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Registration Form

Name _____

Farm/Business Name or Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Which afternoon option will you attend? 1: Biodiesel Tour____ 2: Pesticide Credit____ 3: Bristol Aggie Tour____

Number attending _____ @ \$15/each (includes lunch) = TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to BCD.

Mail payment and registration form to: BCD, 84 Center St., Dighton MA, 02715

Registration Deadline: Saturday March 1.

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8:00 am: Registration

8:30-10:00 am: Season Extension Workshop

Learn about low-cost, low-fuel season extension technologies, including the use of unheated high tunnels, low tunnels, and row covers to grow hardy greens and other crops well into the winter. Hear from area growers using these technologies to profit from the growing demand for local foods at winter CSA's, winter farmers' markets, and year-round farmstands. Presenters: Skip Paul, Wishing Stone Farm; Ron Maribett, Colchester Neighborhood Farm; Will Traubel, Traubel Builders; Elaine Sinniger, Bejo Seeds.

10:00-10:30 am: Break

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

This workshop is designed to connect you with resources and help you along the way:

- ◆ *If you are an established farmer thinking about passing on the farm.*
- ◆ *If you are a new, next-generation or future farmer.*
- ◆ *If you own land and would like to have it more actively farmed.*

Hear from service providers with expertise in farm transfer and tenure and connect with other growers and landowners. Presenters: Cheryl Loranger, Farm Family Insurance; Kathy Ruhf & Bob Bernstein, Land For Good; Jon Jaffe & Briana Sheldon, First Pioneer Farm Credit; Neal Satran, Satran Law.

12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch Prepared by Mike Melo of M&C Café, New Bedford.

Over lunch: Updates on farm grant & cost-share programs from MDAR, NRCS, BCD, and others.

1:30-2:00 pm: Resource Fair: Get your questions answered and learn about new offerings from exhibitors.

2:00-3:00 pm:

Option 1: Biodiesel Tour:

Tour biodiesel operation of Jerry Anctil, Thistle Hollow Farm Inc., Berkley MA (drive in own car to farm, 15 minutes from Bristol Aggie).

Option 2: Pesticide Regulation & Labeling Review

Steve Kenyon, MDAR
Application for 1 pesticide recertif. credit in process
· How pesticides are registered for use by EPA & Mass.
· Data requirements and risk assessment
· Pesticide labeling—requirements & recent changes

Option 3:

Walking tour of Bristol Aggie: Led by Kyle Medeiros.

3:00-4:00 pm: Pesticide recertification credit session 2: Topic TBA

Exhibitors/Vendors: BCD, MDAR, NRCS, SEMAP, First Pioneer, Land For Good, Bejo Seeds, Robert Marvel Plastic, NE Biodiesel Equipment & Supplies, and more.

More info: Bristol Conservation District, 508-669-6621, bec.turner@verizon.net OR SEMAP, 508-295-2212 x 50, info@semaponline.org, www.semaponline.org. **Register using form on back.**