

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

Farm Labor: Finding and Keeping Good Workers. Grower Panel: Rick Belanger, Robert Spear, Lisa Turner, Bill Bamford.

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

The Food Safety Act and GAP: Changes for 2016. Speaker: Linda Titus, AgMatters.

noon-12:30pm

MVSFGA Business Meeting.

12:30pm-1:30pm

Lunch on your own.

1:30pm-2:30pm

New Vegetable Varieties: Focus on Disease Resistance. Speakers: Tom Lewandowski, Harris Seeds, Lauchlin Titus, Seedway, Luke Donahue, Johnny's Selected Seeds.

2:30pm-3:00pm

Worker Protection Update for Vegetable Growers Speakers: 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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