GROWING, SELLING AND BUYING VERMONT GROWN DRY BEANS: A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Jack Lazor and Joe Bossen will speak on “Growing Dry Beans for an Emerging Market” at 6:15 PM on April 10th, 2012 at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library’s East Montpelier Room. They will speak about the opportunities and challenges with growing and sourcing beans in Vermont with a discussion to follow. The event is free and open to the public; professional growers and potential bean purchasers are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

Jack Lazor, owner of Butterworks Farm in Westfield, has grown dry beans for local and regional markets since 1995. Joe Bossen, owner of Vermont Bean Crafters, sources locally and regionally grown dry beans from six different farms for his products. Each will share his insights gleaned from the direct experience of growing or purchasing dry beans in Vermont, inspiring a discussion that will aid in informing an emerging market.

This lecture is presented by UVM’s Center for Sustainable Agriculture. Established in 1994, UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture provides timely information to Vermont communities and the UVM campus. The Center cultivates understanding, innovative practices and policies to advance sustainable food and farming in Vermont and beyond. Partial funding for this program was provided by the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, through the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

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