9:00 – 9:30 a.m. - Updates on the UVM Hops Program with Heather Darby and her team. Topics include cover crop experiments, potato leafhopper experiments, variety trials, beneficial insects, crowning projects, weed control and equipment.

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. – Rick Pedersen, from Pedersen Farms in Seneca, NY, will describe what it takes to scale up hop production.

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. – Tim Kostelecky from John I. Haas, Inc. in Yakima, WA will talk about baled hops and hop pellet production, quality and storage.

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. – Break, visit exhibitor tables and network

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. – Zac German, from Yakima-Chief Hopunion LLC will share tales from a hop quality testing lab – the good, the bad, and the ugly.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 p.m. – Brewers Panel – forming the brewer relationship.

1:45 – 2:30 p.m. – UVM’s Northwest Crops & Soils team members Lily Calderwood and Scott Lewins will give a talk on statewide scouting and integrated pest management options including pest control products, cover crops, and varietal resistance.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Break, visit exhibitor tables and network

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. – Tom Barse will share his Maryland hop growing story, including equipment innovations, weeding with sheep, and building a farmer-brewer relationship.

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Get an update from Julian Post from UVM’s Northwest Crops & Soils team on the latest and greatest hop harvesting equipment in our region.

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Steve Miller from Cornell University will share ‘What is on the horizon for hops/brewing markets and what is needed for growers to be successful in the east.’

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