

A Plan for Pastured Pork

A visit hosted by Brown Boar Farm, East Wells, VT



Chris Burrows of Brown Boar Farm has been raising heritage hogs on pasture for six years in East Wells, VT. His business has grown steadily and intentionally through development of sound plans, good relationships, and a variety of life experience. Chris will start with an overview of Brown Boar Farm; the target customers, the products produced, and lay out the basic principles that guide the business direction. He will define the logical steps that have been taken to establish a new farm venture in an era when unfortunately, many other farms seem to be shutting down operations. Next, Chris will review the farm topography, which helps explain how Brown Boar farm is maximizing the hilly and forested layout to the farm's advantage. Chris's expanding knowledge of what heritage breeds require to thrive has helped him fit the natural features of the farm to the natural instincts of the animals.

Agenda

- 10:00** Introductions
- 10:15** Business planning
- 11:30** Pastured pork tour
- 1:00** Brown bag lunch & continued discussions
- 2:00** Adjourn

DATE: July 23, 2008

TIME: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

COST: \$15 to attend, free for VGFA, or NOFA-VT members. Bring your own lunch, we will provide beverages, and dessert. **Please RSVP for planning purposes!**

DIRECTIONS: From Rte 7 in VT: Take Exit 4 to Manchester. Turn left for Manchester. Follow Route 30 North to Pawlet. Turn right onto VT-133 for approx. 6.3 miles. Turn left onto E. Wells Rd, follow for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Lamb Hill Road. The farm is 55 Lamb Hill Road, East Wells. More directions available at <http://www.brownboarfarm.com>.

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