



Vegetable and Berry Growers Summer Workshop Series

FIVE WORKSHOPS, FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

Presented in collaboration with UVM Extension and the Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association (VVBGA)



Thursday, June 22, 2023, 4 – 6 p.m.

4 CORNERS FARM

306 Doe Hill Road, Newbury, VT 05051

Topics: Strawberries, cover crops, high tunnel tomatoes

Join farmers Charlie, Bob, and Kim Gray as they share decades of experience growing crops at their beautiful, diversified farm with 30 acres of vegetable and berry crops in Newbury, VT. The Grays are expert strawberry growers, producing for PYO, wholesale, and retail. 4 Corners is also a leader in innovative cover cropping, using mustard biofumigation before strawberry planting and experimenting with cover crop mixes to improve soil health. The farmers will share successful systems in tomato high tunnels. This workshop is an excellent opportunity to learn from this multigenerational farm team and to see an incredibly well-run farm.

Thursday, July 18, 2023, 4 – 6 p.m.

BURNT ROCK FARM

7052 Main Road, Huntington, VT 05462

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Pesticide applicator credits available: 1 credit for categories 1A, 2, 3, 4, 6

Topics: Small scale veg farm equipment, efficient fertilizing, root crops, irrigation

Burnt Rock farm is a certified organic farm in the Huntington River Valley that specializes in winter storage crops and summer greenhouse crops. This workshop will focus on specialized equipment for vegetable production, especially for accurate fertilizer application, and water management.

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 3 – 5 p.m.

HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

65 Green Mountain Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 *Pesticide applicator credits available: 2 credits for categories 1A, 2, 3, 4, 6*

Topics: Strategies for problem pests on vegetable and berry farms

Join entomologists Vic Izzo and Scott Lewins to discuss emerging strategies to deal with some of the region's most challenging pests: Swede midge, Colorado potato beetle, leek moth, and wire worm. They'll share current participatory action research they are conducting with farmers to develop management techniques such as scouting and delayed planting.

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 3 – 5 p.m.

SMALL AXE FARM

731 Whitehill Rd, East Ryegate, VT 05042. In collaboration with Caledonia county NRCDC

Topics: Reducing erosion on a steep slope, managing pests with wild habitat, intensive no-till production

Small Axe Farm is a small, certified organic market garden on a steep hillside in Barnet. The farm grows a diversity of crops for local markets using no-till practices. Farm owners Heidi Choate and Evan Perkins will describe their approach to managing soil health and preventing erosion on a slope, how they produce a bounty of crops with no-till methods, and how nurturing the natural habitat around the farm has reduced pest pressure on crops.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 4 – 6 p.m.

EVENING SONG FARM

680 Shunpike Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Topics: No till organic growing, reducing erosion on a slope, fall tunnel plantings

Evening Song Farm is a certified organic farm growing for a diversified CSA in Rutland County. Farmers Ryan and Kara have implemented many practices like the use of mulches, fabrics, cover crops, and no-till to reduce soil loss and improve soil health. The farm also produces crops year-round in the tunnels, and this workshop will feature the transition of summer to fall crops.



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