

Dry Bean Production in the Northeast

Join us for a two-part webinar series on dry beans!

Fridays, February 17 and March 3, 2023 at 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

These two virtual events are hosted by the University of Vermont and Cornell University

⇒ Friday, February 17th: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Growing Dry Beans in the Northeast: Farmers and producers from the Northeast will share their experiences with dry beans, from harvesting & cleaning to storage & markets.

⇒ Friday, March 3rd: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

The Basics of Dry Bean Production with Scott Bales, Dry Bean Specialist at Michigan State University. Scott will talk about growing dry beans from field preparation to harvest.

Certified Crop Adviser 1.5 Crop Management CEUs will be available for each session. A QR code will be available after each session for you to scan.

[REGISTER HERE](#) for one or both webinars.

This is a free event

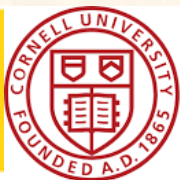


See the following page for more details on our speakers!

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Program Speakers

Scott Bales, Michigan State University

Scott is a dry bean specialist at [Michigan State University](#) in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences. Scott works on all aspects of dry bean production from an applied standpoint, working with farmers and researchers to develop the best dry bean varieties. He also publishes the annual [Michigan dry bean performance trial reports](#).

Joe Bossen, Vermont Bean Crafters

Joe has been operating [Vermont Bean Crafters](#) in Waitsfield, VT for over twelve years. Vermont Bean Crafters is a small business that produces bean-based value-added food products that are distributed throughout the Northeast. He has many years of experience as a bean processor, wholesaler, and value-added food product entrepreneur, and has worked with farmers throughout the Northeast to source a wide variety of dry beans for their products.

Mark Callan, Genesee Valley Bean Co.

Mark has been growing dry beans since 1978 and founded [Genesee Valley Bean Co.](#) in 1993. Mark and his three sons, Ryan, Colin and Marty, now operate a large family farm that includes a dairy operation as well as field crop production. Genesee Valley Bean handles blacks, small reds, light red kidneys, cranberry's, navy's, and pintos from the Callan's operation as well as other farms. Mark has mentored many new dry bean growers over the years and is an active member of the NY Dry Bean Growers Association.

Luke Gianforte, Gianforte Farm

Luke farms with his father Pete on 600 acres in Cazenovia, NY. Pete started the farm in 1971 and the Gianforte's now grow up to 13 different certified organic cash crops, including corn, soybean, various small grains, buckwheat, and black beans. They utilize under sowing of cover crops to increase soil health and fertility. [Gianforte Farm](#) sells

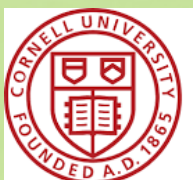
wholesale and retail from South Carolina to Maine, and have an on-site cleaning and small milling operation.

Seth Johnson, Morningstar Farm

Seth operates [Morningstar Meadows Farm](#) with his wife Jeannette in Glover, VT. Their farm specializes in organic dry beans, with over 17 years of experience of growing dry beans in Vermont. Seth has participated in numerous dry bean research projects with Dr. Heather Darby, of UVM Extension.

Peter Martens, Peter & Hanna Martens Farm / Seneca Grain & Bean

Peter farms with his parents Klaas and Mary-Howell on 1600 acres in Penn Yan, NY. The Martens grow a diversity of certified organic field crops including corn, soybeans, small grains, forages and dry beans. They clean and sell food-grade grains and beans via [Seneca Grain & Bean](#), sourcing from their farm and neighboring growers. The Martens grow light red kidneys, dark red kidneys, pintos, blacks, and small reds, and sell their beans and other products throughout the Northeast and beyond.



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