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<td>MAY 4</td>
<td>VERMONT BEEF PRODUCERS ASSN. ANNUAL SPRING SALE</td>
<td>Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Jct., VT</td>
<td>The VBPA sales provide graded, preconditioned cattle from Vermont, New York and New Hampshire. Organizers say, “Consign your good cattle to this sale and chances are you'll get top dollar in this region. Buy cattle here and you'll get animals that have been inspected, graded, weighed and sorted.” The sale features a good selection of calves and yearlings, preconditioned heifers and steers. Qualifying animals are sorted into Organic, 100% Grass-Fed and Natural Pens. CONTACT: Steve Brown at 802-457-1196 or <a href="mailto:Stephen.g.brown@valley.net">Stephen.g.brown@valley.net</a>. More information at <a href="http://www.vermontbeefproducers.org/Spring%20Sale%20Page.html">http://www.vermontbeefproducers.org/Spring%20Sale%20Page.html</a>.</td>
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<td>MAY 4 &amp; 5</td>
<td>WELLSCROFT ANNUAL FENCE CLINIC</td>
<td>Wellscroft Farm, Chesham, NH</td>
<td>Come see working examples of all styles of electrical and woven wire fence to help you find the fencing system perfect for your needs and see how it withstands the test of weather and time. The morning session (8:30am – 12:15pm) will concentrate on permanent and semi-permanent electric fence systems. In the afternoon (1pm – 3:30pm), there will be a demonstration of post pounders, then a focus on fixed knot woven wire and 2 x 4 fences, anti-deer and bird netting, and Centaur rail fences. Guests are welcome to come for either or both sessions on either day. CONTACT: For more information, call 1-855-FARMFENCE.</td>
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<td>MAY 4 – 5</td>
<td>DRAFT HORSE &amp; FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION: 20TH ANNUAL SALE</td>
<td>Addison Co. Field Days Fairgrounds, Route 17 east of 22-A, west of Route 7, New Haven, VT</td>
<td>Farm and family friendly event with auction of draft horses, tack and equipment auction, and consignments of wagons, plows, harnesses, etc. Food for sale on site, restrooms open. Bleacher seating. Auction will be held rain or shine. Grounds open at 8 am. Sale starts at 9 am. Driver’s license required to obtain bidder’s number. No credit or debit cards accepted: cash or good check only. Sorry, no dogs allowed on grounds. Want to sell a horse or item? To learn more, visit gmdha.org. CONTACT: Website: <a href="http://www.gmdha.org">www.gmdha.org</a> (learn more about how to sell your horse or item here), or Rose Ann Lombard at <a href="mailto:rlombard@gmavt.net">rlombard@gmavt.net</a>.</td>
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| MAY 10-11  | **SOIL BUILDING BOOT CAMP**  
Normanton Farms, Litchfield, NH  
Eight inches of subsoil transformed to topsoil in one year? It can be done. This two-day, hands-on, intensive and entertaining training will reveal how. Farmers Eric Noel and Abe Collins will share the secrets to revealing deep, highly active, nutrient rich soil on your farm to help you grow more high energy forage and get improved livestock gains.  
The teachers will go step by step through:  
* Planned Grazing  
* Infrastructure and fencing strategies  
* Keyline plowing, Subsoiling  
* Soil boosting amendments  
* Cocktail cover cropping + more  
CONTACT: Eric Noel at ericRnoel@hotmail.com and 802-868-5083 |
| MAY 11     | **RAISING 100% GRASS-FED BEEF (NOFA MASS WORKSHOP)**  
East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick, MA  
This workshop presents the benefits for the bovine, the human, the land, and the world of raising beef on a 100% grass diet. Participants will gain appreciation for details of producing consistently high-quality beef. Topics include genetics, management, grass, harvest, and handling. The morning features a lecture with photos. The afternoon features hands-on demonstration (bring your boots). (This workshop is co-sponsored by East Quabbin Land Trust.) Instructor Ridge Shinn is a pioneer in the modern grass-farming movement. Ridge's core expertise is in evaluating live cattle for performance on a grass only diet; picking cattle, breeding cattle, and raising cattle for the 100% grass-fed market.  
CONTACT: Register at www.nofamass.org/events/raising-100-grass-fed-beef#.UTn0c1cue_w. Pre-registration is required unless arranged by phone with the organizer, Ben Grosscup, cell: 413-658-5374, or ben.grosscup@nofamass.org; put “Organic animals” in subject. |
| MAY 16-17  | **SERVSAFE FOR MEAT AND POULTRY PROCESSORS**  
Vermont Technical College, Randolph Ctr. Campus, Randolph, VT  
Students will learn about food safety requirements for handling meat and poultry in a slaughter and processing facility. Principles of sanitation, meat plant inspection, pest control, worker hygiene, waste disposal and use of chemicals will be discussed. The course will be offered the week before the poultry processing course, and therefore will focus on poultry processing. Upon successful completion of the course, including passing a comprehensive exam, students will earn ServSafe certification.  
CONTACT: Londa Nwadike at londa.nwadike@uvm.edu or 802-223-2389, x 216. Register online at vtcc-events.vtc.edu/register.html?id=153. |
| MAY 18-19  | **NORTHEAST KINGDOM FARM TO YARN TOUR WEEKEND**  
Farms all over the Northeast Kingdom, including refreshments and additional demonstrations at Mountain Fiber Folk in Montgomery.  
Visit NEK fiber producing farms and learn about where local fiber originates and how the animals are lovingly raised and cared for. Farm activities include tours, meeting the critters, knitting and spinning demos and more. Visit one or several farms as you choose. Refreshments and additional demonstrations will be available at Mountain Fiber Folk in Montgomery on Saturday and Sunday. |
MAY 19  
9am-12pm

**PASTURE MANAGEMENT AND HANDLING SHEEP WITH DOGS (PART OF MASTER SHEPHERD COURSE)**  
*Green Acres Farm, Pittsford, VT*

Instructors Chet Parson and Jim McRae will offer training in the benefits of pasture management, pros and cons of intensively rotated pasture, how to set up paddocks on your farm, condition scoring sheep, parasite control, and using dogs to handle sheep.

CONTACT: Visit vtsheepandgoat.org to download the brochure and registration form and mail with payment to Master Shepherd Course Reg., Parsons' Farm, 463 Hardwood Hill Rd., Richford, VT 05476

MAY 25  
9am – 3pm

**MAKING SIMPLE CHEESES**  
*Oake Knoll Ayrshires at Lawton’s Family Farm, Foxborough, MA*

This workshop provides a general understanding of how milk is made into cheese and what to look for when selecting milk for cheese-making. The workshop is primarily hands-on, demonstrating what the milk and curds and cheese look like at each step of the process. Learn to diagnose and fix problems during the process to produce delicious cheeses, even if things don’t come out precisely as intended. Cheeses we will learn to make: Fresh Mozzarella & Queso Blanco (a Spanish cooking cheese, often fried). The instructor is Terri Lawton, who operates a dairy and cheese-making operation on her family’s 25 acre farm, which began in 1730.

CONTACT: Ben Grosscup, 413-658-5374 or by email, ben.grosscup@nofamass.org; put “Cheese-Making” in subject.

MAY 26  
1-5pm

**MANAGING A HORSE-POWERED CSA**  
*Natural Roots Farm, 888 Shelburne Falls Road, Conway, MA*

Natural Roots Farm relies exclusively on horse-power to run a 200-member CSA and to harvest hay and timber. Participants will see live horse-power demonstrations on a variety of traditional and recently innovated horse-drawn implements and will learn how these practices are used in the farm’s vegetable production systems. Instructor David Fisher runs a 200-member horse-powered CSA and has been farming for 15 years.

CONTACT: Ben Grosscup, 413-658-5374 or by email, ben.grosscup@nofamass.org (please put ‘Animal Husbandry” in the email subject line).

JUNE 15  
10am-4pm

**MERCK FOREST & FARMLAND CTR. HAY DAYS, DEMONSTRATING DRAFT POWER**  
*Merck Forest & Farmland Ctr., 3270 Route 315, Rupert, VT*

This two-day farm festival is a collaboration with Green Mountain Draft Horse Association and will showcase the importance of draft power within the working landscape. Members of the GMDHA will demonstrate how horses can be used for plowing, tilling, raking, tedding, and more. Much of the work will be based on the haying season. This event is open to everyone interested in learning about draft power for farming. MFFC staff will lead children’s activities related to draft power, our horses, and farm. (Rain dates 6/22 & 6/23)

CONTACT: 802.394.7836 or visit www.merckforest.org

The Pasture Calendar is a project of the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture’s Pasture Program, which provides research, information, educational opportunities that include grazing workshops, field walks, the annual Vermont Grazing & Livestock Conference and direct technical support.

Contact us if we can help:

Technical assistance for your pasture: Kimberly Hagen at 802-656-3834.

Research questions or ideas: Juan Alvez at 802-656-6116.

General inquiries and potential partnerships: Jenn Colby at 802-656-0858.

Include pasture-related events in an upcoming calendar: Cheryl Herrick at sustainable.agriculture@uvm.edu

And learn more about our work at uvm.edu/pasture, vtpasture.blogspot.com or on Facebook or Twitter.