



POLLINATOR MONITORING AND IPM ON BLUEBERRY FARMS
North Hollow Berry Farm, 948 North Hollow Road, Stowe, VT 05672
Thursday June 2 from 4:00 to 6:00pm

Join the Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association, University of Vermont Extension, and the Gund Institute at this hands-on workshop to increase your understanding of wild pollinators and integrated pest management in blueberry production. This event is free and is geared to commercial growers and people that work with them. Pesticide applicator credits available: 2 credits for categories 1A, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Certified Crop Adviser CEUs available: 0.5 Integrated Pest Management credit and 1.0 Crop Management credit.

AGENDA

4:00pm: Welcome

4:10pm: Overview of North Hollow Berry Farm, current practices, and future goals, including the installation of a recent wildflower seeding for pollinator habitat. (Kerry Sedutto, Farm Owner)

4:20pm: Overview of UVM Extension pollinator support program and how farmers can engage. Participants can share their experience with pollinator-friendly practices and IPM on their farms, and what they are thinking about trying. (Laura Johnson, UVM Extension)

4:30pm: Introduction to wild pollinators likely to be found pollinating your blueberry crop. (Taylor Ricketts and/or Jason Mazurowski, UVM's Gund Institute)

4:45pm: Hands-on monitoring for crop pollination exercise: Practice protocol, observe, count, and identify on farm pollinators using record sheet provided. (Laura Johnson, UVM Extension)

5:15pm: Activity reflection. Share your results with the group. What types of pollinators were observed on blueberry blooms? How well did the protocol work? Anything surprising? Why do it? (Laura Johnson, UVM Extension)

5:30pm: Integrated pest management for blueberries and pest and disease updates. Let's talk about mummy berry, spray consideration for pollinator safety, and more! (Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Extension)

5:45pm: Questions/Resources/Closing/Evaluation/Feedback (All)

6:00pm: See you next time and thanks for coming!

For more information or if you require a disability-related accommodation to participate, please contact Laura Johnson at 802-476-2003 ext. 222 or laura.o.johnson@uvm.edu so we may assist you.