SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Jul 15th - Spring Brook Farm, Westfield, VT
Managing Cows, Pasture, and Nutrients

Aug 11th - Holyoke Farm, St. Albans, VT
Fertility Improvements and Organic Transition

Aug 26th - Harrison Homegrown and Mike's Farm, Addison, VT
Seeding, Infrastructure and Zero-Grain

Sep 21st - Stony Pond Farm, Enosburg Falls, VT
Irrigation, Pasture Renovation, and Cow Health

Sep 30th - McKnight Farm, E. Montpelier, VT
Fall Feed Inventory and Land Improvements

Oct 9th - UNH Organic Dairy Research Facility Tour and Tuckaway Farm Field Walk

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2015 Summer Organic Dairy Series

Together, UVM Extension Northwest Crops and Soils Program (NWCS) and Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) invite you to participate in our Summer Organic Dairy Series - Strategies for Success events. The cost is $20 per person (per event) and includes lunch from the NOFA-VT Pizza Oven. All events are 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register online at www.nofavt.org/ows.

Wednesday, July 15th, Lyle & Kitty Edwards, Spring Brook Farm, 3786 VT Route 100, Westfield, VT 05874
Managing Cows, Pasture, and Nutrients. Join us at Spring Brook Farm in Westfield, where Lyle and Kitty Edwards have run a certified organic dairy operation since 2002. We will walk their fields while discussing herd management and hoof health, grazing management, and on-farm practices for nutrient management.

Tuesday, August 11th, John & Heather Brigham, Holyoke Farm, 85 Holyoke Farm Drive, St. Albans, VT 05478
Fertility Improvements and Organic Transition. Join us at Holyoke Farm where we will see the progress of management and infrastructure investments such as a fertility practices, pasture improvements, and an underground manure pipe. Regional milk buyers and VOF certification staff will be available to answer your questions as well.

Wednesday, August 26th, Melanie & Patrick Harrison, Harrison Homegrown, 8180 VT Route 22A, Addison, VT 05491 and Mike Eastman, Mike’s Farm, 435 Town House Road, Addison, VT 05491
Seeding, Infrastructure and Zero-Grain. Join us for a morning at Harrison Homegrown to hear about a variety of projects including establishing new seedings, installing tile drainage, new laneways and fencing, and lessons learned from the transition to organic. In the afternoon, we will be at Mike’s Farm where Eastman, a seasoned grazier and no-grain farmer, will host a pasture walk and discussion about his herd’s transition to a no-grain ration.

Monday, September 21st, Tyler & Melanie Webb, Stony Pond Farm, 336 Emch Drive, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450
Irrigation, Pasture Renovation, and Cow Health. Knowing strategies for dealing with challenges, such as cow health complications, implementing irrigation, and improving soil quality, can improve farm profitability and ease the stress of management. In addition to talking to the Webb’s, we will be joined by a trained veterinarian to discuss tools for identifying and treating common metabolic diseases such as milk fever, ketosis, and grass tetany.

Thursday, September 30th, Seth Gardner, McKnight Farm, 440 Snow Hill Road, E. Montpelier, VT 05651
Fall Feed Inventory and Land Improvements. Farmers who take careful inventory of their stored forages can plan ahead for optimal nutrition through the winter as well as avoiding shortcomings in feed quality and milk production. Join us at McKnight Farm to discuss strategies for evaluating feed stock needs and action plans. Additional topics will include grazing, land improvements including tillage, establishing new seedings, ‘new’ species, and managing soil fertility.

Friday, October 9th, Field Trip to UNH Organic Dairy Research Facility and Tuckaway Farm, Lee, NH 03861
Join us for a tour of the first certified organic university research dairy in the U.S. with a focus on 1) the facilities (bedded pack, milking parlor, composting facility and wood shaving mill) and 2) updates in animal science research. After the tour, we will visit Tuckaway Farm, run by Dorn Cox, for a field walk.