

CONNECTICUT VEGETABLE & SMALL FRUIT GROWERS' CONFERENCE
Thursday, January 17, 2013

Tolland County Extension Center, 24 Hyde Avenue (Route 30), Vernon, CT 06066

Sponsored by: University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System & USDA
UConn Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

8:00-9:00 Registration \$30 at the door - Trade Show/Lunch/Coffee/Donuts (included in registration)

Trade Show Exhibitors listed on the back

PROGRAM: Morning Moderator – Mary Concklin, UConn CES

- 9:00 *Welcome* – Mike O'Neill, Associate Dean of Extension, UConn CANR
- 9:05 Effects of Fungicide Timing and Tillage on Resistant Pumpkins – Jude Boucher, UConn
- 9:30 Management of Basil Downy Mildew for Organic Growers – Joan Allen, UConn
- 10:00 Effects of Plant Density and Tillage on 'Montauk' Sweet Corn – Rob Durgy, CAES and Jude Boucher, UConn
- 10:30- 10:45 Break (Trade Show/Coffee & Donuts)
- 10:45 Lessons Learned: First-Year CSA , **Volunteer grower presentation*, Michelle Collins, Fair Weather Acres, Rocky Hill, CT
- 11:15 Spotted Wing Drosophila Update – Mary Concklin, UConn
- 11:45 The GAP Audit: Explained – Mark Zotti, CT DOA & Diane Hirsch, UConn
- 12:15- 1:15 Lunch Break/Trade Show (**Lunch included in registration fee as a 4-H Club benefit**)
- Afternoon moderator – Donna Ellis, UConn Plant Science
- 1:15 Selection Criteria and Modification of Backpack Sprayers for Small-Scale Farmers – John Grande, Rutgers University
- 2:00 Low-Cost Hydroponic System for Vegetables and Herbs **Volunteer grower presentation*, Bruce Gresczyk, Jr., Gresczyk Farms, New Hartford, CT
- 2:30 Using Multiple Cover Crop Strategies to Improve Soil Health and Reduce Weed Pressure - Eero Ruuttila, ***Mentor Grower**/UConn
- 3:00 Re-certification Credits: 3:75 hours

Directions: Take Exit 67 off I-84. Take Route 31 north to junction of Route 30 at first traffic light. Turn right on to Route 30. Tolland County Ag Center is on right just after Rockville Savings Bank. Contact: Jude Boucher 860 875-3331. *The University of Connecticut is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Please call three weeks prior to this event if special accommodations are needed.*

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