



Upcoming workshops and Meetings

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is holding several educational programs in December which may interest MVSFGA members. The complete program list and online registration can be found at <http://extension.umaine.edu/register/shop/> Below are two programs you may find of interest.

1.

2. Transferring the Farm/Forest Product Business

Fee \$20.00

December 8, 2015

Waterville, Maine

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Minimum number of participants needed: 20

A Workshop to help farm and forest product families minimize business succession risk by addressing estate planning, business structures, and developing plans to move your farm to the next generation. *Fee includes lunch.*

Program Description

An estate planning workshop to help farm and forest product families minimize business succession risk by addressing estate planning, business structures, and developing plans to move your farm to the next generation. This day-long workshop will help farmers and farm families make informed decisions about intergenerational transfer of farmland and farm businesses.

The workshop will address details on transition planning, retirement and estate planning, legal approaches to protect assets from taxes, tools you can use to transfer farm assets, and determining your goals to address transfer planning and business transition.

For more information visit the [website](#) at:

<http://extension.umaine.edu/register/product/estate-planning-workshop/>

3. **Maine Soil Health Workshop**

4. December 7, 2015

Bangor, Maine

Fee \$10.00

Please include the first and last name of all attendees you are registering. Meghan Dill will email you for additional information, if needed. The registration price will increase to \$15 after December 1st. Thank You!

Program Description

The 2015 Maine Soil Health Workshop will be focusing on the following topics:

- Building and Protecting Soil Health – Lessons from New Hampshire & Introducing NRCS's new Soil Health Division
- NRCS Soil Health and Cover Cropping Programs in Maine
- Soil Health Indicators and Tests – What do they tell us and what to do about it
- Soil Health Strategies – Maine Examples
- Discussion: Soil Health Opportunities and Barriers

For more information visit the [website](#) at::

<http://extension.umaine.edu/register/product/maine-soil-health-workshop/>

New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference

The New Vegetable and Fruit Conference is scheduled for December 15th, 16th and 17th at the Radison Hotel in Manchester NH. The cost this year is \$115 for the first person and \$85 for each additional person. Information about the show including the program schedule and registration can be found online. The link for the show is

<http://www.newenglandvfc.org/registration.html>

MVSFGA

MVSFGA is an association of vegetable and small fruit growers dedicated to the promotion and advocacy of the vegetable and small fruit industry in Maine.

MVSFGA supports research education, and promotion and political advocacy. The association has provided important testimony at legislative hearings on such issues as pesticide regulation, labor, IPM, farmland preservation and technology transfer.

MVSFGA members receive the annual New England Vegetable Production Guide, and the New England Small Fruit Production Guide. Members also receive the association newsletter. To become a member of the MVSFGA please write to; William Jordan Jr. Treasurer, 21 Wells Road, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107, email: whjir30@aol.com

Letters, comments, articles, calendars of events listings, and advertisements related to vegetable and small fruit production are welcome. Please send comments and information for the newsletter to: Walter Goss, 311 Elm Street, Mechanic Falls, Maine 04256, email: gossfarm@roadrunner.com.

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