



Vermont Pasture Network Calendar

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Events in December 2009 and Beyond

<p>DECEMBER 17 & 18 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM</p> <p>LUNCH BY POTLUCK</p>	<p>OTTER CREEK AND MISSISSQUOI BAY WATERSHED DAIRY DISCUSSION GROUPS December 17 Middlebury Community House, 6 Main Street, Middlebury December 18 Tabor House Bed & Breakfast, 58 Homestead Road, Swanton</p> <p>These discussion groups are being started to address a wide range of issues around grazing, and to build a stronger farming network support system. The facilitation & technical assistance team has some ideas about how to organize the discussions, but topics and needs will be decided by attendees. Follow up technical assistance will be available to group participants. Our first meetings will provide an opportunity to get to know one another, identify farmer needs & interests, describe available assistance and plan for the future.</p> <p>These discussion groups are supported by the VT Agency of Natural Resources through US EPA 319 Water Quality funding. Technical assistance will be coordinated through the Center for Sustainable Agriculture's Pasture Program, and provided by the NOFA Dairy Livestock Technical Team and independent technical assistance provider Mike Ghia. Diversified and equine discussion groups will also start in February/March 2010.</p> <p>CONTACT: Jennifer Colby, (802) 656-0858, jcolby@uvm.edu</p>
<p>JANUARY 9 STARTS 8 AM</p>	<p>2010 DIRECT MARKETING CONFERENCE Vermont Law School, South Royalton</p> <p>An excellent networking and educational opportunity for farmers' market managers and vendors and farmers marketing through Community Supported Agriculture and farm stands. This year Ken Meter is our Keynote Speaker and, in addition to excellent in-depth marketing workshops, we will host roundtable and networking sessions.</p> <p>CONTACT: NOFA Vermont, (802) 434-4122, info@nofavt.org</p>
<p>JANUARY 11 9:15 AM TO 3 PM</p> <p>COST: \$45 PER PERSON OR \$80 TWO PEOPLE FROM SAME FARM</p>	<p>QUICKBOOKS FOR FARMERS USDA Service Center, Rutland, VT</p> <p>This course is designed for agricultural operators who are beginning with QuickBooks to those with an early working knowledge of the program. Specifically it's designed for those not yet owning the program to those using QuickBooks as a check register who are seeking additional features in the computer program. Light lunch provided. Sponsored by the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District, Farm Service Agency, USDA Risk Management Agency, and UVM Extension.</p> <p>CONTACT: Nanci McGuire at (802) 775-7192 ext. 17, or nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net.</p>





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Online registration for the 14th
Annual VT Grazing & Livestock now
open at www.uvm.edu/pasture

<p>JANUARY 20 & 21</p>	<p>NORTHEAST PASTURE CONSORTIUM ANNUAL MEETING Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT</p> <p>CONTACT: www.umaine.edu/grazingguide</p>
<p>JANUARY 22 & 23</p>	<p>14TH ANNUAL VT GRAZING CONFERENCE **New Location ** Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT</p> <p>Register now 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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