

Mechanical Cultivation Workshop

This workshop was held on May 17 1997 at Cornell research Farm Freeville, N.Y. This date was chosen to allow farmers to see the equipment before the season progressed. NOFA farmers and Cornell educator Robin Belinder worked closely to present cultivation ideas, methods, and equipment to an attentive audience at the well attended workshop.

The in-field demonstration was also attended by a group of New York berry growers. The equipment was demonstrated on a strawberry test plot set up by Marvin Pritts from Cornell. Brian Caldwell, an Extension Educator, assisted in the coordination of the groups to impact more growers. See the enclosed article published in September/October issue of *Organic Farms, Folks & Foods*.

Soil Fertility Workshop

This free workshop was held at the Cooperative Extension office in Auburn as it is located close to the center of New York State. Will Brinton of Woods End Lab presented a session on compost production and soil fertility to approximately 50 people. Following the presentation, soil test kits were distributed for six folks to test their own soils. Results were to be sent to me to be included in this report; however, only two have been received to date. A list of workshop attendees is included.