



Introduction to Growing Rice (*Oryza sativa*)

HOSTED BY: Takeshi and Linda Akaogi, Akaogi Farm

DATE: Sunday May 11th, 1-3 pm

LOCATION: 27 Earthbridge Rd. Putney, VT

The last two years we have been experimenting with growing rice at our farm in southeastern Vermont. Yes, it is a challenge to grow rice in the Northeast, but let us try!

In this workshop we will explain rice production in general, show our rice paddy, and also explain how to grow rice in a five-gallon container. We will supply the seedling of a selected variety from last year with an observation report sheet which you will return to us at the end of the season (during October). You supply the five-gallon container and garden soil (you don't need to bring them to the workshop).

At the end of the workshop, you will have a basic knowledge about rice and a rice seedling to bring back home with you.

Directions to our farm: Take Exit 4 on I-91. From Route 5 in Putney take a left at the Putney General Store; travel a little over 4 miles on that road (it will start as Kimball Hill Rd. and change to Westminster West Rd.); at the Earthbridge sign on the left, turn left; and take the first left (that is our driveway). After about 250' the driveway will fork; park at the fork.

The workshop is free of charge, but space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please call Linda Akaogi at 387-2540 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and number of persons attending.

The Akaogis were recently awarded a 2008 SARE Farmer Grant for their project 'Introducing rice as a commercial crop to the northeastern U.S.'