EVALUATE THIS NEWSLETTER AND OTHER VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY PROGRAMS

Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on the usefulness of this newsletter, the VT vegetable and berry grower web site, and a few other resources I provide to growers. Your input is important. Here’s the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VernsEvaluation

The VT veg and berry grower listserv is being evaluated separately by members of the Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association. If you are a member and have not yet completed that short evaluation, please go to the link sent to you earlier.

If you would like to be on the listserv in 2014, join the VVBGA! The dues are $25 per farm per year, $30 after Jan. 23. See: https://2014vvbga.eventbrite.com. This link also lets you register for the annual meeting, below.

VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING:

Monday January 27, 2014
Capital Plaza Hotel, 100 State Street, Montpelier (802) 223-5252 or www.capitolplaza.com

8:30  Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments
9:30  President’s Remarks
       Andy Jones, Intervale Community Farm, Burlington
9:40  Lessons and Ideas from the Field in 2013
       Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension
10:00 Production and Pest Management at Adam’s Berry Farm
       Adam Hausmann, Burlington/Charlotte
10:20 What Every Farmer Needs to Know About Labor Laws
       Kelley Connelly, U.S. Department of Labor, Hour and Wage Division
10:40 The Role of Wild Pollinators on Vermont's Farms
       Taylor Ricketts, Gund Institute, University of Vermont
11:00 Nitrogen Availability from Different Organic Fertilizers
       Heather Darby, UVM Extension
11:20 Update from Trade Show Representatives on Products and Services
11:40 Luncheon and Trade Show
1:20 Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.
1:40 Update from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
   Chuck Ross, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture
2:00 Managing E. coli in Leafy Greens Wash Water: On Farm Research Results
   Lynn Blevins, UVM Extension
2:20 A Tour of Deep Meadow Farm
   Jon Cohen, Ascutney
2:40 Pest Updates: a Look at Potential Problems in 2014
   Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Lab
3:00 Adjourn - Trade Show

Sponsored by: Farm Family Insurance Company, USDA Risk Management Agency and Farm
Service Agency, University of Vermont Extension, Vermont Compost Company and the Vermont
Vegetable and Berry Growers Association.

Annual meeting pre-registration payment must be received by January 23 at 5 pm, either on-
line or by mail (see below). The pre-registration fee is $40 per person for VVBGA members, $50
per person for non-members; it includes morning coffee and pastries plus a hot lunch buffet.
Add $10 per person for walk-in registration.

New Farmer Coaching for farms in business less than 10 years is available at the VVBGA
meeting. For information and to sign up for a free consult session at this meeting visit:
http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/NewFarmerCoachingVVBGA.html

Attendance at this meeting will be worth 1 pesticide recertification credit for applicators
certified in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10. If you require accommodations to participate in this
meeting, please let me know at least 10 days prior to the event. Questions? Vern Grubinger,
University of Vermont Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303 or vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu.

JOIN THE VVBGA FOR 2014
Member dues are $25 per farm; $30 after January 23. Benefits include:
* $10 discount for the Association's annual meeting registration
* Eligibility for the Association's research grants
* 10% discount on publications from UVM Extension's Vegetable and Berry publications list
* Access to the VVBGA listserv: buy/sell equipment, plants, etc. and share information
* Registration fee waiver for on-farm workshops
Pay member dues on-line until Jan. 23 at: https://2014vvbga.eventbrite.com. Or, print the membership form: www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/VV&BGA/VVBGA_membership_form.pdf and mail it with your check to: VVBGA, PO Box 2091, South Burlington, VT 05407. If you are also registering for the annual meeting by mail please include a note saying so, with names of all registrants and additional payment for each: $40/member, $50/non-member.

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