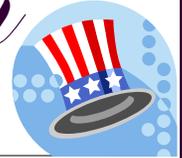




Words of Windham

July/August 2009

A Newsletter For People Who Care About Agriculture



Renewable Energy Systems Grants & Guaranteed Loans

Applications being accepted for fiscal year 2009 for:

- Purchasing renewable energy systems
- Making Energy efficiency improvements
- Conducting feasibility studies for renewable energy systems
- Funding available in grants & loan guarantees

Contact:

Joanne.Demars@ct.usda.gov, 860-859-5218 X 205

All applications are due by July 31, 2009.

Manure Management Alternatives

July 16 10:00AM-2:30PM
Laurel Brook Farm and Freund Farm
East Canaan, CT

Tour will start at Laurel Brook Farm with guest speakers on topics ranging from Manure Management Regulations to Partnering with a Non-Profit. After a Compost Operation Tour at the Laurel Brook Farm the tour will move to Friends Farm for a tour of the CowPots Factory.

The tour is free but registration is required to provide lunch for everyone. To register and for a complete agenda please call or email Liz Rogers at: 860-774-0224 ext 105 or Elizabeth.rogers@ct.usda.gov

We are considering renting a bus which would leave from the Brooklyn Agricultural Center and the Tolland Agricultural Center. The cost of the bus would be \$10.00 a person. If you are interested please let us know by July 1st.

NOFA Summer Conference 2009

August 7-9 2009
University of Massachusetts

Over 170 workshops on organic farming, gardening and land care, homesteading, sustainability, nutrition, spirituality, food, politics, activism, and much more!

Friday: Paul Stamets, mushroom expert and author of: *Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Help Save The World*

Saturday: Will Allen, CEO and founder of Growing Power, community activist, urban farmer, educator.

Register at www.nofasummerconference.org or Deb Pouech (860) 684-0551,

Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Course

July 14 -16
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If you are on an Animal Response Team, a local fire-fighter, vet, vet tech or would like to become part of a rescue team, this course will cover how to handle emergency incidents with large animals. For more information www.tlaer.org. Cost: \$50 by July 1. Mail check to NECTAR, PO Box 362, Storrs, CT 06268

Farm Labor in New England

U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be contacting New England farm operators to ask them to provide information on their hired workers during the last two weeks of July. Results will be released August 21, 2009. All producers are urged to participate if selected.



Have a safe & happy July 4th!!
~Dawn, Diane & Sarah~



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Acreage Reporting

The deadline for acreage reporting is **July 15th**. If you report after the deadline you will pay a \$100.00 late fee. Acreage Reporting maintains a history of your farm operation and qualifies your farm to participate in various USDA programs. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Summer Family Fun

The Blue Slope Country Museum Inc. has fun family activities planned for the summer. To check out the full agenda www.blueslope.com.

For Your Information

Our mailing address is now:
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Farm Tour

Annual Windham County Farm Tour
Tuesday, August 18, 2009
10: 00AM Valleyside Farm, Woodstock, CT

The tour sponsored by the Windham County Food and Agriculture Council, will include viewing of the concrete manure storage and 500 foot manure transport pipe. The tour will also show how the pipe is cleaned with compressed air. For more information or to RSVP by August 14th call 860-774-8397 ext. 1.

LAA-2 Nominations

The nomination deadline for LAA-2 election is August 3, 2009 by the close of business.

ACRE & DCP

The signup deadline is August 15th for ACRE & DCP. 860-774-8397 ext 111 to sign up.