

Dry Bean Production Series

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

Tuesdays, February 20, 27, and March 5, 2024, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

These three virtual events are hosted by the University of Vermont Extension and Cornell University.

⇒ Tuesday, February 20th: 12:00-1:30 p.m. CCA CEU 1.5 IPM

Dry Bean Disease Management with Dr. Sarah Pethybridge, Associate Professor, School of Integrative Plant Science Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology Section Cornell AgriTech.

⇒ Tuesday, February 27th: 12:00-1:30 p.m. CCA CEU 1.5 CM

New Dry Bean Varieties: Improving the production of heirlooms without losing the culinary characteristics with Dr. Travis Parker, Department of Plant Sciences, University of California-Davis.

⇒ Tuesday, March 5th: 12:00-1:30 p.m. CCA CEU 1.5 CM

Dry Bean Farmer Panel: Hear from growers about their experiences growing dry beans, from harvesting & cleaning to storage & markets.

Nazirahk Amen, Purple Mountain Organics (Tacoma Park, MD)

Kevin Messing, Sheridan Acres (Ubyly, MI)

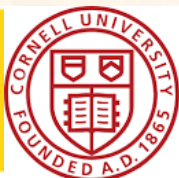
John Wepking, Meadowlark Farm and Mill (Ridgeway, WI)

NOTE: You can earn 1.5 Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) CEU credit for each session. IPM is Integrated Pest Mgmt. and CM is Crop Mgmt.



This is a free event. Must register prior to event to receive the email with the presentation link. Register at <https://bit.ly/41yc4x1> or visit <http://go.uvm.edu/conferences>

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Program Speakers

Nazirahk Amen, Purple Mountain Organics

Nazirahk operates [Purple Mountain Grown](#) with his family with the aim of supporting local food sustainability through regenerative practices. Purple Mountain Grown grows food with the understanding that a healthy soil microbiome is increased through the use of compost, cover cropping, soil remineralization, and probiotics makes healthy people. Purple Mountain produces diversified vegetables, small grains, rice and dry beans using innovative scale-appropriate farm equipment, and direct-markets their crops throughout the Washington, DC metro area.

Kevin Messing, Sheridan Acres

Kevin Messing is a 4th generation dry bean grower from Michigan's thumb region, the heart of Michigan bean country. In 2016 he started Sheridan Acres and planted his first heirloom dry beans on half an acre. With hopes of finding new markets to grow his small farm, he began visiting restaurants and meeting chefs who were focused on sourcing local. Now Sheridan Acres will grow as many as 12 different heirloom beans on 10 acres every year. The beans are cleaned and marketed to roughly 15 restaurants across Michigan and online through the [Sheridan Acres website](#).

Dr. Travis Parker, University of California, Davis

Travis Parker is an assistant professional researcher at the University of California, Davis in the Department of Plant Sciences, where he also received his PhD in Plant Biology in 2020. His projects combine advances in genomics and robotics to promote sustainable agriculture, especially through the breeding of improved crop varieties. As a plant breeder, he has developed and released five dry bean varieties.

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Dr. Sarah Pethybridge, Cornell AgriTech

Sarah Pethybridge is a plant pathologist based at Cornell AgriTech, Geneva, New York. Her program at Cornell University is research and extension based, focusing on the epidemiology and management of diseases affecting vegetables, particularly leguminous crops (snap and dry beans), table beet, carrots and cucurbits. She works in both organic and conventional production systems.

John Wepking, Meadowlark Farm and Mill

John is co-owner of [Meadowlark Organics and Meadowlark Community Mill](#), a diversified farm and on-farm stone ground flour mill in Ridgeway, WI. Together with his wife, Halee, and their team of farmers and millers, they farm around a thousand certified organic acres with crops and grass-fed cattle, purchase milling grain from other organic farmers in the Driftless Area, and produce and distribute thousands of pounds of flour weekly. They are passionate about creating direct, value-added markets for grain, helping farmers to maximize their profitability and keep the grains they grow within their local economy and foodshed.



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