



**Wednesday, June 16th, 5-7pm**  
**Sweet Corn Timing, Fertility and Tillage**  
**Lewis Creek Farm, Starksboro, VT**

Hank Bissell has been growing vegetables and berries on Lewis Creek Farm using sustainable methods for 29 years. During this time he has developed a way to schedule sweet corn planting. Hank says: "It's an easy and intuitive method of timing sweet corn plantings, so they don't all ripen at once." He will show how he uses the growth and development of corn plants in his fields to determine planting dates for his different blocks of corn. Hank uses the Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Test (PSNT) to determine if his corn has enough nitrogen and cover crops are an important part of his rotation.

This year he is comparing sweet corn planted in a deep zone tillage system that Vern Grubinger and Sue Hawkins of the UVM Extension Vegetable and Berry Program have been trialing in the state, with funding from NRCS. A farm tour will follow. All participants will receive a copy of the DVD "Growers and their Ecological Sweet Corn Production Practices."

*Directions: Take VT Route 116 to the village of Starksboro. In the center of the village look for the farm on the west side of the road. Park at the farmstand.*

<http://users.gmavt.net/lcfarm/maplcf.htm>

These events are sponsored by the VT Vegetable & Berry Growers Association, NOFA-VT and UVM Extension with support from Risk Management Agency (RMA) which provides risk management and financial tools to Vermont farmers with information through education and outreach programs. More information is at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov>. Registration is free for VV&BGA members and VOF certified farmers, \$10 for NOFA members and apprentices, \$15 for others.