

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Best Management Practices While Producing Raw Milk for Direct Sale

A workshop at Compass School, Westminster, VT



H. 125, the Raw Milk Bill, is set to become law as of July 1, opening the door to new opportunities in small-scale milk production and direct consumer sales, as well as potential exposure to legal and health challenges. This workshop series, repeated in three statewide locations, seeks to educate farmers selling direct to consumers and improve management practices to reduce liability. Speakers will include Shelby Girard of Rural Vermont, Leo Larocque of Co-Operative Insurance, Laurel Junkins and Dan Scruton of the VT Agency of Agriculture, and regional farmer panels sharing a diversity of experiences. Each workshop will end with a farm tour at a local farm selling raw milk.

DATE: July 9, 2009

TIME: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

COST: FREE to attend. Bring your own lunch, we will provide beverages, and dessert. Please RSVP for planning purposes! Feel free to bring a friend!

DIRECTIONS: From I-91 south take Exit 6. Merge onto Rockingham Road, follow about 2.5 miles, where it will change to US. 5, follow .5 miles longer. Turn right onto Atkinson Rd/Rte 5, follow 1.5 miles. Over the bridge, Compass School will be on your left. From I-91 north, take Exit 5. Turn slight right onto Westminster Access Road, follow .5 miles. Turn left onto Rte 5 north, follow 2 miles. Compass School will be on the right near the big red barn. 7892 US Rte 5, Westminster, VT.

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