Bethel Road and South Randolph Road. right; the Schoolhouse is located in the "Y" between East east on Rte 66 and head up hill to intersection. Turn
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Jennifer Colby will provide an update on pasture
compaction research, including work with tillage
radishes, keyline plowing, and field aeration.
11:15 AM -- KEYNOTE: INVESTING IN YOUR
PASTURES FOR INCREASED PROFIT
Oregon organic dairy farmer Jon Bansen will share
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12:30 PM--CHAT ‘N CHEW: LOW/NO GRAIN OPTIONS
Jon Bansen and Heather Darby will lead a lunch
discussion about low and no grain options for your
organic dairy.

10:00 AM -- NOFA-VERMONT UPDATES
Dave Rogers will brief us on current policy activities,
including GE alfalfa and animal welfare. Nicole Dehne
will provide timely updates and certification reminders
as we look to the 2012 grazing season.
1:30 PM -- RESEARCH UPDATES II
John Barlow will give an update on mastitis research
he has been conducting on organic dairy farms. He will
present information on milk quality and mastitis control
practices, including results of recent research on the
use of botanical essential oil products for treatment of
mastitis.
Jana Kraft and Heather Darby will reveal findings from
a new research project looking at fatty acid analysis
(limited Omega-3 and CLAs) in forages and how this may
influence milk quality and greenhouse gas emissions on
your farm.
2:45 PM -- FARMER PANEL: CALF RAISING
Facilitated by NOFA-VT’s Willie Gibson, a panel
of farmers will share their successful calf-rearing
strategies. The panelists will include: Linda Corse,
Andrew de la Bruere, and Mary Ellen Franklin.
4:00 PM -- ADJOURN

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About Our Speakers

JON BANSEN is our keynote speaker this year. Jon is a
third generation dairy farmer who, with his family, owns
and operates Double J Jerseys in Monmouth, Oregon.
The farm has been certified organic for 20 years. They
milk 200 Jersey cows and graze them on about 575 acres.
Over the years, Jon has honed the pasture management
on their farm; he’s considered the “go-to grazing guru”
in his community and is a regular contributor to Graze
magazine.

John Barlow will give an update on mastitis research
of Vermont where he conducts research in dairy cattle
health and disease.

ANDRÉ BRITO is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Vermont where he conducts research in dairy cattle

JANA KRAFT and Heather Darby will reveal findings from
a new research project looking at fatty acid analysis
(limited Omega-3 and CLAs) in forages and how this may
influence milk quality and greenhouse gas emissions on
your farm.

JENNIFER COLBY is the Pasture Program Outreach
Coordinator at the UVM Center for Sustainable
Agriculture. She conducts on-farm research on organic
cropping systems including grains, forage turnips,
grazing of annual spring forages, and more.

ANDREW DE LA BRUERE and his family farm in Derby.
They have operated their certified organic dairy for 8
years.

MARY ELLEN FRANKLIN and her family farm in
Guilford where they milk a herd of 40+ multi-breed
cows.

NICOLE DEHNE works at the Northeast Organic
Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) where she
administers their USDA accredited certification program,
Vermont Organic Farmers LLC.

WILLIE GIBSON is a Dairy and Livestock Advisor at
NOFA-VT and also farms with his family in Ryegate.

JANA KRAFT is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Vermont where
she conducts research to determine factors influencing
the nutritional quality of ruminant-derived fats and
fatty acids.

DAVID ROGERS is the policy advisor at the Northeast
Organic Farming Association of Vermont.

Questions?
Please email Deb Heleba at debra.heleba@uvm.edu
or call Heather Darby at 802.524.6501 with questions
about the conference. To request a disability-related
accommodation to participate in the program, contact
Deb or Heather by February 10, 2012 so we may assist you.

Register online at: uvm.edu/extension/organicdairy
UVM Extension’s Northwest Crops and Soils Program and NOFA-Vermont’s Organic Dairy and Livestock Technical Assistance Program have teamed up to offer the 2012 Vermont Organic Dairy Producer Conference.

This year, we are fortunate to have Jon Bansen as our keynote speaker. Jon is a seasoned organic dairy farmer from Oregon who has honed his management intensive grazing strategies on his 200-head Jersey farm. He will share his experience with extending the grazing season and managing under dry and wet grazing conditions.

Another feature of the conference will be a panel of Vermont dairy farmers—led by NOFA-Vermont’s Willie Gibson—who will discuss their strategies, tips, and tricks on successfully raising organic calves.

The conference will also focus on innovative research results. Vermont and the Northeast have a long tradition of leading the nation with cutting-edge research conducted by researchers who understand farmer needs. This year, we will hear from some of those researchers who include Andre Brito, Heather Darby, John Barlow, Jennifer Colby, and Jana Kraft. They will share the results of their research on feed supplementation on organic dairy farms, pasture compaction and aeration strategies, mastitis management, and analyses of fatty acids (Omega-3 and CLAs) in forage and their influence on milk quality and on-farm greenhouse gas emissions.

Please register early for the conference as space is limited. To guarantee a lunch at the conference, please register by no later than February 10, 2012.

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