



Video Resources

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Online Events

All recorded online events can be viewed at the following website:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBDy4IUFNEtwcG4I3ZV2yNPBfqdDqyWdG>

Saffron Brainstorming Session: How Did Your Saffron Grow?

Dec. 8, 2022

https://youtu.be/T3g_Tj6uCMQ

Online session devoted to reviewing the 2022 growing season. Input was provided by:

Arash Ghalehgholabbehbahani, Rodale Institute-Pocono Organic Center.

Richard Bamford, UVM Saffron Center.

Margaret Skinner, UVM Saffron Center.



Saffron Harvesting & Drying: The Finer Points of Production

Oct. 20, 2022

<https://youtu.be/UR3rPoGruhM>

Online session devoted to harvesting and drying saffron. The program included the following presentations:

Richard Bamford, UVM Saffron Center, discussed efficient flower harvesting and stigma separation.

Arash Ghalehgholabbehbahani, Rodale Institute-Pocono Organic Center, who talked about saffron drying protocols.

Margaret Skinner, UVM Saffron Center & **Hans Estrin**, UVM Extension, discussed the basics of safe harvesting practices to ensure high quality saffron.



Saffron flower development stages.

Disease and Bulb Mites: A Disastrous Duo for Saffron

August 4, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1swGrVE42ac>

Online session devoted to management of disease and bulb mites in saffron. The program included the following presentations:

Arash Ghalehgholabbehbahani, Rodale Institute, Pocono Organic Ctr., Director of Research, talked about our past experiences with disease in saffron corms and results from his work on biological control of bulb mites.

Vijay Choppakatla & Jodi Creasap Gee, Plant Pathologists, Biosafe Systems, Inc., talked about various organic IPM strategies to manage disease in saffron corms.



Saffron shoot with disease.



Bulb mites feeding.

To Market, To Market, To Sell Your Fine Saffron

November 15, 2021



Saffron soft cheese: a promising value-added product.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZTMQEzy9ok&list=PLBDy4IUFNEtwcG4I3ZV2yNPBfqdDqyWdG&index=3>

Online session devoted to **saffron marketing and value-added products**. The program included:

Jane Kolodinsky and Dan Baker, UVM Community Development and Applied Economics Dept. reported results from a recent consumer poll on saffron, and a summary of posts on saffron marketing gleaned from Saffronnet, the UVM saffron listserv

Arash Ghalehgalabbahani, UVM Saffron Center, talked about the Saffron Enterprise Budget he has developed and validated.

Karl McDonald, Meraki Meadows, west Texas, (<https://txsaffron.com/>), talked about his marketing strategies and interesting value-added products.

Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, UVM Saffron Center, who described his experiments with producing saffron cheese.

Saffron Harvesting and Drying: Tricks of the Trade

October 7, 2021



Saffron in full flower ready for harvest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3XQB1I9s2U&list=PLBDy4IUFNEtwcG4I3ZV2yNPBfqdDqyWdG&index=1>

Online session devoted to **saffron harvesting and post-harvest handling**. The program included:

Arash Ghalehgalabbahani, UVM Saffron Center, talked about flower harvesting and drying.

Hans Estrin, UVM Extension System, Product Safety accreditation Program Coordinator, reviewed key saffron post-harvest handling guidelines to ensure the product is of high quality.

Saffron Plot Preparation, Weed Management and Mites

August 26, 2021



Rototilling over saffron bed to remove weeds.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eesMmypiT_0&list=PLBDy4IUFNEtwcG4I3ZV2yNPBfqdDqyWdG&index=2

Online session devoted to **saffron plot preparation, weeding and planting**. This was a bit of a funky recording due to a technical glitch. The program included the following presentations:

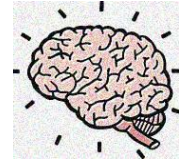
Hans Rotteveel, Roco Saffron, (<https://rocosaffron.com/>) updated growers on the status of corm harvesting in the Netherlands and issues with delivery due to supply chain delays.

Arash Ghalehgalabbahani, UVM Saffron Center, talked about various methods of preparing plots for planting corms and managing weeds.

Karl McDonald, Meraki Meadows, west Texas, (<https://txsaffron.com/>) described how he got started in the saffron business and his family-style corm planting procedures.

A Saffron Brainstorming Session

December 14, 2021



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq9S7tbcJ4o>

Online session devoted to **saffron growing, harvesting and post-harvest handling, marketing and planting, and identifying the needs and priorities of the North American saffron industry**. The program was facilitated by Cathy Yandow, and included the following experts leading the discussions:

Karl McDonald, Meraki Meadows , west Texas, (<https://txsaffron.com/>), focus on growing saffron.

Arash Ghalehlabbehbahani, UVM Saffron Center, focus on harvesting and post-harvest handling.

Parker Shorey, Lemonfair Saffron, (<https://lemonfairsaffron.com/>) Focus on local markets.

Videos

Planting 7,000 Saffron Corms

October 23, 2019

This shows one way of planting large numbers of corms used by the researchers at the UVM Saffron Center.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw7Opz1hR0s>

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