



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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Winter Growing and Season Extension Workshops at the NOFA Summer Conference

Expand your knowledge of winter growing and season extension and many other topics related to organic agriculture at the 2011 NOFA Summer Conference. Find a complete listing of over 230 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

6) Grass-fed Beef: Genetics & Grazing Season Extension *All levels*
Campus Center 803

Ridge Shinn: Founder of Hardwick Beef, a 100% grass-fed-finish beef company & Rotokawa Cattle Co, breeder of Devon cattle.

Success in raising cattle on grass-only diet starts with the correct type of cattle. Managing cattle as they graze for high density impact benefits soil flora and fauna. Planned grazing to stockpile feed to extend the grazing season is critical to economic success in 100% grass-fed and finished beef production.

7) Growing Salad Greens All year *Beginner*
Campus Center 905-09

Lynda Simkins: Director of Natick Community Organic Farm & farmer for 30 years.

Natick Community Organic Farm has been very successful with greens production year-round. I will discuss our systems, varieties, and marketing.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 4-5:30 PM

37) Renewable Energy for Greenhouse Heat *Advanced*
Campus Center 163C

Vern Grubinger: Vegetable and berry specialist for University of Vermont Extension.



This slide presentation will show examples of energy conservation techniques, such as perimeter insulation of foundations and bench heating, as well as a variety of non-fossil fuel heating systems for commercial greenhouses, from wood boilers to used vegetable oil furnaces to experimental systems using solar hot water.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 10-11:30 AM

105) Transitioning Farms to Four Season Harvesting *All levels*
Campus Center 903

Barry Hollister: Berkshire Harmony Founder/Farmer; Community Supporter Energy Network, Facilitator.

Brian Kuhn: Co-founder of Aeronautica Wind Power; 30 years in wind energy.

This workshop is designed to help farmers meet the demand for year round locally grown produce through the process for transitioning farms to year round growing with the community supported energy, greenhouses, controlled environment growing, and delivery systems to bring the farm's produce to market.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 10-11:30 AM

177) Arcosanti, Paolo Soleri, and Ecological Cities *All levels*
Campus Center 904-08

George Kosmides: Electrical engineer with Soleri & Arcosanti for past 30 years, working with solar & wind energy.

Arcology is architect and philosopher Paolo Soleri's concept of cities that embody the fusion of architecture with ecology. It proposes a highly integrated and compact three-dimensional urban form that is the opposite of urban sprawl. Arcosanti is the prototype arcology being built in the Arizona desert. We will cover details of extensive use of solar and greenhouses for arcologies.

182) Hoop Houses: Count on Success *All levels*
Campus Center 162-75

David Zemelsky: Therapist meets dirt full time.

Star Light Gardens grows high brix heirloom tomatoes in the summer and astonishingly sweet greens in the deep of winter. Learn how hoop houses help make this happen. We'll cover a 12 month calendar of planting, choices of tomatoes and greens, disease control, harvesting, and soil enrichment.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1-2:30 PM

217) Season Extension for Small Scale Seedling Starting *Intermediate*
Campus Center 905-09

Amy LeBlanc: Certified Organic grower in Maine and heirloom tomato specialist.

Learn how to back your garden season well into April. Explore seed starting schedules and techniques, and strategies to use and economically heat a small greenhouse. Moving seedlings from the windowsill to outside "accommodations" results in hardier plants for better harvests. We'll also review tried and true extension methods for the end of the season.