



VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWER NEWS – December 10, 2021

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JOIN THE VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION

[VVBGA](#) membership is by the calendar year, for farms, and for commercial businesses or organization that serve them. The fee for farms is \$60 until Jan. 31, then \$70. If this poses a financial hardship you can simply pay less. The fee for commercial members is \$80.

Members get access to the VVBGA listserv for sharing information, and for buying and selling from one another. Farms also get access to the VVBGA web site which includes CAPS (Community Accreditation for Produce Safety), and Soil Health platforms for planning, recordkeeping and more. Commercial members get listed on the VVBGA web site, they are invited to submit an ad in the VVBGA Annual Meeting booklet, and they can submit a short information video for the annual meeting that gets posted on the [VVBGA YouTube channel](#).

The majority of the VVBGA's budget is allocated by the board of directors to extension programs, applied research, and educational events.

To join the VVBGA for 2022 as a farm, [click here](#). To join as a commercial member [click here](#).

You can also pay by check, through the mail. Send to: VVBGA, PO Box 66. Barton, VT 05822. Please include detailed contact information, including all emails you want on the listserv.

Questions? vvbga@uvm.edu

NEW ENGLAND VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CONFERENCE

Via Zoom - next week. 9:00-11:00 and 1:30-3:30 each day.

Mon. Dec. 13 [Tillage Reduction Innovations](#) and [Climate Adaptation Strategies on the Farm](#)

Tues. Dec. 14 [Tree Fruits 1](#) and [Berry Crops 1](#)

Wed. Dec. 15 [Vegetable Disease and Pest Updates](#) and [Soil Health](#)

Thurs. Dec. 16 [Berry Crops 2](#) and [Tree Fruits 2](#)

Fri. Dec. 17 [Automation for Small Vegetable Grower](#) and [Inspiration from Away](#)

The [2021 NEVFC conference](#) registration fee is \$50. If cost is a barrier to participation, please contact sscheufele@umass.edu to request accommodation. Closed captioning during the online sessions will be provided. All sessions will be recorded and available for registrants to view for at least 1 month after the conference. [Click here](#) to register.

TRI-STATE GREENHOUSE IPM WORKSHOPS, Jan. 20 and 27

Thurs. Jan. 20 1:00 – 3:30. [Raymond Cloyd](#), Kansas State University

1:00 - 2:00: Part 1 - Good bugs from down-under: Below-ground biological control agents.

2:00 - 3:00: Part 2 - New insecticides and miticides for use in greenhouse production systems.

3:00 - 3:30: Part 3 - Pest management & research short reports & open discussion.

Thurs. Jan. 27, 1:00 – 3:30. [Rose Buitenhuis](#), Vineland Research and Innovation Centre

1:00 - 2:00: Part 1 - Be a bug doctor: How to do a check-up of your biocontrol agents.

2:00 - 3:00: Part 2 - Dip before you stick: How to get rid of pests on cuttings.

3:00 - 3:30: Part 3 - Pest management & research short reports & open discussion

[Click here](#) to register, deadline is Jan. 17. Fee is \$50 to attend one or both sessions. Four pesticide recertification credits awarded for attending and participating in both sessions. If registering multiple people, provide contact information for each attendee to ensure recertification credits are awarded. Questions? Cheryl Frank Sullivan, cfrank@uvm.edu

HOLD THE DATE - TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 2022

VVBGA Annual Meeting - via Zoom

The Annual Meeting will be free to attend, thanks to our generous sponsors: Johnny's Selected Seeds, High Mowing Organic Seeds, Osborne Quality Seeds, Vermont Compost, Vitalis Organic Seeds, and the Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation. Program details will be in the next newsletter.

A FEW INFORMATION RESOURCES WORTH CHECKING OUT

[Building Soils for Better Crops](#) – one of the best books on soil health, recently revised – SARE

[High Tunnel Pest Management](#) – UVM Entomology Lab

[Horticultural Crop Production Guides](#) – collected from Extension across the temperate U.S.

[Organic Weed Management](#) – Research, new tools - Univ. Maine and Michigan State Univ.

[Sanitizing and Cleaning Resources](#) for Your Business (SCRUB) – UVM Extension