



Vermont Vegetable and Berry News –December 23, 2013
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EVALUATE THIS NEWSLETTER AND OTHER VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY PROGRAMS

Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on the usefulness of this newsletter, the VT vegetable and berry grower web site, and a few other resources I provide to growers. Your input is important. Here's the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VernsEvaluation>

The VT veg and berry grower listserv is being evaluated separately by members of the Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association. If you are a member and have not yet completed that short evaluation, please go to the link sent to you earlier.

If you would like to be on the listserv in 2014, join the VVBGA! The dues are \$25 per farm per year, \$30 after Jan. 23. See: <https://2014vvbga.eventbrite.com>. This link also lets you register for the annual meeting, below.

VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING:

Monday January 27, 2014

Capital Plaza Hotel, 100 State Street, Montpelier (802) 223-5252 or www.capitolplaza.com

- 8:30 **Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments**
- 9:30 **President's Remarks**
Andy Jones, Intervale Community Farm, Burlington
- 9:40 **Lessons and Ideas from the Field in 2013**
Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension
- 10:00 **Production and Pest Management at Adam's Berry Farm**
Adam Hausmann, Burlington/Charlotte
- 10:20 **What Every Farmer Needs to Know About Labor Laws**
Kelley Connelly, U.S. Department of Labor, Hour and Wage Division
- 10:40 **The Role of Wild Pollinators on Vermont's Farms**
Taylor Ricketts, Gund Institute, University of Vermont
- 11:00 **Nitrogen Availability from Different Organic Fertilizers**
Heather Darby, UVM Extension

- 11:20 **Update from Trade Show Representatives on Products and Services**
- 11:40 **Luncheon and Trade Show**
- 1:20 **Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.**
- 1:40 **Update from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**
Chuck Ross, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture
- 2:00 **Managing E. coli in Leafy Greens Wash Water: On Farm Research Results**
Lynn Blevins, UVM Extension
- 2:20 **A Tour of Deep Meadow Farm**
Jon Cohen, Ascutney
- 2:40 **Pest Updates: a Look at Potential Problems in 2014**
Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Lab
- 3:00 **Adjourn - Trade Show**

Sponsored by: Farm Family Insurance Company, USDA Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency, University of Vermont Extension, Vermont Compost Company and the Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association.

Annual meeting pre-registration payment must be received by January 23 at 5 pm, either on-line or by mail (see below). The pre-registration fee is \$40 per person for VVBGA members, \$50 per person for non-members; it includes morning coffee and pastries plus a hot lunch buffet. **Add \$10 per person for walk-in registration.**

New Farmer Coaching for farms in business less than 10 years is available at the VVBGA meeting. For information and to sign up for a free consult session at this meeting visit: <http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/NewFarmerCoachingVVBGA.html>

Attendance at this meeting will be worth 1 pesticide recertification credit for applicators certified in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10. If you require accommodations to participate in this meeting, please let me know at least 10 days prior to the event. Questions? Vern Grubinger, University of Vermont Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303 or vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu.

JOIN THE VVBGA FOR 2014

Member dues are \$25 per farm; \$30 after January 23. Benefits include:

- * \$10 discount for the Association's annual meeting registration
- * Eligibility for the Association's [research grants](#)
- * 10% discount on publications from UVM Extension's Vegetable and Berry [publications list](#)
- * Access to the VVBGA listserv: buy/sell equipment, plants, etc. and share information
- * Registration fee waiver for on-farm workshops

Pay member dues on-line until Jan. 23 at: <https://2014vvbga.eventbrite.com>. Or, print the membership form: www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/VV&BGA/VVBGA_membership_form.pdf and mail it with your check to: VVBGA, PO Box 2091, South Burlington, VT 05407. If you are also registering for the annual meeting by mail please include a note saying so, with names of all registrants and additional payment for each: \$40/member, \$50/non-member.

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