

AUGUST 2024

THE NEW ENGLAND GRAZING NETWORK

GATHERING AND GROWING REGENERATIVE
GRAZIERS ACROSS THE REGION

CALLING MA & CT LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS INTERESTED IN SOIL HEALTH

Applications are now open for the American Farmland Trust Farmer-to-farmer soil health cohort program. This is a great opportunity to learn from fellow farmers, develop your own management plan, and be paid for your efforts. AFT is currently accepting applicants for livestock producers in Massachusetts and Connecticut for cohorts starting in the fall. [Learn more here and apply by August 5 to participate.](#)

NEW PODCAST - MAINE FARMCAST

The Maine Farmcast was recently launched by three livestock specialists from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. This podcast features weekly conversations with experts from across the country sharing insights and advice for both new and seasoned farmers running operations of any size. [Check out recent episodes here.](#)

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

The summer season is it full swing, here are a few snapshots events from partner organization across the region.



Attendees in the field at the UMaine Pasture Walk Series at Springside Farm in New Vineyard, Maine on July 22nd.



Group photo from the summer luminary series with Christine Jones Workshop at Otter Creek Farm in Johnsonville, NY. Photo credit Troy Bishopp.

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UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE REGION JUNE & JULY:

Registration details linked for each event below.

August 1st - Grazing Conservation Land Pasture Walk (Granite State Graziers), 5pm, New Boston, NH

August 1st - Low Stress Handling and Stockmanship (UMaine), 10am, Bangor, ME

August 6th - Summer Pasture Walk at Faithful Venture Farm (UMaine), 11am, Searsmont, ME

August 6th - Growing for the Ethnic Market: The Ins and Outs of Halal Slaughter, 8pm, Webinar. Register here.

August 11th - Pasture Management for Beneficial Insects with Xerces Society (UVM Extension, AFT), 10am-2pm, Vershire, VT. Flyer Attached.

August 13th - Summer Pasture Walk at Wolfe's Neck Center (UMaine), 11am, Freeport, ME

August 19th - 2024 Broiler Field Day at Laughing Earth Farm (Cornell), 5pm, Cropseyville, NY

August 20th - Summer Pasture Walk at Grace Pond Farm (UMaine), 11am, Thomaston, ME

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Presents:



2024 BROILER FIELD DAY AT LAUGHING EARTH FARM

3842 NY-2, CROPSEYVILLE, NY 12052

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024, 5PM - 7:30PM
JOIN US TO EXPLORE BROILER PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND FINANCES

Zack and Annie have run this 200 year-old small diversified farm for 8 years. They process their poultry in a 20C kitchen, where they produce value-added products like sausage and dehydrated chicken feet.

Schedule:

Introduction to the farm and how they raise broilers.

Review of financial considerations for broiler enterprises and what it takes to make a profit.

Tour Laughing Earth's processing set-up, including their 20C kitchen.

Hands-on further processing demonstration (taking a carcass into cuts allowed under the 1,000 bird exemption)

Dinner will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chair.
This event is FREE and registration is required.
<https://tinyurl.com/LaughingEarthFieldDay2024>

For questions you can contact Rachel Moody at 518-649-0267 / ram72@cornell.edu OR Amy at 716-640-0844 / amb544@cornell.edu.



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Pasture Management for Beneficial Insects Workshop



Where: Flag Hill Farm – 135 Ewing Rd, Vershire, VT
When: August 11, 2024 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Join staff from the Xerces Society, UVM Extension, and American Farmland Trust for this outdoor workshop to learn about the habitat needs and management benefits of conserving insects like dung beetles, pollinators, and predators/parasitoids of pests in pasture and silvopasture systems.

Topics:

- Roles of beneficial insects on livestock farms
- Beneficial insect biology and habitat needs
- Best management practices for insect conservation on livestock operations
- Silvopasture and agroforestry design for wildlife
- Insect monitoring tools
- Opportunities for technical and financial support



Registration required by Aug. 8, 2024:

This event is free and open to the public. Please email Julie.Michaelson@xerces.org or call 203-804-9858 to reserve a spot. Lunch will be provided at no cost for registered attendees. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please call or email Julie Michaelson at the contact info above so that we may assist you.

