



Vermont Pasture Network Calendar

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Events in October 2009 and Beyond

<p>OCTOBER 2 TO 4 OR OCTOBER 9 TO 11</p> <p>COST: \$550</p>	<p>2009 ARTISANAL CHEESEMAKING CLASSES Three Shepherds Farm, Warren, Vermont</p> <p>Whether you are a cheese lover who wants to learn more about your favorite food, or are interested in making cheese regularly as a hobby or business, you will find that our courses provide you with a great foundation in the science and artistry of cheesemaking.</p> <p>CONTACT: Dr. Larry and Linda Faillace, (802) 496-3998, www.threeshepherdscheese.com</p>
<p>OCTOBER 3 & 4</p> <p>STARTS 10 AM</p> <p>COST: \$6 ADULTS, \$5 SENIORS, \$1 KIDS UNDER 12</p>	<p>21ST ANNUAL VERMONT SHEEP AND WOOD FESTIVAL Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, VT</p> <p>The Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival brings together over 50 of New England's finest fiber artisans featuring handcrafted natural fiber clothing, yarn, wool crafts, knitting, spinning, weaving and felting supplies, fencing, sheep supplies, meat and cheese. We are offering several exciting courses related to natural fibers and are pleased this year to have nationally known spinner and knitter, Kathryn Alexander, as a guest instructor in addition to our local talent. Additional presentations and demonstrations on sheep and goat health, animal husbandry, sheep shearing, sheep dog herding, knitting, felting, weaving, and spinning ongoing throughout the weekend.</p> <p>CONTACT: www.vtsheepandgoat.org/festival.html</p>
<p>OCTOBER 8</p> <p>6 PM</p> <p>COST: FREE, RSVP TO RESERVE A SEAT</p>	<p>AN EVENING WITH DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN Dunbar Hall, Sterling College, Craftbury, VT</p> <p>Sterling College is pleased to announce an evening with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most celebrated and effective animal advocates. Dr. Grandin has devoted over 30 years to studying animals and improving their quality of life. Dr. Grandin will speak about <i>Humane Livestock Handling & Related Topics</i>. She is a designer of livestock handling facilities across the United States and worldwide. Her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behavior have influenced animal handling and slaughtering practices and animal welfare around the western world.</p> <p>CONTACT: Micki Martin, (802) 586-7711, mmartin@sterlingcollege.edu</p>



<p>OCTOBER 13</p> <p>8:30 AM TO 4 PM</p> <p>COST: \$100 INCLUDES LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS BEFORE OCTOBER 7, \$125 AFTER. WALK INS WELCOME</p>	<p>UDDER HEALTH AND MILK QUALITY ON ORGANIC DAIRY FARMS Double Tree Hotel, South Burlington, VT</p> <p>A workshop for veterinarians, covering preventive care, approved treatment modalities for mastitis and a deeper understanding of the National Organic Program's certification standards for organic livestock production systems. This workshop qualifies for 6 hours CE Credit for Vermont Veterinarians. Featured speakers include: Dr. Linda Tikofsky, Cornell University; Dr. John Barlow, University of Vermont; and Nicole Dehne, Administrator for NOFA-VT's certification program, Vermont Organic Farmers. Included in the afternoon agenda will be a panel of veterinarians who have organic dairy producers as clientele.</p> <p>CONTACT: Lisa McCrory, (802) 234-5524, Lmccrory@hughes.net, www.nofavt.org</p>
<p>OCTOBER 14</p> <p>3 TO 4:30 PM</p> <p>OR</p> <p>OCTOBER 15</p> <p>9:30 AM TO 11 AM</p>	<p>BEGINNING FARMER AND RANCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STAKEHOLDER LISTENING SESSIONS FOR FY 2010 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS. Online webinars</p> <p>The 2007 Farm Bill has made available \$19 million in fiscal year 2010 to fund a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) through competitive grants for regional training, education, outreach, and technical assistance initiatives. USDA-CSREES will hold two webinars to solicit stakeholder input concerning the BFRDP program for FY 2010. Please test your computer connection prior to the meeting by logging on to the address below.</p> <p>CONTACT: Join the webinars at: http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/csrees/</p>
<p>OCTOBER 15, 22, 29 AND NOVEMBER 5, 12, 16</p>	<p>GROWING PLACES: EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES & REALITIES OF STARTING AN AG-BASED BUSINESS. Burlington, VT</p> <p>Growing Places is designed to help participants: develop a comprehensive goal statement which will help in the business planning process explore and evaluate opportunities and resources become familiar with state and federal agriculture programs. Growing Places is organized into six different sessions, each addressing a different aspect of business development. In addition to WAgN staff, each session pulls in experts in that particular area to lead the lecture, discussion, and hands-on exercises that make up the course format. Guest speakers and panelists are an important component, and by sharing their experiences with the group, offer a much appreciated realistic perspective.</p> <p>CONTACT: Beth Holtzman, bholtzman@uvm.edu. www.uvm.edu/wagn/?Page=education/growing_places.html&SM=education/sub-menu.html</p>
<p>OCTOBER 17</p> <p>10 AM TO 3 PM</p> <p>COST: \$35 INCLUDES LUNCH</p>	<p>BEEF CATTLE FIELD SCHOOL Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, North Grafton, MA</p> <p>Beef Cattle Field School will discuss pasture management and rotational grazing for beef cattle. Producers will learn about genetics and breed selection, herd management, winter feeding and nutrition, principles of grazing, fencing requirements, local direct marketing opportunities and options to involve regional distributors, and other topics. Hands-on skills will include handling cattle (moving, restraint, corral safety), body scoring, preventive treatments and vaccinations (including med storage and injection sites), and other practical skills.</p> <p>CONTACT: Winton Pitcoff, (413) 634-5728, winton@nofamass.org, www.massgrass.org</p>

<p>OCTOBER 17 & 18</p> <p>STARTS 8 AM</p>	<p>2009 NORTHEAST ANIMAL POWER FIELD DAYS Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, VT</p> <p>Dedicated to working draft animals in enterprises that support sustainability of local communities and vital land-based economies, this two-day trade fair and conference will feature workshops, equipment demonstrations, working demos, exhibitors, local food, swap meet, and more. Keynote by farmer, naturalist and editor of <i>Farming Magazine</i>, David Kline. Join the free on-line discussion list: www.draftanimalpower.com. On-site camping available.</p> <p>CONTACT: Carl Russell or Lisa McCrory, (802) 234-5524, info@animalpowerfielddays.org, www.animalpowerfielddays.org. Volunteers contact Kristen Gage at kristengage@comcast.net or (802) 431-1029</p>
<p>OCTOBER 18</p> <p>10 AM TO 1 PM</p> <p>COST: \$40 TOUR AND LOCAL LUNCH</p>	<p>RAW MILK FUNDRAISER Upingill Farm, Gill, MA</p> <p>David Gumpert, author of <i>The Raw Milk Revolution: Behind America's Emerging Battle Over Food Rights</i> (to be released in November) will be the featured guest at a fundraiser for the NOFA/Mass Raw Milk Network. The event will include a tour of Upingill Farm, at 10:30, a meal featuring local produce at 11:30, and a talk by Gumpert at 12:30. Tickets are \$40 and space is limited.</p> <p>CONTACT: Winton Pitcoff, winton@nofamass.org, (413) 634-5728 to reserve tickets.</p>
<p>OCTOBER 20, 22 OR 29</p> <p>11 AM TO 2 PM</p> <p>FREE TO FARMERS, \$15 ALL OTHERS</p> <p>BRING BAGGED LUNCH</p>	<p>BEDDED PACK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS October 20 Wayside Farm, Randolph Center, VT October 22 Fournier Farm, Swanton, VT October 29 Swallow Dale Farm, Orwell, VT</p> <p>Tom Gilbert, from the Highfields Institute, will lead a presentation and discussion around building and maintaining a bedded pack system, along with removal and finished composting. Hosts Chester Abbot (October 20), Earl Fournier (October 22) and Mark & Sarah Russell (October 29) will give tours of their facilities and talk about how they are preparing for the upcoming winter. Associated herd management will also be addressed. Whether experienced or new to pack composting, bring your troubleshooting questions. Workshops co-hosted by NOFA-VT and the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture with sponsorship from Northeast SARE.</p> <p>CONTACT: Jenn Colby, (802) 656-0858, jcolby@uvm.edu, www.uvm.edu/pasture or NOFA-VT, (802) 434-4122, info@nofavt.org, www.nofavt.org.</p>
<p>OCTOBER 24</p> <p>9 AM TO 1 PM</p>	<p>SMALL BACKYARD FARMS WORKSHOP Brick Meeting House, Westford, VT</p> <p>Jim Ryan, DEC watershed coordinator, will give an overview of agricultural trends in the context of the Browns River watershed. Rachel Gilker, UVM Pasture Program Coordinator, will discuss how to successfully use pasture on the farm, while planning for water quality. Karen Bates of VT DEC will outline composting basics. Pam Stefanek of the VT Association of Conservation Districts will cover accepted agricultural practices, funding opportunities and technical assistance. Optional farm visits in the area with Melissa Manka, Town of Westford Planner, will include one site where paddocks, watering system and buffers have been installed with assistance from the conservation partners. Co-hosted by the VT Department of Environmental Conservation, VT Association of Natural Resource Conservation Districts, and the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture.</p> <p>CONTACT: Pamela Stefanek, pam.stefanek@vt.nacdnet.net, (802)388-6746 x 26. Full flyer with directions at www.uvm.edu/pasture.</p>



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New grazing support and technical assistance opportunities at www.uvm.edu/pasture

JANUARY 20 & 21	<p>NORTHEAST PASTURE CONSORTIUM ANNUAL MEETING Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT</p> <p>CONTACT: www.umaine.edu/grazingguide</p>
JANUARY 22 & 23	<p>14TH ANNUAL VT GRAZING CONFERENCE **New Location ** Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT</p> <p>Save the date for this jam-packed conference serving all grass-based livestock and farmer experience levels. Pre-conference workshops Friday, including a weed management intensive with national animal behaviorist Kathy Voth. Full conference Saturday starting with keynote by Brian Moyer, former PA farmer and now Director of Rural Vermont. Over 30 workshops, kids' conference, local foods and overnight accommodations available.</p> <p>CONTACT: Jenn Colby, UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture, (802) 656-0858, jcolby@uvm.edu, www.uvm.edu/pasture</p>

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