update**
  Elizabeth Barnes, MA Department of Ag Resources
- **The Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network and How You Can Tap Into Resources**
  Leslie Forstadt, University of ME
- **Biopesticides in the Vineyard**
  Dave Combs, Cornell University, NY
- **Changing Business Models for Maine Wild Blueberries**
  Lily Calderwood, University of ME
- **Developing a Basic Spray Program that Works**
  Terry Bradshaw, University of VT
- **Succession Planning, Lessons Learned**
  Seth Wilner, University of NH
- **UV Light to Manage Vineyard Diseases**
  David Gadoury, Cornell University, NY

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CaroVail  Harris Seeds
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