

UConn Extension's 2020 Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers' Conference
Monday, January 6, 2020

Maneely's Conference Center, 65 Rye St., S. Windsor, CT 06074

Trade Show (8:00-8:55, 10:30-11:00, 12:00 -1:00) Exhibitors listed on back

8:00-9:00 Pre-registration \$40 – includes Trade Show/Continental Breakfast/Coffee/Lunch
Door registration \$60

PROGRAM: Morning Moderator – Mary Concklin, Fruit Extension Specialist, UConn

8:55 *Welcome:* Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner, CT Department of Agriculture

9:00 **Niche Crops: Summer fallow that builds healthy soils, smothers annual weeds & nets cash income as high value pea shoots.** Eero Ruuttila

9:30 **Maximize production, efficiency & SWD Control with Bramble Pruning Strategies.**
Laura McDermott, Cornell

10:00 Announcements:

10:30 *Break (Trade Show/Coffee & Tea)*

11:00 **Integration of Cover Crops into Vegetable Production Systems.** Rebecca Brown, URI

11:30 **Using Trellising to Help Manage Bramble Plantings.** Laura McDermott, Cornell

12:00- 1:00 Lunch Break/Trade Show

Afternoon moderator – Shuresh Ghimire, Vegetable Extension Specialist, UConn

1:00 **Understanding Growing Hemp.** Peter Armondo, Controlled Environment Agriculture, Griffin Greenhouse

1:30 **Alternative Bird Control Method: SonicNets.** Sam McClintock, Midstream Technology

2:00 **Niche Crops: Mushrooms.** Ken Metz, Chatfield Hollow Farms

2:30 **Mammal Control in Berries & Vegetables: 2 and 4 Legged.** Scott Williams. CAES

3:00 **Niche Crops: Growing and Marketing Ginger.** Rachel Berg and Elise Cusano, Four Root Farm

3:30 *Re-certification Credits: 3.5 hours*

The University of Connecticut and CT Agricultural Experiment Station are equal opportunity program providers and employers. Please call three weeks prior to this event if special accommodations are needed.

Directions: Take I-91 or I-84 to I-291. Take Exit 4 for Rt. 5 (north) - turn left at bottom of ramp. After 3.5 miles turn right onto Sullivan Ave. (Rt. 194), in ¼ mile take a left onto Rye St., Maneely's is on left.

Registration: Send a check made out to "UConn", with your name(s) and email address, to: UConn Extension, 24 Hyde, Ave., Vernon, CT 06066. Pre-registration \$40 per person, ends January 3rd. Contact MacKenzie.White@UConn.edu, 860 875-3331

