



## Spring 2023 Webinars for Vegetable and Berry Growers

### February 15. Crop by Crop Speed Share #1

[Recording](#)

Growers describe techniques used to grow a specific crop in 10 minutes—including seeding, bed prep, cover cropping, spacing, amending, cultivating, harvesting, and storage. Learn tips and tricks from each other! Topics: arugula, cut flowers, baby lettuce, onions, and leeks with farmers Ryan Demarest (Naked Acre Farm), Jessie Witscher (Understory Farm), Ryan Fitzbeauchamp (Evening Song Farm), and Jon Cohen (Deep Meadow Farm), Genica Breitenbeck (Naked Acre/Home Front Gardens)

### February 22. Crop by Crop Speed Share #2.

[Recording](#)

Growers describe techniques used to grow a specific crop in 10 minutes—including seeding, bed prep, cover cropping, spacing, amending, cultivating, harvesting, and storage. Learn tips and tricks from each other! This webinar features Brussels sprouts and other brassicas, garlic, potatoes, , and delicata squash with farmers Andy Jones (Intervale Community Farm), Patrick Sullivan (Ananda Gardens), Rachel Stievater (UVM Catamount Farm), and Jake Kornfeld (The farm at VYCC), and Seth Bent (Mink Meadow Farm).

### March 1. Diversified Farm Crop Pollination and the Common Pollinators

[Recording](#) [Hardy slides](#) [Johnson slides](#)

Spencer Hardy from the Vermont Center for Ecostudies and Co-Owner of The Farm Upstream and UVM Extension pollinator support specialist Laura Johnson describe some of the common pollinators responsible for marketable fruit set on your farm and how to support them. Pollination requirements, timing of flower and fruit development, pollen characteristics, and differences among common fruit and vegetable crops were described.

### March 8. High Tunnel Pests, Old and New

[Recording](#) [Sullivan slides](#) [Wallingford slides](#)

UVM entomologist Cheryl Sullivan and UNH entomologist Anna Wallingford discuss high tunnel pests and how to manage for them. They'll discuss aphids, cutworms, thrips, whiteflies and other foes of high tunnel crops. Anna provides an overview of research aimed at improved management of insect pests during "winter growing."

## **March 15. High Tunnel Ventilation**

[Recording](#) [Callahan slides](#) [Maden slides](#)

UVM Extension Agricultural Engineer Chris Callahan and UVM Extension Vegetable Nutrient Management Specialist, and high tunnel grower, Becky Maden discuss high tunnel ventilation, including structural orientation, structural design, passive ventilation, mechanical ventilation, best practices for disease management. Tom Akin of NRCS Vermont describes funding available to support implementation.

## **Wednesday, March 22. Commercial Bumble Bees in High Tunnels**

[Recording](#) [Alexander slides](#)

**Buzz Pollination:** <https://youtu.be/p06kmfORQIs>

**How to use Natupol Excel, Startups from Koppert:** <https://youtu.be/wuO2IfyBi2I>

UVM Extension pollinator support specialist Laura Johnson, Koppert's Inside Sales Representative Anne-Marie Coleman, and Christa Alexander from Jericho Settlers Farm discuss bumble bee use in high tunnels for crop pollination, including colony biology, handling of hives, and optimizing pollination.

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