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Dear Everyone,

Thank you again for coming to the workshop on Saturday! Based on the questions asked and feedback from the surveys, I compiled some resources for further consideration and next steps. There are certainly more places to look for information; NEHA and UVM websites (linked below) do a great job of compiling a lot of information in one place. Take note of the upcoming farm-to-glass workshops at the very end of the email. Again, feel free to call or email me with any other questions or ideas. –Rebecca

Soil Testing by Agro One / Dairy One

<http://dairyone.com/analytical-services/agronomy-services/soil-testing/>
<http://dairyone.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/SoilTestingServices.pdf>

Materials/Tools:

Cable from E-bay: <http://www.pambinainpex.com/>

Also, just came across this website for supplies needed for hops production (not endorsing the company but, a nice reference): <http://www.growerssupply.net/index.cfm?id=7>

Whole crown hops: <http://www.greatlakeshops.com/>

Looking for good information on splitting rhizomes...

Organic Production: See attached “organic hops manual” or follow this link:

<http://www.crannogales.com/HopsManual.pdf>

Pest/Weed management: check out the attached doc. on using sheep for weed control; and, look for materials on pests in “NEHA resources page” below.

The economics of hop farming: Hops Feasibility Study from UVM—a large file so can’t attach it; can be found here:

<http://www.uvm.edu/extension/cropsoil/wp-content/uploads/hops-feasibility-study.pdf>

And, another report out of Hartwick College on Hops Feasibility in the Greater Otsego County area: see attached doc or use the link here:

<http://www.hartwick.edu/Documents/ECON/FICANOHopsStudyFinalReport.pdf>

Info on NEHA / Cornell Hops Conference December 5-6 2015:

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=2014CornellHopsConference_225

Northeast Hops Alliance “Resources” Page: Extensive bibliography of resources on all aspects of hops production.

<http://nehopalliance.org/category/resources/>

UVM Hops Project: Similarly, extensive bibliography of resources on all aspects of hops production out of Vermont
<http://www.uvm.edu/extension/cropsoil/hops>

And last, my favorite, real live people you can talk to:

HopRidge Farms, including William, Patricia, Steve and Denise: via their website

<http://www.hopridgefarms.com/contact-us.html> or, email: William Gardner <william@hopridgefarms.com>

Steve Miller, NYS Hops Educator with Cornell: hops.educator@gmail.com – Steve is a very busy guy so may not be the best starting point for NEW growers, however, he’s great for more specific questions from established growers and the NYS hops industry at large (He will be at our workshop on hops in March)

Want to visit a hop yard in your area? Send me an email with info on where you live and I will see if I know of hop grower nearby and introduce you.

Future workshops

I will add all of you to our “Brewshed email list” and you will get notices of upcoming workshops. Here’s a quick overview:

-small grains: *Possibly* something in early December 2014; Annual Farmer-Brewer event on February 14, 2015

-farm enterprise / business planning: January 2015

-business planning and management for farm breweries: January 2015

-More on hops: March 2015—focusing on more specific topic like pest/weed management and harvesting/processing equipment, including a site visit

-Brewery Operations: Brewing a Sustainable Future: Efficiency in Resource Use and Competitive Positioning with NYSPPi in April 2015

-Brewing Science: yeast, water, fermentation science with SUNY Cobleskill, Feb or March 2015 (tbd)

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