



Northeast Organic Farming Association
37th Annual Summer Conference with Northeast Animal-Power Field Days
August 12-14, 2011
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
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Community Supported Agriculture Track at the NOFA Summer Conference

Expand your knowledge of the CSA model and many other topics related to organic agriculture at the 2011 NOFA Summer Conference. Find a complete listing of 225+ exciting workshops on organic farming, gardening and land care, draft animal-power, homesteading, nutrition, spirituality, food politics, activism, and much, much more at this web page: <http://www.nofasummerconference.org/workshops.php>

The conference features presenters from all over the Northeast, nearly 100 exhibitors, workshops and activities for teens and children, an afternoon fair with farm animals, live music and dances, an auction, and an ALL-LOCAL dinner. Stay on campus in the dorms or camp in a tent under the stars.

Keynote Speakers: **Eric Toensmeier**, award-winning author promoting food forestry to sequester carbon worldwide and **Ignacio Chapela**, scientist and activist on GMOs, agri-fuels, and the global food crisis.

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*** Registrations received before July 11, 2011 get a \$20 discount.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2:00-3:30 PM

11) Running a Large CSA on a Small Amount of Land **CSA Track** *Advanced*
Campus Center 168C

Katie Miller: Virginia native, and has been running Scratch Farm for the past six years.

Jo Bloch: California native; joined Katie to run Scratch Farm in 2007.

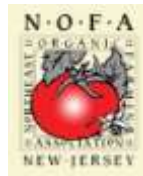
Scratch Farm is a 2 acre mixed vegetable farm with an 80 member CSA. We will talk about our planting schedule, crop rotation, fertility management practices, and the logistics of signing up members and getting everything harvested and into town for our pickup.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 4-5:30 PM

40) Starting a CSA **BF & CSA Track** *Beginner*
Campus Center 811-15

Carolyn Llewellyn: Helped found two successful CSAs, and now does farm education.

This workshop will help you consider all of the various details that can determine the success of a start-up veggie CSA, from land and growing to marketing, distribution, labor, administration, and more. Many handouts are supplied to cover these issues as well as crop planning and further resources.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 8-9:30 AM

60) CSA Financial Management **BF & CSA Track** *Advanced*

Campus Center 904-08

Dan Kaplan: Farm Manager at Brookfield Farm, Amherst, MA for 16 years.

Overview of how we create budgets, track payments, make financial reports, plan for infrastructure improvement, and analyze financial health. Includes descriptions and pictures of documents we use.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 10-11:30 AM

103) Taking Our CSAs to the Next Generation! **CSA Track** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 904-08

Elizabeth Henderson: CSA farmer for 22 years, author "Sharing the Harvest."

I will present a dazzling review of inspiring new ideas and images from CSAs in the US and around the world. Then I will invite participants to share their innovations or their problems with their CSAs. We will brainstorm as a group to come up with good solutions for the problems.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1-2:30 PM

136) TOUR: Brookfield Farm: CSA Systems **CSA Track** *Intermediate*

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Kerry Manire: Assistant Farm Manager at Brookfield Farm, Amherst, MA.

Brookfield Farm has been running as a CSA for 25 years. This farm tour will focus on the systems we have developed over that time to efficiently run our CSA operation. DIRECTIONS: From UMass, head through the center of Amherst on Pleasant St (Rt 116) going south. Go through 2 lights (the 2nd one is at Rt 9) and continue straight. About 1.6 miles after you cross Rt 9, turn a slight left onto Shays Street and follow for 1.2 miles. This brings you to the South Amherst Common. Take a very slight right onto Southeast Street and follow for 1.9 miles. Turn left onto Bay Rd and follow for 0.5 miles. Make first left onto Hulst Rd (you'll see a sign for Brookfield Farm). Go 600 yards on Hulst and turn in to Brookfield Farm at the sign on your left. ADDRESS: 24 Hulst Road, Amherst, MA. ARRANGE CARPOOLS, USING THE "TOUR RIDE BOARD" PLACED AT THE REGISTRATION TENT.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1-2:30 PM

220) Starting an Agroecology Fruit & Nut CSA **BF, CSA & PC Track** All levels

Campus Center 174-76

Susanne Hale: Manages Tending the Wild CSA at NESFI. Teaches agroecology practicum at UMass. www.TendingtheWildCSA.com.

Learn how Northeast growers and aspiring forest gardeners can double our region's fruit and nut production using agroecology, permaculture, and CSA. Participants will learn to select a balanced mix of fruit and nut crops for their acreage and membership size, provide six months of fruit for CSA members, and calculate what plants the orchard needs for its fertility.