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SARE Maine Soil Health Workshop

Monday, December 7th,
8:45am-12:30pm
Spectacular Event Center,
Bangor, Maine

Pre-registration is required.
Cost is \$10 before December 1st;
otherwise \$15.



Includes morning snack.

Deadline to register is December 2nd.

[Register Online](#) or, to register by phone and for registration questions, call Meghan Dill at 207-581-3878.

Topics and speakers:

- Building and Protecting Soil Health - Lessons from New Hampshire & Introducing NRCS's new Soil Health Division (Brandon Smith, NRCS Soil Health Division Northeast Region Team Leader)
- NRCS Soil Health and Cover Cropping Programs in Maine (Tony Jenkins, Maine NRCS State Resource Conservationist)
- Soil Health Indicators and Tests - What do they tell us and what to do about it (Dr. Will Brinton, Woods End Laboratories, Inc.)
- Soil Health Strategies - Maine Examples (Rick Kersbergen, UMaine Extension, Sam Delano, McCains, and others)
- Discussion: Soil Health Opportunities and Barriers



New USDA Poultry Processing Facility in Maine

A group of service providers and educators from throughout New England and New York toured [Commonwealth Poultry Company](#) in Gardener last month.

They are Maine's only USDA poultry slaughter facility. They also are unique in that they process poultry with an air chilling method instead of cooling in vats of ice water, so no added water, salt or other additives. This can provide a longer shelf life and undiminished delicate flavor. Your birds are vacuum packed.

They sell their own poultry or if you are raising poultry to sell either in Maine or out of state, this is the place to go. They will also do custom processing for poultry you do not plan to sell to others.

You must have an appointment when you drop them off in the morning then pick them up the same day between noon and 2 pm.

Currently they are doing chickens, turkeys and ducks.

FMI call them at 582-4900.