

2019 SUMMER ORGANIC DAIRY SERIES

Together, our program collaborators and supporters invite you to participate in our Summer Organic Dairy Series. These include workshops hosted by NOFA-VT, Organic Valley, and University of Vermont Extension. All workshops are listed below with registration information.

EVENTS THROUGH UVM EXTENSION NORTHWEST CROPS & SOILS PROGRAM (NWCS)

PLEASE REGISTER BY EMAILING OR CALLING SUSAN BROUILLETTE, SUSAN.BROUILLETTE@UVM.EDU OR 802.524.6501.

VIEW OUR EVENTS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION - GO.UVM.EDU/NWCROPEVENTS

Production and Land Reclamation - Thursday, July 11, 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Evermint Dairy, 372 County Route 20, Constable, NY 12926-2407

Join UVM Extension Agronomist Heather Darby, Sarah Flack, Livestock Production Consultant, and host Lawrence Horst for a pasture walk and talk about grass-fed dairy production and strategies for land reclamation and improvement. The Horsts manage a grass-fed Holstein herd and focus on maximizing forage production and quality through both annual and perennial forages as well as reclaiming and improving pastures and hay meadows on their farm.

Free event, but pre-registration is appreciated.

Overcoming Dairy Production Challenges - Monday, August 12, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Brookfield Farm, 460 Old Drewsville Road, Walpole, NH 03608

Join UVM Extension Agronomist Heather Darby and Sarah Flack, Livestock Production Consultant, for a pasture walk and talk addressing strategies for overcoming grass-fed dairy production challenges. Chris and Holly Gowdy have been managing a seasonal grass-fed dairy herd with the cows calving in late summer. This allows them to focus on producing high quality first cut hay and align pasture productivity and herd demand.

Free event, but pre-registration is appreciated.

Dairy & Forage Production and Nutrient Management – Wed., August 28, 10:30 am -2:00pm

Choiniere's Dairy, 2465 Gore Road, Highgate, VT 05459

Join UVM Extension Agronomist Heather Darby, Sarah Flack, Livestock Production Consultant, and host Guy Choiniere for a farm tour and discussion on grass-fed dairy production, soil fertility and nutrient management, forage production and quality, and much more. The Choiniere's farm is grass-fed and emphasizes the importance of supporting forage and animal productivity and quality through managing soil fertility and health.

Free event with lunch provided. Pre-registration requested.

To request a disability related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Susan Brouillette at (802-524-6501 or 1-800-639-2130) 3 weeks prior to the event so we may assist you.

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EVENTS THROUGH NOFA-VT

PLEASE REGISTER AT <https://nofavt.org/onfarmworkshops> OR CALL LIVY BULGER AT NOFA-VT AT 802-434-4122, EXT. 21.

Raising Youngstock & Barn Design - Wednesday, August 7, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Hill View Farm, Henry & Allison Pearl, 476 Pearl Rd, Danville, VT 05828

Join Dr. Guy Jodarski, Organic Valley veterinarian, UVM Extension Agronomist Heather Darby, Sarah Flack, Livestock Production Consultant, and the Pearls to discuss their systems for raising youngstock. We will also spend time touring the new barn they built in 2015 to facilitate their groups of youngstock and dry cows and meet organic outdoor access requirements. **Cost: \$20 farmers, \$30 others (includes lunch provided by the NOFA-VT pizza oven)**

Grass-milk Production Systems - Thursday, August 8, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Donegan Family Farm, Joe Donegan, 1506 Carpenter Road, Charlotte, VT 05445

Join Dr. Guy Jodarski, Organic Valley veterinarian, UVM Extension Agronomist Heather Darby, Sarah Flack, Livestock Production Consultant, and the Donegans to discuss grass-milk production. There will be a particular focus on grazing management, nutrition, animal housing, and labor efficiency.

Cost: \$20 farmers, \$30 others (includes lunch provided by the NOFA-VT pizza oven)

Pasture Management & Annuals for Summer Grazing - Thursday, September 5, 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Severy Farm LLC, Joe & Nate Severy, 6039 Route 30, Cornwall, VT 05753

Join Cheryl Cesario, Grazing Outreach Specialist, UVM Extension Agronomist Heather Darby, Sarah Flack, Livestock Production Consultant for a pasture walk that will focus on forage quality and soil health. The Severy's will share their approach to incorporating annual species into their summer grazing system and how that has increased the resiliency of their pastures. **Cost: \$15 farmers, \$25 others (includes lunch)**

Other Events -

Pasturing Calves and Heifers - Thursday, July 25, 10:30 am—2:00 pm

Haynes Dairy, 23 Tengren Avenue, Claremont, NH 03743

Pasturing calves and heifers on high forage, low grain diets while using low cost simple fencing. Dealing with the summer pasture slump, and facing the challenges of transitioning a farm to a young farmer owner. Baird is a Master with the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship and the programs growth in the region will be introduced to participants.

Organized through the UVM Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA) Program. Register by contacting Mary Ellen Franklin, DGA Educ. Coord. Maryellen.franklin@uvm.edu or 802-254-2228. **Free event. Donations towards the lunch is appreciated.**

Climate Resiliency and Pasture Management Workshop - Tuesday, August 27, 10:30 am—2:00 pm

Butterworks Farm, 421 Trumpass Road, Westfield, VT 05874

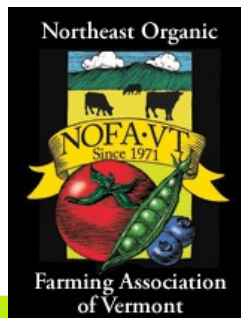
Joshua Faulkner, UVM Farming & Climate Change Coordinator, will lay a foundation for climate science and agric. related climate data and research. Sarah Flack, consultant, will lead a pasture walk and discuss improving soil health and pasture irrigation. Nick Comerici, NRCS, will share technical and financial information for pasture irrigation. Contact Sarah Damsell, Orleans County NRCD for info., sarah.damsell@vt.nacdn.net or 802-334-6090 ext. 7008. **Free event with lunch included.**

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