The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Presents:

The 75th Annual Maine Agricultural Trades Show

January 12th-14th 2016 • Augusta Civic Center

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Specialty Crop Producer Buying Opportunities One-on-One Meetings

Monday, January 11th, 2016
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Augusta Civic Center

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, invites interested wholesale specialty crop producers from Maine to meet one-on-one with the local wholesale buyers for introductions and future sales opportunities. Maine service providers will also be present to help answer questions on wholesale resources in Maine. Sign up for this event is free, however space is limited so advance sign up is required. Please contact Jessica.L.Nixon@maine.gov or 207-287-3494 to be included on the list and receive suggested tips on how to prepare for this event.

This opportunity is made possible with funding support from Harvest New England and the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant.
A Message from Governor Paul R. LePage

Maine agriculture’s importance to our heritage, identity and economy cannot be overstated. Maine farmers provide wholesome foods and generate thousands of jobs. Along with producers, processors and distributors, they have an even greater potential to help feed Maine, the region, and the growing world population. My administration, through the efforts of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and other state agencies, continues to work toward realizing Maine’s full potential.

This is an exciting time for Maine-made products and Maine agriculture. Maine has over 8,174 farms, with over $740 million in farm receipts. That figure does not even include direct sales at farms or farmers markets. Agricultural enterprises large and small are all part of this positive trend.

The dedicated professionals of our Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are working every day to market, invest in and promote Maine agriculture at home and beyond our borders. That includes providing more support for a growing beef/livestock industry, the Farmer Veteran Coalition of Maine and Food Export USA - Northeast. Many of these initiatives will be on display at the Agricultural Trades Show along with the men and women ready to assist job creators with new ventures to capitalize on the growing interest and desire for Maine’s agricultural products.

On this 75th anniversary of the Maine Agricultural Trades Show, I thank all those associated with Maine agriculture for their many contributions and continued commitment toward a prosperous future.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor

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Commissioner’s Welcome

The 75th Maine Agricultural Trade Show is as much a showcase for new Maine agricultural opportunities as it is multiple workshops that address the challenges faced by Maine farmers. This annual gathering of farmers, and friends who enjoy the many aspects of farming, is the midwinter morale booster, a little like poring through the latest seed catalog and planning next summer’s crop in cold January.

Governor LePage notes in his message supporting agriculture that this 75th Maine Agricultural Trades Show has several new program highlights. Special events include an announcement of the expansion of the Farmer/Veteran Coalition efforts to provide farming skills for returning veterans, market access seminars for Maine food interests entering the world export markets, instructions for growing beef production and processing, pesticide safety classes geared toward protecting pollinators, a farmers market in the Augusta Civic Center for vendors to show their wares to food buyers and dozens of other meetings to advance the output of Maine farms and the return to Maine farmers.

Our rural community has long recognized agriculture’s contribution to the Maine economy. Hopeful that the recent rediscovery of the significance of locally produced food is more than a fad in trendy suburban lifestyles, Maine agricultural producers small and large are rapidly learning to maximize consumer interest.

The Maine Agricultural Trades Show tradition of focusing on innovation is this year featuring methods to improve social and conventional media outreach as a critical piece in the toolbox needed to grow Maine farms. Documenting to customers the sustainability of Maine farming practices and agriculture’s key role in the health and long term viability of the state’s natural resources can further build markets and community support.

We invite anyone interested in agriculture to the Augusta Civic Center, January 12-14, 2016. There will be opportunities to meet friends in the farming community, make new connections, purchase Maine-grown products, and learn about Maine’s thriving agriculture, all under one roof! Admission is free.

See you there.

Walter E. Whitcomb
Commissioner
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
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Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Tourmaline Hill Farm
Goat cheeses.

Wholesome Holmstead
Yogurt, cheese, meats.

Worcester’s Wild Blueberries
Value added blueberry products.

Yknot Farm
Sampling lamb and selling lamb frozen, sampling yogurt and fresh cheese and selling all flavors.

HOSPITALITY ROOM
Franklin Room
Sponsored by: Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine

Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society Meeting Hancock Room

9:00am - 12:00pm
Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society Annual Meeting: The Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society (MESAS) will be holding its Annual Meeting on the Morning of January 12th. Join the Society's Board of Directors for a recap of 2015 projects and a look ahead to 2016. Election of new Board members and officers will also be held.

2:00pm - 5:00pm
The Maine Sustainable Year Round Agriculture (SYRA): MTI Cluster Initiative - Phase II & III

2:00pm – 2:35pm

2:40pm – 3:30pm

3:35pm - 5:00pm
Panel Discussion/Q&A, Working Through Issues of Scale: This session will focus on the opportunities and challenges associated with growing year round and how the Sustainable Year Round Agriculture Cluster Initiative fills major gaps in current practices and approaches. Moderators will discuss the continuum of season extension, greenhouse, and year round options and how achieving a successful Industry Cluster will advance Maine's agriculture industry. Panelists will share their experiences and insights on Sustainable Year Round Agriculture and the realities of achieving success. Panel Members: Tony Kieffer, MaineAsia/ArchSolar, Bill Giordano, SYRA Education Coordinator/Tilth Arts and Agriculture, Scott Howard, Olivia’s Garden, Ryan Hamilton, Interphase Energy, Penelope Jordan, ArchSolar, Moderator – Mark Hews, MESAS Executive Director.

Kennebec/Penobscot Room
UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control Pesticide Applicator Recertification – (1 credit each hour)

9:30am-10:30am
Bt Corn/BMP Update – John Jemison, UMaine

10:45am-11:45am
Forage Corn Management—Lauchlin Titus, AgMatters

2:00pm-3:00pm
Potato Pest Management—Andrew Plant, UMCE

3:15pm-4:15pm
BPC/WPS Update—BPC Staff

Central Maine Meats

Friends Folly Farm
Fiber - mohair/wool blend roving, batts, yarn, & knitting kits. Felted hats, knit hats & scarves, hand woven rugs. Goat milk soap - plain, with loofa we grow, and felted soaps we make.

Gold Star Honeybees

Hebert Farms
Pickle, Jams, Relishes.

Lakeside Family Farm
Sample carrots and other products and meet other farmers interested in working with us.

Longwoods Alpacas
Yarns, handknit hats, handwoven scarves and rugs.

Tall Pines Ranch
Frozen goat meat, beef and pork.
Growing in popularity over the past several years, this roundtable discussion will focus on organic flower production, including barriers to success. The discussion will be organized so that all attendees can share their experiences and expertise and create a peer learning group for flower growers across the state. Roundtable Discussion.

**Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Meeting**

**Piscataquis/Sagadahoc Room**

* Counts for one recertification credit for Pesticide Applicator Licenses.

9:00am - 10:00am
*Orchard Pest Thresholds: C.J. will present methods of monitoring pest populations in organic orchards and establishing thresholds to determine the need for spray materials, while also focusing on cultural methods of pest management. Common OMRI approved products for use in organic orchards will be discussed, along with safe handling practices and proper timing for effective use. Speaker: C.J. Walke, MOFGA's Organic Orchard Educator.

10:00am - 11:00am
The Value of Using Dairy One for Your Farm: Carol Benway will help you understand the value and possibilities for using Dairy One on your farm. Making record keeping easier and getting valuable information on production and health of the cows. Speaker: Carol Benway, Dairy One.

11:00am - 12:00pm
Getting the Most for Your Management: We will talk about how record keeping can help improve management for your dairy operation. Speaker: Doug Hartkopf, Hart to Hart; Jeff Bragg, Rainbow Valley; Jill and Randall Bates, Springside.

1:30pm - 4:00pm
MOFGA Annual Meeting: Hear from MOFGA Staff, Board Members and Committee Chairs regarding the organization's activities and accomplishments over the past year. Election MOFGA's Board of Directors for the coming year and network with members.

**Maine State Pomological Meeting**

**Somerset Room**

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Pests and Diseases of Apple Trees. Speaker: Glen Koehler, Univ. of Maine.

2:00pm - 2:45pm
Farmstand and PYO Best Practices: Tips on Managing a Farm Store and PYO Operation. Speaker: Tori Jackson.

2:45pm-3:00pm
Break

3:00pm - 3:15pm
GAP/GHP certified or Produce GAP Harmonized certification: How we can help farmers become GAP/GHP certified or Produce GAP Harmonized certifications for farm, harvest, packing houses, food hubs, and distributors. Meeting storage and transportation requirements imposed by those they sell to. Speaker: Linda Titus, AgMatters.

3:15pm - 3:30pm
Crop Insurance Options and Incentives for Beginning Farmers: Crop insurance as a risk management tool, policy options and new policy incentives for new farm businesses. Speaker: Erin Roche, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

3:30pm - 4:00pm
Pruning Apple Trees: Learn effective pruning techniques for apple trees. Speaker: Renae Moran, Univ. of Maine.

4:00pm - 4:15pm
Apple Fruit Thinning for Return Bloom: Fruit thinning methods that increase return bloom and increase crop value. Speaker: Renae Moran, Univ. of Maine.

**Nutrient Management Meeting**

**Waldo Room**

Each one-hour talk qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit.

10:00am - 11:00am
Getting Grounded - Farm Fields, Forests, and Soils: What you should know about the most important asset of a farm before purchasing or expanding the farm, including "beyond the field edge." Speakers: David P. Rocque, State Soil Scientist, and Andy Shultz, Landowner Outreach Forester, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

11:00am - 12:00pm
Practical Biosecurity on the Farm. Speaker: Dr. Michele Walsh, DVM, State Veterinarian, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

2:00pm - 3:00pm
Understanding Food Allergens in Food Products. Speaker: Dr. Balunkeswar (Balu) Nayak, PhD, Assistant Professor of Food Processing, School of Food & Agriculture, University of Maine.

**Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Meeting**

**Washington/York Room**

* Counts for one recertification credit for Pesticide Applicator Licenses.

9:00am-10:00am
*What is Organic Land Care? This talk will provide an overview of the Standards for Organic Land Care, inform the audience about environmental issues related to landscaping practices, and offer strategies for creating more healthy yards and landscapes for the homeowner. Since 2001, the NOFA Organic Land Care Program has been educating landscapers and the public about the best practices for caring for the landscapes where we live our daily lives - without harmful chemicals. The program offers professional Accreditation for 500 professionals in 20 states, holds two, 30-hour Accreditation Courses in Organic Land Care per year, and updates and maintains the groundbreaking publication, NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care. Speaker: Jenna Messier, Organic Land Care Program Director, NOFA.

10:00am-11:00am
Digital Marketing: Learn about developing an integrated digital marketing strategy and tips and tricks for getting the most from your online presence. Speakers: Frank Giglio, Three Lilly Farm & Heather Omand, MOFGA.

11:00am-12:00pm
Using Beneficial Insects for Pest Management: Beneficial insects are often critically important in keeping pest insects from damaging our crops or impacting animal health. In managed agricultural systems the natural balance between pests and beneficials can be disrupted. In this session, we will discuss common beneficial insects and strategies for conserving, introducing or augmenting their populations on the farm. Speaker: Kathy Murray, Ph.D., Entomologist, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

3:00pm-4:00pm
*Food Safety: Linda Titus, of AgMatters LLC, will cover general food safety themes from USDA’s GAP/GHP food safety certifications and FSMA’s proposed Produce Safety Rule. Jed Beach and Emilia Carbone of 3 Bug Farm, will talk about the different “field-the-ground” practices they do on the farm to meet food safety requirements and sell organic produce to commodity markets. Speakers: Linda Titus, AgMatters; Jed Beach and Emilia Carbone, 3 Bug Farm.

**Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Applicator Exam Training**

**Mt. Western Room**

9:00am-10:00am
Medical Marijuana Pest Management and BMPs—Kathy Murray, DACF.

10:15am-1:15pm
TRAINING - Pesticide Applicator Exam Training for Growers—UMaine Cooperative Extension/ Maine Board of Pesticides Control (no credits)
*Laboratory: Services available and process for submitting samples. Speaker, James Dill.

**Cooperative Extension Meeting**

**Maine Fiber Frolic Meeting & ReVision Energy Meeting**

**Lincoln Room**

10:00am-12:00pm
WIC Farmer Training: Training for farmers who are wanting to accept WIC checks. Speaker: Ana Scoivil, WIC Vendor & Data Specialist.

12:00pm-1:00pm
The Maine Fiber Frolic Annual Meeting: Seeking volunteers for the 16th Maine Fiber Frolic, Maine’s Premier Sheep & Wool Festival always held the 1st full weekend in June. January’s meeting will welcome new members & discuss plans for advertising, workshops, fair events, wool sale, used equipment sale, food concessions, and fiber vendors. Want to be a part of Maine’s sheep & wool festival and community? please join us!

1:00pm-2:00pm
ReVision Energy: From the Ground Up - Building Community Solar Farms: Informational session for potential community solar farm hosts and members. Speakers: James Manzer, Solar Design Specialist

**MDACF Meeting, University of Maine Cooperative Extension Meeting & Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Meeting**

**Oxford Room**

9:00am-10:00am
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry-Dairy Licensing in Maine: Maine is experiencing continued growth in small dairy start-ups and this session is a good way for you to learn how best to start your business in a cost effective manner. Talk will provide an overview of the licensing process with a focus on beginning businesses. Will cover licensing of all dairy products including milk, cheese and related products. Dairy licensing packets will be available as handouts. Speaker: Director of Maine’s Dairy Lab, Linda Stahlnecker, MS.

1:00pm-2:00pm
University of Maine Cooperative Extension - No Till & Soil Quality: Many growers are considering reducing tillage. What impact does that have on soil quality? Over the summer of 2015, we sampled fields from 20 regional farmers to assess changes in soil quality. We interviewed them to find out costs to convert, issues and successes. Speaker: John Jamison and Rick Kersberger.

3:00pm-4:00pm
MOFGA - Organic Flower Production: Local, seasonal and organic flower production has grown in popularity over the past several years. This roundtable discussion will focus on organic flower production, including barriers to success. The discussion will be organized so that all attendees can share their experiences and expertise and create a peer learning group for flower growers across the state. Roundtable Discussion.
Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Greater Portland Council of Governments/Community Energy Partners Meeting
Androscoggin Room

10:00am-11:00am
REAP Grants and Loans for Farmers and Rural Small Businesses - Opportunities for Funding Renewable Energy on Your Farm: 2016 is the year that federal incentives for renewable energy will be reduced or expire (depending on the type). It’s unlikely that new incentives will pass. If there ever was “a year” to invest in your own power, 2016 is the one. USDA recognizes the unique needs and roles that farmers have in using renewable energies on the farm, and offers grants up to 25% of total project costs. Farmers and rural small businesses are offered technical assistance (free) towards completing applications, available anytime (not just at the Ag Trades Show). Speaker: Sue Jones, President, Community Energy Partners.

11:00am-noon
Biodiesel for Agriculture, What It Is and How To Use It: Curious about using biodiesel in your tractors, equipment, and trucks? This is the talk for you! Biodiesel is a renewable fuel that is a drop-in replacement for petroleum diesel or heating oil. It runs cleaner and can be made from recycled materials. We will go over biodiesel basics: what it is (and isn’t), how it is made, and how to use it effectively. Speaker: Alex Pine, Director of Outreach and Technology, Maine Standard Biofuels.

1:00pm-2:00pm
Solar Farms in Maine - Leased and Owned by Farmers: Do you have an extra ½ acre of open and sunny land that you wouldn’t mind leasing? Do you want to use solar power but don’t have a sunny roof? By early 2016, Maine will have over 6 new solar farms generating clean, renewable solar power for its owners. Join us in learning about how to participate in Maine’s next solar farm. Speaker: Sue Jones, President, Community Energy Partners and ReVision Energy.

2:00pm-3:00pm
Organic, Non-GMO, Free-Range, Non-Toxic, 100% Natural & Renewable, Maine Made... HEAT: We buy local, eat local and shop local for all the right reasons. Did you know you can HEAT local as well? The growing use of wood pellets is creating new jobs in the regional economies of rural Maine while providing renewable, sustainable thermal energy to businesses and home owners. The price of fossil fuels and electricity is unpredictable and climate change threatens our way of life. Modern wood-pellet heating is a responsible energy option that aligns with the goals and purpose of your farm, supports local jobs and can eliminate the use of toxic fossil fuels on your farm. Speaker: Ryan Hamilton, Co-Founder, Interphase Energy.

MDACF Meeting, ReVision Energy Meeting & Maine Harness Racing Promotion Board Meeting
Aroostook Room

9:00am-9:30am
Food Export 101: Representing Food Export, Kristen will discuss how export experts in international markets facilitate the connection between producers of U.S. food and agricultural products and international buyers and more. Speaker: Kristen Gowing, Food Export Liaison, Food Export - Northeast.

1:00pm-2:00pm

5:30pm-7pm
Maine Harness Racing Promotion Board Meeting.

Maine State Florist’ and Growers Association Greenhouse Growers’ Program
Cumberland Room

9:00am-9:30am
Registration: Sign in, and relax with a cup of coffee or tea.

9:30am-10:30am
Introductions and Announcements.

10:00am-11:00am
Matching Fertilizers to Your Crops’ Needs: No single fertilizer can meet the needs of all your crops, but how many products should you incorporate into your production? Learn how to decide the balance among crop quality, cost and good management. Speaker: Dr. Rosa Raudales, Greenhouse Extension Specialist, University of Connecticut.

noon-1:00pm
Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm-2:00pm
*IPM: New Tools and Proven Strategies. Speaker: Dr. Kathy Murray, IPM Program Coordinator, Maine Dept of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. *This session has been approved for one pesticide recertification credit.

2:00pm-2:30pm
Share Your Great Ideas: Every grower has good information to share. What’s your favorite thing about growing crops in the greenhouse? What’s the job you hate the most? Join Deb for a lively and informative exchange of ideas. Speaker: Deb Sprague, Owner, Four Duck Pond Greenhouse, Bowdoin Center ME.

2:30pm-2:45pm
Break

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2:45pm-3:45pm *What You Can Do Now to Reduce Disease Outbreaks in Your Bedding Plant Crop* Climate change, increased shipment of plant materials and other factors have changed the mix of insects on greenhouse crops. Sarah and Carole will report what you’re most likely to see this spring. Speaker: Dr. Lois Berg Stack, Extension Ornamental Horticulture Specialist, University of Maine.

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**HOSPITALITY ROOM**

**Franklin Room**

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**Hancock Room**

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11:00am noon Food Safety: Whether you are selling wholesale or retail, this workshop will help you answer, “How will the Food Safety Modernization Act rules affect my farm?” Speakers: Roger Noonan, Linda Titus & Ben Tettlebaum, attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

noon-1:00pm Modern Day Homemakers: Be a part of what’s trending! A model for getting the information you need for your new farm family. Speaker: Debbie Killam, UMaine Extension.

1:00pm-2:00pm Protecting Intellectual Property: Think intellectual property is only for seeds? Think again, protecting your brand is critical to your success. Speakers: Kevin Haley, Hal Bernan & Ben Tettlebaum, attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

2:00pm-3:00pm Legal Structure for Your Farm: Learn about or refresh your memory about the Pros and Cons of various business legal structures. Speakers: Kevin Haley, Nate Huckel-Bauer & Ben Tettlebaum, attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

3:00pm-4:00pm Land Leasing and Purchasing: Whether you are leasing or looking to buy your first property or expand your operations, this workshop will cover most of the key legal considerations when leasing or buying farmland in Maine. Speakers: Seth Kroeck, Beth Boepple, Jo Barrett & Ben Tettlebaum, attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

4:00pm-5:00pm Employment Law for the Farm: Untangling the web of labor law regarding employees, interns, apprentices, independent contractors and more. Speakers: Jim Claus US Dept of Labor, Beth Boepple & Ben Tettlebaum, attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

5:00pm-6:30pm Evening Theme: Land is your legacy/creating a legacy through multi-generational planning: It takes a team to transfer a farm. Come hear from a lawyer, an accountant, a farm lender and other service providers who can help you prepare a sound plan for passing the farm on to the next generation. Speakers: Andrew Marshall: Land For Good; Ethan Robertson: Farm Credit East; Paul Dillon: Attorney; Phil Doucet: Accountant, Austin Associates.

**UMaine Cooperative Extension/MAine Board of Pesticides Control Pesticides Applicator Recertification Kennebec/Penobscot Room**

(1 credit for each hour EXCEPT 1 credit for attending the entire BPC meeting and forum)

*One credit for attending entire meeting and forum*

9:00am-10:00am BPC/WS Update—BPC Staff.

10:15am-11:15am Forest Insects: SBW, EAB, ALB, HWA, etc.—Allison Kanoti, MFS.

12:00pm-1:00pm Pollinator Update—Gary Fish, BPC.

1:30pm-2:30pm White Grub Management—Clay Kirby, UMCHE.

3:00pm-4:00pm* Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) Meeting.

4:00pm-5:00pm* Open Forum for Growers, Applicators and the Public—BPC.

5:00pm-6:00pm* BPC Meeting, continued.

**Beginning Farmer Resource Network Meeting**

**Knox Room**

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**Beginning Farmer Resource Network Meeting**

**Lincoln/Oxford Room**

9:00am-10:00am Organic Certification - what it means and how to do it: If you market and sell products as Organic, chances are good you need to be certified by a USDA-accredited certifier to comply with the organic standard. MOFGA Certification Staff will provide an overview of this marketing regulation and explain organic production practices. Information on how to become certified organic will also be presented. MOFGA is the country’s oldest certifying body and we certify over 470 farms and processors. Speaker: Mary Yurlina, director MOFGA Certification Services.

10:00am-11:00am Implementing Conservation Programs on Your Farm: Join Abby Sadackaus & Jake Galle of Apple Creek Farm to learn how NRCS Conservation Programs can benefit your farm. Abby and Jake will share their experiences participating in a variety of NRCS programs. From writing a forestry management plan to implementing prescribed grazing, these programs can help build soil health, improve infrastructure and make possible your farm vision. Speakers: Abby Sadackaus & Jake Galle Apple Creek Farm.

11:00am-noon Farming with Carnivores: Learn more about the Farmer Network: This presentation is a collaborative effort on the part of leading Maine farmers, an expert on livestock guardian dogs, and a carnivore wildlife biologist. In this session you will meet biologist, Geri Vistien and hear from three members of the Farming with Carnivores Network, a network designed to share experiences, connect farmers and share knowledge about how to farm with carnivores. Speakers: Geri Vistien, David Kennard Wellscoft Farm, Billy Foster, Mary Hughes and Breanna Norris.

noon-1:00pm Institutional Markets - Opportunity and Challenges: The University of Maine System recently committed to using 20% local foods in their next foodservice contract that starts in July 2016, and other institutions are setting similar goals. Come learn about the different institutional markets, stories about farms who work with institutions in Maine, and consider whether they might be a good opportunity for you in the short or long term. Speaker: Riley Neugebauer, Farm to Institutions, New England (FINE), Maine Farm to Institution (MEFTI).

1:00pm-2:00pm Tools for Managing Conflicts: Workplace, Employee and/or Family: Focusing on skills and strategies for improving communication and listening skills, enhancing self-control and patience, and building stronger relationships. Speaker: Elaine Bourne.

2:00pm-3:00pm SNAP Access 1. Expanding your customer base through low income access (2 HOUR SESSION): Learn about the potential value of expanding access to your products by accepting Supplemental Nutrition Access Program funds on your farm through EBT. This session will cover the size of the market, logistics of accepting EBT payments on farm, incentive programs for EBT payments, and a farmer’s perspective who has experience - Part 1 2:00-2:30 Overview of EBT & SNAP - Leigh Hallett, MFFM & Maria Schamberger, USDA; Reba Richardson, Hatchet Cove Farm; Kim, Wolf Pine Farm; Ernest Rollins, Rollins Orchard.

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4:00pm-5:00pm So You Want to Join a Farmers’ Market? Steps and Tips to Consider: Farmers’ Markets can be an important retail option for farms of all sizes. Learn how to evaluate markets and how to apply, plus gain marketing tips and strategies from seasoned market farmers. Speakers: Heather Donahue (Ballouf Farm), Lauren Pignatello (Swallowtail Farm), Ernest Rollins (Rollins Orchard).

5:00pm-6:00pm Beyond the Field Edge: Come hear about farming and Maine’s most perennial crop—it’s not rocks, it’s trees! See how knowledge of soil characteristics can help guide where to farm and where to grow trees; and other good things to know about the wooded part of the farm. Speaker: Andy Shultz, David Rocque.

**Maine Grass Farmers Network Meeting**

**Maine Poultry Growers Meeting**

**Piscataquis Room**

10:00am-11:00am Ween in Pasture: Caragh Fitzgerald from UMCE will give you ideas about managing those troublesome weeds. Speaker: Caragh Fitzgerald from UMCE.

11:00am noon Health concerns for Ruminants on Pasture, Speaker: Home Town Veterinary Care.

noon-1:00pm Maine Grass Farmers Board Meeting.

1:00pm-1:30pm Maine Poultry Growers: Surveillance of AI in the State of Maine.

1:30pm-2:30pm Layer, Broiler, Started Pullets, and Poultry Enterprise Budgeting.

2:30pm-3:15pm Grower to Grower Poultry Forum.

3:15pm-4:00pm Poultry Growers Social: Open to all, bring your questions.

**Maine Beef Producers Meeting**

**Sagadahoc Room**

1:00pm-3:00pm Producer Education and Farm Profiles.

3:00pm-4:00pm Annual Maine Beef Producers Association Meeting.

4:00pm-5:30pm Maine Beef Producers Association, January Board Meeting.

**USDA Farm Service Agency Meeting**

**Somerset Room**

10:00am-11:00am Farm Service Agency: Informational Session for Beginning Farmers. Speakers: Don Todd, SED; Sherry Hamel, FLS; Amanda May, PS.

2:00pm-3:00pm Farm Service Agency: Informational Session on Farm Programs and Farm Loans. Speakers: Don Todd, SED; Sherry Hamel, FLS; Amanda May, PS.
Nutrient Management Meeting & Maine Sheep Breeders Association Meeting
Waldo Room

*Each one-hour talk qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit.

10:00am-11:00am
Pastures and Nutrient Management Plans: How Should They be Handled? Speaker: Rick Kersbergen, Extension Educator and Professor, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

11:00am-noon
Soils Under Cover! – Improving Soil Health through Cover Cropping and Reduced Tillage in Silage Corn. Speakers: Rick Kersbergen, Extension Educator and Professor, University of Maine Cooperative Extension; Caragh B. Fitzgerald, Extension Educator and Professor, University of Maine Cooperative Extension; Laura Suomi-Lecker, Technical Director, Somerset County Soil & Water Conservation District.

1:00pm-2:00pm
Understanding Soil Health Indicators. Speaker: Bruce Hoskins, Soil Scientist and Director, University of Maine Soil Testing and Analytical Laboratory.

2:00pm-3:00pm
Setting-up an On-Farm Organics Collection Center. Speaker: Mark A. King, Environmental Specialist, Maine Department of Environmental Protection Sustainability Unit.

5:00pm-7:00pm
Maine Sheep Breeders Association Meeting.

Maine Maple Producers Association Meeting
Washington/York Room

9:30am-noon
Tech Sessions.

noon-1:00pm
Luncheon.

1:00pm-3:00pm
Annual Meeting.

Maine Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers Association Annual Meeting
Ft. Western Room

*There will be a $10.00 Registration fee for non-members to attend the meeting.

*Pesticide applicator credits will be offered for attending the program.

8:00am-9:00am
Agriculture Marketing Loan Fund Breakfast.

9:15am-9:30am
Maine Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers Association Welcome & Announcements. Speaker: Bill Bamford, President MVSFGA.

9:30am-10:30am
Highmoor Farm Trials: Pumpkins, Sweet Corn, High Tunnel Tomatoes, and More. Speakers: Mark Hutton, David Handley, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

10:30am-11:30am

11:30am-11:45am
Navigating Crop Insurance Options for Maine Vegetable and Fruit Growers. Speaker: Erin Roche, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

11:45am-noon

noon-12:30pm
MVSFGA Business Meeting.

12:30pm-1:30pm
Lunch on your own.

1:30pm-2:30pm

2:30pm-3:00pm
Worker Protection Update for Vegetable Growers. Speaker: Maine Board of Pesticides Control.

3:00pm-3:30pm
Vegetable Disease Spotlight: Phytophthora. Speaker: Mark Hutton, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

3:30pm-4:00pm
Berry Pest Outlook for 2016. Speaker: David Handley, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

4:00pm
Adjourn MVSFGA.

4:30pm - 7:30pm
Assisting Specialty Crop Growers Prepare for a GAP Audit: Linda will bring a Food Safety Plan template and a copy of the audit and walk you through what you need to prepare for if you are thinking about a GAP audit this year. Speaker: Linda Titus, AgMatters.

Maine State Pomological Society Meeting
Arnold/Howard Room

9:00am-9:30am
Tree Fruit Research at Highmoor Farm: New varieties and rootstocks, using the DA meter to schedule harvest. Speaker: Renae Moran.

9:30am-9:45am
FSMA - New Produce Safety Regulations: Latest on GAP certification and other food safety practices. Speaker: Linda Titus, AgMatters, LLC.

9:45am-10:30am
Plum Research at the Univ. of Maine: Sensory evaluation of new plum varieties – which varieties are liked by consumers? Speaker: Angela Myracle and Zakkary Castonguay, Univ. of Maine.

10:30am-10:45am
Break.

10:45am-11:45am
Maine State Pomological Society Business Meeting: Review of Executive Committee activities, marketing, labor, legislative issues, and election of new officers. Speaker: Andy Ricker, President.

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11:45am-noon
Starting a Honeycrisp Marketing Coop
Speaker: Harry Ricker, Ricker Hill Orchards.

noon-1:00pm
Lunch on your own.

1:00pm-2:00pm
New Options for Apple Storage: CA storage options for large and small-scale operations.
Speaker: Jim Schaefer, Storage Control Solutions.

2:00pm-2:30pm
Weed management.
Speaker: Glen Koehler, Univ. of Maine.

2:30pm-2:45 pm
Break.

2:45pm-3:45 pm
Direct Farm Marketing: Marketing strategies for today’s diversified farm markets. Speaker: Kerri Stenovich, Phantom Farm, Cumberland, RI.

SWOAM Meeting
Augusta/Capitol/Pine Tree Room

8:00am-8:30am
Coffee and Informal Discussion with Board members and Staff.

8:30am-9:45am
Annual Meeting. Update of activities, plans for 2016, awards, legislative update, election of officers and drawing for door prizes.

9:45am-10:30am
Maine Birding Trail Official Guide.
Speaker: Maine Author Bob Duchesne.

10:30am-11:15am
Invasive plants on your woodlot: Identification and control strategies. Speaker: Nancy Olmstead, Invasive Plant Biologist, Maine Natural Areas Program.

11:15am-noon
The Importance of Woodland Owners: Stories from the Field. Speaker: Rick LaFlamme, Landowner Relations Coordinator, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

noon-12:45pm
Lunch (Available for purchase or on your own).

12:45pm-1:00pm
Tree Farm Awards including 2016 Outstanding Tree Farmer (Door prizes immediately following the awards).

1:00pm-2:00pm
In the Blood: The story of the Maine Woods in the early 1900s told using the projection of archived film and photography with authentic sound design, oral histories, and a live musical soundtrack, to tell a historical story in a live presentation.

2:00pm-2:45pm

2:45pm-3:30pm

3:30pm
Door Prizes and Adjourn.
Thursday, January 14, 2016

Organic Dairy with CROPP Cooperative Meeting Androscoggin Room

10:00am-11:00am

MDACF Meeting Aroostook Room

10:00am-1:00pm
Building a Processor Network: Round table discussion including State, USDA and custom meat processors, to explore collaborative opportunities, identify industry needs and strengthen the current processing network. Round Table Facilitated by: Jessica Nixon, MDACF.

1:00pm-3:00pm
Building on Agritourism Network: Melissa Macaluso, MDACF Discussion on new initiatives for current Agritourism businesses in the State of Maine. A review of needs and best practices will also be shared to help those looking to expand their business and service offerings. Speakers: Jessica Nixon, MEDACF and Melissa Macaluso, MDACF.

Maine Pork Producers Meeting Cumberland Room

11:00am-noon

1:00pm-3:00pm
Swine Health-Speaker: Guest Speaker.

HOSPITALITY ROOM Franklin Room Sponsored by: Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine

Beginning Farmer Resource Network Meeting Hancock Room

9:00am-10:00am
How UMaine Helps Farmers & Food Processors: A review of the many ways that the University of Maine supports the agricultural and food based economy. Participants will learn where within the University of Maine they can turn to get current information and services to assist their farm or food based enterprise. Speaker: John Rebar, UMaine Extension.

10:00am-11:00am
Guide to Accessing USDA Grants, Loans, and other Programs for Beginning Farmers and Veterans: A session to explain the range of USDA programs available to beginning farmers. Risk management tools such as crop insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, farm loan programs, and incentives that exist for beginning farmers. Speakers: Don Todd, FSA; Erin Roche, UMaine Extension; Juan Hernandez, NRCS.

11:00am-noon
Principles of Holistic Management: The 4 Ecosystem Processes: In this session, Diane Schivere will use Holistic Management as the lens through which to learn about the four ecosystem processes: the water cycle, the mineral cycle, the biological community, and energy flow. Learn more about using biomass and different digital tools to improve the health of your land. Speaker: Diane Schivere, MOFGA Livestock Specialist

noon-1:00pm
Do It Yourself Poultry Waters & Feeders: In this session, Gary Anderson will show how to build your own poultry waters using plastic nipples, plastic bucket or PVC pipe. Also, he will show how to make a tube feeder out of PVC pipe. Speaker: Gary Anderson, UMaine Extension Specialist.

1:00pm-2:00pm
Financing your Farm Business: Shark Tank! Come pitch your farm business idea in this interactive session with lenders and investors! Learn valuable tips for increasing your chances of obtaining financing and realizing your farm goals. Speaker: Gray Harris (CEI--Moderator), Sherry Hamel (FSA), John Egan (CEI), Shannon Webber (Farm Credit), Scott Budde (MHCUP), Jacob Israelow (Dirt Capital).

2:00pm-3:00pm
Cover Crops and Soil Health: Cover crops have the potential to provide multiple benefits in a cropping system. They prevent erosion, improve soil’s physical and biological properties, supply nutrients, suppress weeds, improve the availability of soil water, and break pest cycles along with various other benefits. Speaker: Tony Jenkins, NRCS.


1:00pm-3:00pm
FarmLink Mixer: FarmLink will host this opportunity for farm owners and seekers to meet each other face-to-face. We’ll provide a relaxed atmosphere where folks can connect and explore potential land linking opportunities. Speakers: Maine FarmLink.

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UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control Pesticides Applicator Recertification Kennebec/Penobscot Room

(1 credit for each hour)

9:00am-10:00am
Pollinator Update—Gary Fish, BPC.

10:15am-11:15am
Wild Blueberry Pest Management Update—Seanna Annis and David Yarborough, UMaine.

11:30am-12:30pm
BPC/WPS Update—BPC Staff.

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Beginning Farmer Resource Network Meeting Lincoln/Oxford Room

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Conservation Easements As A Tool for Farm Acquisition: Learn about the basics of agricultural conservation easements and creative ways to use this tool as part of your strategy for acquiring farmland. Speaker: Adam Bishop, Maine Farmland Trust.

10:00am-11:00am
Balancing Farm and Relationships: How do you do it? Join a conversation about the challenges and joys of balancing the variety of relationships on the farm (including peers, partners, employees, relatives). Consider this session a starting point to think about communication issues and strategies. Speaker: Leslie Forstadt, UMaine Extension.

11:00am-noon
Unlock Your Farm’s Potential: NRCS Soil Health: Healthy, fully functioning soil provides an environment that sustains and nourishes plants, soils, microbes and beneficial insects. NRCS soil experts advise how soil health is one of the most effective ways for farmers to increase crop productivity and profitability while improving the environment. Speaker: Tony Jenkins, NRCS.

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WIC Farmer Training Piscataquis Room

1:00pm-3:00pm
WIC Farmer Training: Training for farmers who are wanting to accept WIC checks. Speaker: Ana Scovil, WIC Vendor & Data Specialist.

Beginning Farmer Resource Network Meeting Sagadahoc Room

9:00am-10:00am
Farm Succession and Transfer Planning: Learn of options for transferring your farm to someone in, or outside of, your family. Speakers: Dave Kallin, Sarah McDaniel, Beth Boepple & Ben Tettlebaum, attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

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noon-1:00pm
Free one-on-one consultations with Attorneys: Come in for free, confidential one-on-one time with attorneys of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF. Speakers: Attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

1:00pm-2:00pm
Legal Considerations Essential to Running a Farm Business: No matter how long you have been farming, this workshop will cover the nuts & bolts legal considerations that are essential to your business’s success. Speakers: Stephanie Gilbert from the Maine Dept of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and Kevin Haley & Ben Tettlebaum, attorney members of the Legal Services Food Hub, a project of CLF.

Maine Chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition Somerset Room

9:00am-10:00am
Farmer Veteran Networking: Free space and time for farming veterans to meet and network with one another and develop the Fellowship Fund application process. This room is open to veterans. No scheduled speaker.

10:00am-11:00am
Meet Your Farmer Veteran: A workshop to help non-veteran farmers and marketers, agricultural service providers, and other industry professionals, learn more about Maine's veterans and the Farmer Veteran Coalition. Panelists include: Walter G. Morse, Patriot Ride Homestead, Jefferson; Chris Knowlton, Knowlton Hill Farm, Swansea; Lenard Costa, Managerie Farm, Vassalboro; Randy Canarr, Heritage Farm, Hampden; Ben Stern, Sweet Clover Farm, Mt. Vernon.

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1:00pm-3:00pm
Farmer Veteran Chapter - Maine Chapter Meeting: Meeting open to the public. Please come learn about the Maine Chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition, a national organization with the mission of "mobilizing veterans to feed America." Speaker: Jerry Ireland, President, Farmer Veteran Coalition - Maine Chapter.

The Maine Nutrition Council Meeting Waldo Room

10:00am-noon
Maine Nutrition Council Presents-Motivating Nutritional Behavior Change: Chris Guild, a Wellness Works™ Program Supervisor, Training Manager, and Health Coach for Occupational Medical Consulting, LLC, is responsible for the oversight of health coaches and client company wellness programs from Maine to Florida. He also trains health coaches in the technique of Motivational Interviewing. He has spoken and conducted trainings across the country and has a passion for helping engage people in improving their quality of life. Free for members, $15 fee for non-members (includes membership).

(Accredited Contact Hours Awarded).

1:00pm-3:00pm
Maine Nutrition Council Board Meeting.
University Of Maine Meeting
Washington/York Room

10:00am-noon
University of Maine System and Maine’s Food Economy: This session will review how the University of Maine System is delivering on its commitment for increasing the local food served to our students, faculty and staff. Topics include the recent Board of Trustees policy directive for local and sustainable food, the One University initiative to streamline food procurement, and the current contracting process for dining services for six of seven Universities. Most importantly, participants will be asked to provide input into the ongoing stakeholder engagement process for the evolving governance structure for system-wide dining services.

University Of Maine Cooperative Extension: Raspberry School
Arnold/Howard Room

Pre-Registration is Recommended

There will be a $15.00 registration fee for this event, pre-registration is recommended, as space may be limited.

To Register, visit:
http://www.extension.umaine.edu/highmoor/

10:00am-10:15am
Introductions and Objectives.

10:15am-11:00am
Raspberries: History and Botany.

11:00am-11:30am
Raspberry Variety Options.

11:30am-noon
Pre-plant Considerations and Preparation.

noon-1:00pm
Lunch Break (on your own).

1:00pm-1:45pm
Planting, Early Care and Nutrition.

1:45pm-2:30pm
Trellising Options.

2:30pm-3:00pm
Pruning.

3:00pm-4:00pm
Pest Identification and Management.

4:00pm-4:30pm
Marketing Options & Business Management.

4:30pm-5:00pm
Questions & Discussion.

New England Dairy Travel Course
& Hannaford Meeting
Augusta Room

9:00am-11:00am
New England Dairy Travel Course: College students from various universities will be learning about the Maine dairy industry.

1:00pm-2:30pm
Hannaford Supermarket’s Produce Team will be meeting with their existing local Maine Farm partners to review last season, look forward to the coming season, and discuss any issues and opportunities. (This meeting is not open to the public.)
Tuesday, January 12th

10:00 AM - Maine Welcomes National Homegrown By Heroes Certification to Veteran Farmers

Come meet local Maine veteran farmer Jerry Ireland, of Ireland Hills Farm in Swanville. Jerry is the energetic President of Maine’s newly chartered Chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition, a national organization that is mobilizing veterans to feed America. Jerry will introduce a few local Maine farms operated by veterans that are certified under the Homegrown By Heroes label.

Noon - One Tomato Two Tomato Three Tomato Four

Join Jim Darroch of Backyard Farms and Chef Cynthia Finnemore Simonds to explore new ways to create delicious treats with local tomatoes. Have you ever thought of tomatoes as meaty? Could they be as sweet as candy? What about tomato sashimi? Come hear about these delicious tomato recipes with a new twist.

2:00 PM - Quality Assurance and Regulations presents Farmers’ Markets Frequently Asked Questions

Join Ronda Stone, Consumer Protection Inspector for the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as she goes over frequently asked questions regarding licensing, labeling, samples, food protection and more will be answered by way of a PowerPoint presentation as well as time for questions and answers. If you have questions about Farmers’ Markets, we have the answers!

4:00 PM - The Poultry Basics

Learning about some of the basics for keeping poultry, especially for “first timers”, can be confusing and at times seem overwhelming. Scott DeMoranville of 4D’s Farm and the Maine Poultry Connection would like to explain some of the most common questions, as well as, shed some light on differences in poultry types to help you make an informed decision of which birds you want to keep for a desired outcome. We will also talk about some of the diseases associated with poultry and what can be done to minimize the spread, as well as, explain some facts about the National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) and how to become a participant. Questions are welcome and we will do our best to answer them or help you find the answer if we don’t know it.

Wednesday, January 13th

10:00 AM - A Profile on Pineland Farms’ Beef Production

Join Kevin Woltemath, Procurement and Compliance Representative at Pineland Farms Natural Meats as he gives an introduction to producing Pineland Farms’ beef. He will also be joined by Troy McCrum, Feedyard Manager at Pineland Farms Natural Meats, Inc., Fort Fairfield, ME, who will talk about their feed yard operation.

12:00 PM - Potatoes, Sourdough and Seaweed

How do you bring these three unlikely things together? Artisan Baker Jim Amaral, owner of Borealis Breads, and Chef Cynthia Finnemore Simonds will share the secrets of creating moist and crunchy Potato Dulse Bread using Maine Potatoes, the famous Borealis Breads Sourdough starter, Aroostook Wheat and Atlantic Seaweed. This new recipe is from their upcoming project, The Borealis Breads Baking Book- spreading the gospel of good bread- coming in 2017. Sign up to be a recipe tester!

2:00 PM - Johnny’s Selected Seeds - New Tools and Supplies

Join Adam Lemieux, Tools Manager for Johnny’s Selected Seeds, as he goes over the newest tools and supplies in Johnny’s Selected Seeds 2016 Catalog.

4:00 PM - Spore to Table: The Birth of a New Fishery in Maine

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or adapting an existing facility to meet the needs of a new or expanded livestock enterprise; including how much space to allow for animals, feed & bedding storage and walkways or access. Speaker: Donna Coffin, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

5:00 PM - Agricultural Development Grant Program Announcements

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will announce their Agriculture Development Grant recipient selections during an on-floor ceremony.

6:00PM - Somerset Auction Company – Farm Auction

Going once, going twice…sold! Join the Somerset Auction Company for a fun night out at the auction, with the opportunity to bid on farming equipment, tools, and miscellaneous items. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Maine FFA Association.

Thursday, January 14th

10:00 AM - Livestock Barns for the Small Scale Farmer

Small-scale livestock producers generally keep their animals in multi-purpose barns. We will talk about space planning when building or adapting an existing facility to meet the needs of a new or expanded livestock enterprise; including how much space to allow for animals, feed & bedding storage and walkways or access. Speaker: Donna Coffin, University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

12:00 PM - Potatoes, Sourdough and Seaweed

Come warm up with this perfect wintertime soup while we talk about Maine dairy farms and how dairy fits into a healthy diet with Jami Badershall from the Maine Dairy & Nutrition Council.

2:00 PM - Maine Sea Salt Caramel with Chocolatier Andy Wilbur

Fresh local cream, crunchy Maine sea salt and homemade vanilla join together to become decadent caramel under the expert hand of Chocolatier Andy Wilbur and Chef Cynthia Finnemore Simonds in this candy making demonstration. Sample the sweet results!
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