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Please make all checks payable to BCCD. Mail registration to: BCCD, 84 Center St., Dighton MA, 02715. Registration Deadline for for discount: Sunday Feb. 15.

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Cost: \$20 (includes lunch). Two pesticides recertification credits offered

Sponsors: Blue Ribbon: Fieldworks FIELDWORKS Red Ribbon: First Pioneer Farm Credit



8:00 am: Registration

ALL DAY: Grants Room: Reps from BCCD, MDAR, FSA, NRCS, SARE, Trustees of Reservations, & more will be available to answer your individual questions about grant program details and your eligibility.

8:30-10:00 am: Farm Energy Workshop

Augustine Pimentel of NTSAR, Jim Staley of National Resource Management, and Vincent Graziano of RISE Engineering will cover programs, technologies, and incentives to help farms monitor and save on energy use.

10:00-10:30 am: Break

10:30 am-12:00 pm: Farm Transfer and Tenure Workshop

Option 1: How to Save a Million Dollars:

Attorney Neal Satran details concrete ways to save your money and your land through advance farm transfer planning.

Option 2: Farmland Leasing:

Kathy Ruhf and Bob Bernstein of Land For Good cover specific farmland lease models and structures that let entering growers build equity.

12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch Prepared by Mike Melo of M&C Café, New Bedford, featuring local foods.

12:00-1:00 pm: Resource Fair: Get your questions answered & learn about new offerings from exhibitors including Baker Tractor, BioBlend Renewable Resources, Fieldworks, First Pioneer Farm Credit, Kencove Fencing, King's AgriSeeds, Ledgewood Greenhouses, NE Biodiesel Equip. & Supplies, SEMAP, Whole Foods Market, and more.

1:00-2:30 pm:

Option 1: Season Extension

Ed Persons of Ledgewood Greenhouses provides specific information on production techniques and budgeting for season-extending crop production in both unheated high tunnels and heated greenhouses.

2:30-2:45 pm: Break

2:45-3:45 pm:

Option 1: Cucurbit Pest Management

Paul Peters, Agronomist -Fieldworks, Westport Application for 1 pesticide recert. credit in process

Option 2: Grassfed Poultry

Jennifer Hashley of Pete and Jen's Backvard Birds in Concord will discuss her successful pastured poultry business and her work on a Mobile Poultry Processing Unit (MPPU) in Western MA. Ali Berlow of Island Grown Initiative will discuss the Vineyard's MPPU.

Option 3: Grassfed Meats

Don Minto of Watson Farm in Jamestown RI will discuss his grassfed beef operation. including sales through farmers' markets, and the RI Raised Livestock Association. Tom Adams of King's AgriSeeds will cover pasture mixes.

Option 2: Parasites of **Pastured Poultry**

Michael Darre, UConn Application for 1 pesticide recert. credit in process.

Option 3: MPPU Tour: Led by Jen Hashley and Ali Berlow. Take a look at the different setups of the W. MA and Vineyard Mobile Poultry Processing Units (MPPUs).

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