
Community Supported Agriculture Track at the 2012 NOFA Summer Conference

Expand your knowledge of the CSA model and many other topics related to organic agriculture at the NOFA Summer Conference. Find a complete listing of over 200 exciting workshops on organic farming, gardening and land care, draft animal-power, homesteading, nutrition, food politics, activism, and much, much more at this web page: http://www.nofasummerconference.org/pdfs/2012_workshops.pdf

The conference features presenters from all over the Northeast, 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: Friday, August 10, 7:30pm - **Chellie Pingree**, organic farmer and Member of Congress from Maine promoting local food. And Saturday, August 11, 7:00pm - **Jeffrey Smith**, world-renowned expert & activist on health risks of GMO Foods.

[Register Now Online!](#)

*** Registrations received before July 10, 2012 get a \$20 discount.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2:00-3:30 PM

6) Crop Rotation, Mulching, and Tillage Reduction **CSA Track** *Advanced*

Campus Center 805-09

Katie Miller: Running chaotic and unscientific experiments at Scratch for 7 years.

Scratch Farm is a 2 acre mixed vegetable farm with an 80 member CSA. We rely on purchased compost and diligent crop rotation to reach desired yields. I will explain our rotation, experiments with tillage reduction, and systems for reducing the amount of work required for two people to make a living on 2 acres.

7) CSA Crop Planning **CSA Track** *Intermediate*

Campus Center 163C

Dina Brewster: Certified Organic farmer, marketing to CSA, farm stand, and wholesale.

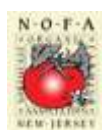
Crop planning for a CSA farmer adds a level of complexity to succession plantings and seasonal harvest. Learn to create seeding, transplanting and harvest plans to match specific farm needs. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is essential for this workshop.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 4-5:30 PM

38) Starting a CSA **BF & CSA Track** *Beginner*

Campus Center 804-08

Carolyn Llewellyn: Helped found two successful CSAs, and now works as farm educator.





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 11, 8-9:30 AM

51) CSA Financial Management **BF & CSA Track** *Advanced*
Campus Center 163C

Dan Kaplan: Manager of Brookfield Farm, a 525-member CSA, since 1994. Overview of how I create budgets, track payments, make financial reports, plan for infrastructure improvement, and analyze financial health. Includes descriptions and pictures of documents I use.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1-2:30 PM

126) TOUR: Brookfield Farm: CSA Systems **CSA Track** *All Levels*
TOUR

Pete McLean: Assistant Manager of Brookfield Farm, a 525-member CSA, since 2010. Brookfield Farm has been running as a CSA for 25 years. This farm tour will give an overview of growing, harvest, post-harvest, and distribution of our 525-shared 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. TOTAL DRIVING TIME FROM UMass - 15 MINUTES. ADDRESS: 24 Hulst Road, Amherst, MA. ARRANGE CARPOOLS, USING THE —TOUR RIDE BOARD PLACED AT THE REGISTRATION TENT. [Link to google map directions here.](#)

127) TOUR: Red Fire Farm: Mechanical Cultivation and Produce Packing **CSA Track** *All Levels*
TOUR

Ryan Voiland: Owner and Manager of Red Fire Farm, growing 85 acres of organic vegetables. In the first 30min, we will look at mechanical cultivation tools and strategies to minimize weeds with little hand labor. In the second half of the tour, we will present produce harvest and packing strategies to reduce grunt work and improve efficiency for picking and washing crops. We will tour the recently renovated and expanded packing barn and winter storage chambers, which feature a geothermal refrigeration system. DIRECTIONS: From Amherst take Rt. 116 north for about 6 miles. In Sunderland center Rt. 116 intersects with Rt. 47. Turn right onto Rt. 47 north. In 1.4 miles take a slight left onto Falls Road. Falls Road turns into Meadow Road at the town line. The farm will be on the right 3.4 miles after the turn off of Route 47. Park near the tobacco barn which is just beyond the Red Fire Farm sign. We will meet near the south end of the tobacco barn. ADDRESS: 184 Meadow Rd, Montague MA, 01351. ARRANGE CARPOOLS, USING THE "TOUR RIDE BOARD" PLACED AT THE REGISTRATION TENT. [Link to google map directions here.](#)





NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 10-12, 2012 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1-2:30 PM

202) TOUR: Northampton Community Farm: A Community Farm is Born! **CSA Track** *All Levels*
TOUR

Gaby Immerman: GFN Board member & Horticulture Instructor for Smith College Botanic Garden.

Jennifer Hartley: Founding Board member of Grow Food Northampton.

The Northampton Community Farm in Florence, MA, comprises two tenant farms, the new Florence Organic Community Garden, and conservation lands along the Mill River. We'll discuss land preservation strategies, our tenure model, community outreach, partnership with the city, organic/permaculture aspects, and related topics of interest to participants. [More info](#). DIRECTIONS: Follow RT. 9 into Northampton. Go through the two main downtown intersections, both with traffic lights. Just past the second light, take first sharp left (around the fountain) onto Park Street. Take an immediate right onto Meadow Street, passing the Lilly Library on your right. Meadow Street ends after a half mile at Spring Street. Take a right here onto Spring Street. The farm is 0.2 miles up the hill on the right-hand-side -- second driveway entrance after the white farmhouse. Meet at Crimson and Clover Farm at the brownish/reddish CSA Barn, adjacent to the parking area. TOTAL DRIVING TIME FROM UMass - 30 MINUTES. ADDRESS: 215 Spring Street, Florence, MA. ARRANGE CARPOOLS, USING THE —TOUR RIDE BOARD PLACED AT THE REGISTRATION TENT. [Link to google map directions here](#).

203) TOUR: Simple Gifts Farm: Managing Crops in Groups for Efficiency **CSA Track** *Intermediate*
TOUR

Jeremy Barker-Plotkin: Has been growing veggies since 1999.

Simple Gifts Farm is a 350-member CSA growing 15 acres of vegetables on 35-acres. We will cover techniques to plan and manage groups of vegetables with similar characteristics for efficiency. It will also touch on our integrated soil fertility program. DIRECTIONS: Drive north from the campus on North Pleasant St., which is the road by the pond and student center. Simple Gifts Farm will be on the right in less than a mile. Look for the big sign. ADDRESS: 1089 N. Pleasant St, Amherst, MA. ARRANGE CARPOOLS, USING THE "TOUR RIDE BOARD" PLACED AT THE REGISTRATION TENT. [Link to google map directions here](#).

