



# Vermont Pasture Network Calendar

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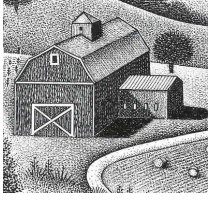
*Events in September 2011 and Beyond*

<p>SEPTEMBER 6 FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH (DAY CHANGE!)</p> <p>11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.</p> <p>COST: FREE</p>	<p><b>ADDISON COUNTY FARM ANIMAL HOMEOPATHY STUDY GROUP</b> Taconic End Farm, Leicester, VT</p> <p>Open to all levels. Great peer support: learn how other farmers are applying homeopathy to their herds or flocks. A relaxed discussion that usually includes an in-depth look of at least one remedy, some theory and a case analysis. Bring your resources, if you have them, and a current or past case that you would like to discuss.</p> <p>CONTACT: Annie Claghorn, (802) 247-3979, <a href="mailto:foxclag@gmavt.net">foxclag@gmavt.net</a> or Bay Hammond, (802) 897-2121 <a href="mailto:bkhammond@shoreham.net">bkhammond@shoreham.net</a></p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 10</p> <p>10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.</p> <p>PREREGISTERED ATTENDEES : FREE</p> <p>WALK INS: \$10</p> <p>INCLUDES LUNCH</p>	<p><b>SCALING UP: PRODUCING &amp; PROCESSING FOR THE LARGER REGIONAL MARKET</b> Southeastern VT Community Action &amp; Westminster Meats, 91 Buck Drive, Westminster, VT</p> <p>The morning will start with a sneak peek of the New England Beef-to-Institution Marketing Study, which will be released later this fall. Rose Wilson and her team of market research consultants will present some of their key findings, and offer some recommendations as we launch into the implementation phase of the initiative. A panel of producers, processors, distributors and institutional buyers, and moderated by Farm-to-Institution New England, will offer some thoughts on accessing the institutional marketplace. After lunch, the group will tour the facility at Westminster Meats. Supported by the VT Agriculture Innovation Center and coordinated by the VT Ag Agency, NOFA-VT and the UVM Center for Sustainable Ag.</p> <p>CONTACT: Register online at <a href="http://vtmeat.blogspot.com">vtmeat.blogspot.com</a> or call Chelsea Lewis, VT Agency of Agriculture, (802) 828-3360, <a href="mailto:Chelsea.Lewis@state.vt.us">Chelsea.Lewis@state.vt.us</a>.</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 10 SEPTEMBER 24</p> <p>ALL DAY</p> <p>COST: \$495</p>	<p><b>DRAFT HORSE WORKSHOP</b> Fair Winds Farm, Brattleboro, VT</p> <p>This 4-day workshop focuses on building your skills &amp; confidence in harnessing, hitching, driving &amp; horse management. We place a lot of emphasis on clear communication through effective use of the drivers' hands and voice. Technical driving skill development is achieved with lots of time in the driver's seat and one-on-one instruction.</p> <p>CONTACT: Janet Bailey, (802) 254-9067, <a href="mailto:fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org">fairwinds@fairwindsfarm.org</a></p>

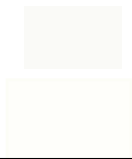


<p>SEPTEMBER 14</p> <p>REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M.</p> <p>9 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.</p> <p>COST: \$25 FARMERS, \$10 PER EXTRA PERSON FROM SAME FARM, \$50 NON FARMERS</p>	<p><b>ON-FARM COMPOSTING 101 WORKSHOP</b> Highfields Center for Composting's Compost Research &amp; Education, Quarry Road, Wolcott, VT</p> <p>This workshop is designed for farmers, their employees and professional agricultural service providers interested in implementing composting practices at their farms or the farms they advise. Participants will learn how to turn common farm materials, such as manures, waste hay, waste silage, and other organic materials, such as food scraps, into high quality compost. This 6-hour workshop includes a dynamic combination of lectures, demonstrations and hands-on exercises designed to ensure an effective combination of operator understanding and application. Topics covered include: principles of composting, compost site identification and layout, compost recipe development, feedstock combining methods, windrow construction, pile monitoring, windrow aeration, aerated static pile composting, and compost screening.</p> <p>CONTACT: Tyler Buswell, <a href="mailto:info@highfieldscomposting.org">info@highfieldscomposting.org</a>, (802) 472-5138 x202, <a href="http://www.highfieldscompsting.org">www.highfieldscompsting.org</a></p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 20</p> <p>11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.</p> <p>COST: \$15 INCLUDES LUNCH BY NOFA PIZZA OVEN</p> <p>PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	<p><b>PROCESSING &amp; STORING SMALL GRAINS FIELD DAY</b> Butterworks Farm, 421 Trumpass Rd, Westfield, VT</p> <p>This workshop, hosted by Jack and Anne Lazor at Butterworks Farm, will highlight post-harvest techniques for cleaning, storing, and processing small grains. Butterworks Farm has been growing organic grains and crops for both people and livestock since 1977. They have built up a medium sized closed herd of Jersey cows. The preservation and augmentation of soil fertility has been an integral part in their whole farming operation.</p> <p>CONTACT: NW Crop and Soils Program (802) 524-6501, register online at <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SM7LMQ">www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SM7LMQ</a></p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 20</p> <p>4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.</p> <p>COST: \$15, \$5 FOR VGFA MEMBERS</p> <p>BRING YOUR DINNER; DESSERT AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED</p>	<p><b>RECLAIMING PASTURE FROM FORESTED AND FALLOW LAND</b> 4758 Chelsea Road, Corinth, VT 05039</p> <p>Many farmers are land limited. This creates opportunities to work with non-farming landowners and challenges to reclaim land that may have been neglected or in need of clearing. Join UVM Extension agronomy and grazing personnel, along with beginning and experienced farmers and landowners as we visit two separate sites to discuss the pros and cons of different approaches to land reclamation, creating good relationships and building quality soils on a budget. Our stops will include a recently logged area and strategies to convert it to pasture quickly, and an area managed using sheep impact and amendments. The program presented with support from USDA Risk Management and the VT Grass Farmers Association.</p> <p>CONTACT: Jenn Colby, (802) 656-0858, <a href="mailto:jcolby@uvm.edu">jcolby@uvm.edu</a> or Dan Hudson, (802) 535-7922, <a href="mailto:daniel.hudson@uvm.edu">daniel.hudson@uvm.edu</a>.</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 22</p> <p>1:30 P.M. TO 4 P.M.</p>	<p><b>TRANSITIONING AN ORGANIC FARM TO DRAFT POWER</b> Roxbury Farm: 2501 State Rte. 9h, Kinderhook, NY 12106</p> <p>Join NOFA-NY, Jean-Paul Courtens, Jody Bolluyt, and Donn Hewes for a look at what it takes to transition a large successful CSA to horse power. How is it different from starting a horse powered farm? We will take a tour of Roxbury Farm where we will attempt to answer the question - What if we were doing it with horses? The tour will be followed by a sit down (hopefully in the grass) discussion about what aspects of transition might be common to most farms, and what challenges might be unique to individual operations.</p> <p>CONTACT: Katie (585) 271-1979 ext 512, <a href="http://www.nofany.org">www.nofany.org</a></p>

<p>SEPTEMBER 27</p> <p>4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.</p> <p>COST: SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 TO VGFA AND/OR RURAL VT</p>	<p><b>CREATING NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND FEED, FROM THE SOIL UP</b>  Earthwise Farm &amp; Forest, 341 MacIntosh Road, Bethel, VT 05032</p> <p>Lisa McCrory and Carl Russell own a draft animal-powered diversified farm, growing pasture from a pine plantation slowly through animal impact and clearing. In 2010, Lisa enrolled in a course focused on using soil amendments to create more nutrient dense soil, and in turn higher quality crops and forage. She has documented the results from pasture trial plots and maintained records of all expenses, in order to share that information with other farmers seeking to improve marginal lands on a budget. Supported by the VT Farm Women's Fund and USDA Risk Management.</p> <p>CONTACT: Jenn Colby, (802) 656-0858, <a href="mailto:jcolby@uvm.edu">jcolby@uvm.edu</a></p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 29</p> <p>9:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M.</p>	<p><b>DIVERSIFY YOUR DAIRY WITH VALUE ADDED PROCESSING</b>  Raindance Farm: 2454 County Hwy 35, Schenevus, NY 12155-2402</p> <p>Join NOFA-NY and Siobhan Griffin on Raindance Farm to learn about incorporating cheese production into your dairy farm. Tour the farm and see firsthand how Siobhan manages her pasturing system to create superior cheese for her customers. Discuss the process of developing markets, creating products and on farm processing of cheese. Also learn about the other diverse aspects of Siobhan's farm including marketing of retail meat cuts, wild crops, and vegetables.</p> <p>CONTACT: Katie (585) 271-1979 ext 512, <a href="http://www.nofany.org">www.nofany.org</a></p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 29 &amp; 30</p>	<p><b>IITH ANNUAL NODPA FIELD DAYS AND ANNUAL MEETING</b>  Cooperstown, New York and Raindance Organic Farm in Schenevus, NY</p> <p>This year's program theme: <i>Organic Dairy: What Does the Future Hold</i>. Keynote Speaker, Francis Thicke will talk about the future challenges and opportunities facing Organic Dairy. The two-day event will start with a farm tour at Raindance Organic Farm, followed by lunch at the Cooperstown Beaver Valley Cabins and Campsites in Milford, NY. Troy Bishopp will present two workshops: <i>Reading the Landscape</i>, and <i>Thinking Man's Grazing</i>. The two day event will include the annual meeting (open to all), a producer-only meeting, a dynamic tradeshow, and a banquet dinner on Thursday night.</p> <p>CONTACT: Nora Owens, <a href="mailto:noraowens@comcast.net">noraowens@comcast.net</a>, (413) 772-0444 or <a href="http://www.nodpa.com">www.nodpa.com</a></p>
<p>OCTOBER 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p><b>THE 23RD ANNUAL VERMONT SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL</b>  Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, VT</p> <p>Featuring workshops by Celia Quinn, Patty Blomgren, Cherly Flett, Consuelo Stacy and more. Herding demonstrations, spinning, felting, sheep management with UVM Extension's Chet Parsons. Vendors from through out VT and the Northeast.</p> <p>CONTACT: <a href="http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org">www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org</a></p>
<p>OCTOBER 19</p> <p>4:30 P.M. TO 7 P.M.</p> <p>COST: FREE VOF FARMERS AND FULL VV&amp;BGA MEMBERS, \$10 NOFA-VT MEMBERS, \$20 NON-MEMBERS</p>	<p><b>USING CHICKENS TO GROW WINTER SQUASH AND ENDING UP WITH PIGS</b>  Rockville Market Farm, 205 Cemetery Rd, Starksboro, VT</p> <p>Eric and Keenann Rozendaal use chickens to build fertility in the soil that they then use to grow butternut squash. They peel butternut squash on the premise and use the seeds to finish pigs. Come tour their facilities and learn about their innovative production techniques. BYOB and BBQ to follow (food provided). The Rockville Market Farm includes 25 acres of vegetables, 2000 laying hens, 2000 meat birds, 50 pigs, and 6 greenhouses.</p> <p>CONTACT: NOFA-VT, (802) 434-4122, <a href="mailto:info@nofavt.org">info@nofavt.org</a>.</p>



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<p><b>JANUARY 20 &amp; 21, 2012</b></p>	<p><b>16TH ANNUAL VT GRAZING &amp; LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE</b>          Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT</p> <p>Plan now to attend this signature event, featuring local, regional and national speakers on multiple species grazing management and production. Keynote speaker Temple Grandin will present for both general and farming audiences Friday evening and Saturday. In-depth workshops on meat cutting and pricing value-added meat products Friday, and over 16 additional workshops. Local products featured throughout the event which includes a concurrent kids' conference. Sponsorship opportunities available and new vendors welcome!</p> <p>CONTACT: Jenn Colby, (802) 656-0858, <a href="mailto:jcolby@uvm.edu">jcolby@uvm.edu</a>, <a href="http://www.uvm.edu/pasture">www.uvm.edu/pasture</a></p>
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