



Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association

Winter 2021

Maine 80th Agricultural Trades Show Goes Virtual

The Agricultural Trade Show for 2021 will be virtual (online) this year. ***The show is also one week later than usual and will begin the week of January 19th.*** To participate in the Trade Show, you will need to download an app onto your computer, tablet or phone called WHOAV. This is a free app. The agenda is tentative and can be viewed at https://whova.com/embedded/event/agtra_202101/?utc_source=ems. You will need to pre-register before the program begins.

The Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Grower meetings are part of the Trade Show and right now we are unsure whether our meeting will be on WHOVA or Zoom. If you have not used Zoom before, rest assured it is a simple app to use and will also need to be downloaded for free. You will be getting further information from the MVSFGA likely from Lisa Turner as the final details are worked out with the Department of Ag. The MVSFGA will be holding additional sessions on the next three Wednesdays after the Department of Ag show has ended.

Also, don't forget your membership dues. A form is attached to this e-mail or you can download a form from the MVSFGA website. Push the "Join" button and you will be led to the form. You will need to mail these to Bill Jordan, 21 Wells Road, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107 **BEFORE** the Trade Show. We are working on a way for you to pay online, but that will include an additional processing cost. Once you have signed up you will be emailed a link to see the MVSFGA talks. Pesticide credits will be available.

Maine Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers Association Annual Meeting and Educational Program Wednesday, January 20, 2021

1:00 p.m. Pest Management Strategies: The Basics (*1 Pesticide Credit*)

Sprayer calibration throughout the season for optimum impact
-George Hamilton, UNH

Adjuvants: how to spread it, stick it, buffer it, etc. to make your sprays more effective
-Paul Peters, Northeast Ag

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Agricultural Product Updates:
-Nutrien – Brian McCleary (tentative)
-Northeast Ag – Paul Peters

Crop Insurance Update
- Christina Howard

2:30 p.m. Pest Management Strategies: Advanced (*1 Pesticide Credit*)

Herbicide Update for Vegetable and Berry Crops
-Dr. Sushila Chaudhari, Michigan State U.

Downy Mildew and Powdery Mildew Management Update
-Dr. Meg McGrath, Cornell U.

3:30 p.m. Our Farm Stand: Grower Experience Panel
Tomi Chipman Ricker and Elaine Chipman
Penny Jordan

4:00 MVSFGA Business Meeting
-Lisa Turner & Executive Board

Maine Agricultural Trades Show (Virtual)

Brown Bag Lunch (without the bag but in the comfort of your home)
These talks will be held over the three consecutive Wednesdays after the Trade Show.

Wednesday, January 27 at noon

Vegetable & Berry Trials Summary
Dr. David Handley and Dr. Mark Hutton, UMaine

Wednesday, February 3 at noon

What's New? Vegetable Variety/Disease Resistance Update (*1 Pesticide Credit*)
Johnny's Selected Seeds – Paul Gallione
Seedway - Lauchlin Titus
Harris Seed -Tom Lewandowski

Wednesday, February 10 at noon

Growing Seedlings for Retail Sales
Dr. Matt Walhead, UMaine

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: whjrr30@aol.com

MVSFGA Directors are: Lisa Turner (President), Bill Bamford (Vice-President), William Jordan (Treasurer), Tomi Chipman (Secretary), Tom Stevenson, Justin Gray, Paul Peters, Mathew Matson, Pete Karonis, and Harold Grams.