FARMER TO FARMER ‘ADVANCED’ CONFERENCE ON HIGH TUNNEL GROWING
Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee VT, December 5-6, 2012

Sponsored by: Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association, University of Vermont Extension and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont.

**Wednesday, December 5**

8:30 Registration, coffee and muffins

9:00 Tips on Tunnel Design and Construction (20 min each)
Ed Person, Ledgewood Farm Greenhouse Frames
Jack Manix, Walker Farm, Dummerston
Discussion

10:00 Winter Growing Systems (20 min each)
Corie Pierce, Bread and Butter Farm, Shelburne
Joe Buley, Screamin’ Ridge Farm, Montpelier
Discussion

11:00 Moveable Tunnels: Design, Cropping Systems (20 min each)
John Wells, Rimol Greenhouses
Mary Skovsted, Joe’s Brook Farm, St. Johnsbury
Discussion

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Tunnel Production and Marketing at Pleasant Valley Farm, NY. Sandy & Paul Arnold
1:30 Discussion

1:45 Tunnel Production and Marketing at Wishing Stone Farm, RI. Skip Paul
2:15 Discussion

2:30 Break – take a walk

3:00 Biocontrols for Insect Pest Management in Tunnels (20 min each)
Margaret Skinner, UVM, trap crops etc. for insect pests
Jake Guest, Killdeer Farm, experience with tomato and ornamental pests
Discussion

4:00 Organic Disease Control / Organic Spray Efficacy in Tunnels (15 min each):
Sandy Arnold, Joe Buley, Skip Paul: specific diseases and results of sprays tried
Discussion
5:00 Adjourn for the day

6:30 Dinner – buffet at hotel

Thursday, December 6
7:00 breakfast

8:00 Soil Management in Tunnels (20 min each)
Bruce Hoskins, UMaine soil testing lab. Test options and what they mean.
Andrew Knafel, Clearbrook Farm. Experience using GH soil tests and organic fertilizers.
Discussion

9:00 Tunnel Production and Marketing at Heron Pond Farm, NH. Andre Cantelmo
9:30 Discussion

9:45 Break

10:00 Tunnel Production and Marketing at Jericho Settlers Farm, VT. Christa Alexander
10:30 discussion

10:45 Caterpillars and Other Tunnels at Windflower Farm, NY. Ted Blomgren
11:15 discussion

11:30 break – informal discussion and/or take a walk

12:00 lunch

1:00 Niche Crops in Tunnels. (15 min each)
Raspberries, Chance McNiff, High Meadows Farm, Westminster
Sweet Potatoes and Onions, Paul Arnold
Ginger, Michael Kilpatrick, Kilpatrick Family Farm, NY
Discussion

2:00 Varieties for Tunnels: winners and losers (5-10 min each to kick off discussion...)
Lettuce, mesclun and mustards: Christa Alexander
Spinach: Sandy Arnold
Tomatoes: Jon Satz
Cucumbers: Jake Guest
Raspberries: Andrew Knafel
Other crops? Bring your list of varieties.
Discussion

3:00 Profitability. Yields, prices, costs, net returns for a specific crops.
Growers - bring your numbers to share on at least one crop for 5 min.
Discussion
3:45 Wrap up – questions left unanswered, follow up ideas

4:00 Adjourn

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