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# Meeting Schedule

## Tuesday, January 12, 2016

*Get Real. Get Maine!*  
*Product Show Case: 9am-5pm*  
*Androscoggin/Aroostook/*  
*Cumberland Room*

**Central Maine Meats**  
Services: Animal Slaughter and Processing.  
Products: Ground Beef and Sausage samples.

**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**  
Gold Star top bar beehive, beekeeping tools, and the definitive how-to book on top bar beekeeping - "The Thinking Beekeeper - A Guide to Natural Beekeeping in Top Bar Hives" by Christy Hemenway.

**Hebert Farms**  
Pickles, 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.

**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**  
Introduction and Overview of MESAS: The importance of Sustainable Year Round Agriculture in Maine. Trends in 2016 to watch and how they impact Maine's Cluster Initiative. Speaker: Mark Hews, Maine Sustainable Agriculture Society. Speaker: Penelope Jordan, ArchSolar. SYRA Project Introduction. Speaker: Jessica Nixon, Maine Department of Conservation, Agriculture and Forestry. Farmers on the Front Line; How the cluster is supporting the growth and innovation in Maine's food economy. Speaker: Bruce Stedman, Little River Flower Farm.

**2:40pm – 3:30pm**  
The State of Energy and Agriculture: Energy options for farmers in Maine and how they connect to the Sustainable Year Round Agriculture Cluster Initiative. Speaker: Sue Jones - Community Energy -Renewable Energy for America Program Technologies for ultra-efficient greenhouses, and opportunities for a year round Agriculture Cluster in Maine. Speaker: Tony Kieffer - Arch Solar New technologies for year-round production.

**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