

S3M2 NH High Tunnel Programs

High Tunnel Basics

Workshop 1. The Nuts & Bolts of Installing a High Tunnel

Nov 12 – Manchester – PSNH Facility, 780 North Commercial Street

Time: 9:00am-2pm, plus optional site visit from 2:30-4. Cost: \$25 (lunch included)

- 9:00 All about the NRCS high tunnel program – Brandon Smith, USDA-NRCS
- 9:30 Financing Tunnels through the FSA Conservation Loan Program - Sherry Harris, Farm Service Agency
- 9:45 Marketing from Tunnels and Minimizing Risk - Mike Sciabarrasi, UNH Cooperative Extension
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Successful High Tunnel Installation - Adam Montri, Michigan State University
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Grower Panel: Site selection and Construction tips (20 min per grower)
 - Andre Cantelmo – Heron Pond Farm, South Hampton NH
 - Jeff and Renee Cantarra – New Roots Farm, Newmarket NH
- 2:00 Travel to NRCS tunnel demonstration site... International Institute of New Hampshire
- 2:30 NRCS demonstration tunnel at IINH
 - John Wells, Rimol Greenhouses, Londonderry NH
 - Brandon Smith, USDA-NRCS
- 4:00 End

Nov 13 – Plymouth – Common Man Restaurant

Time: 9:00am-3pm. Cost: \$25 (lunch included)

- 9:00 All about the NRCS high tunnel program – Brandon Smith, USDA-NRCS
- 9:30 Financing Tunnels through the FSA Conservation Loan Program – Keith Farrell, Farm Service Agency
- 9:45 Marketing from Tunnels and Minimizing Risk - Mike Sciabarrasi, UNH Cooperative Extension
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Successful High Tunnel Installation - Adam Montri, Michigan State University
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Grower Panel: Site selection and Construction tips (20-30 min per grower)
 - John Perkins – Longview Farm, Plymouth NH
 - Pooh Sprague – Edgewater Farm, Plainfield NH
 - Hal Covert – Peaked Moon Farm, Haverhill NH
- 2:30 Discussion, Q&A with panelists and speakers
- 3:00 End.

Workshop 2. High Tunnel Crop Production Basics

Dec 3 – Plymouth – Common Man Restaurant

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm. Cost: \$25 (lunch included)

- 10:00 Overview of high tunnel crop production - Becky Sideman, UNH Cooperative Extension
- 10:30 Matching crops to your markets – – Charlene Andersen, Kamigo Marketing
- 11:00 Soil health and nutrient management – Brandon Smith, USDA-NRCS and Becky Sideman, UNH Cooperative Extension
- 11:45 Managing plant diseases in high tunnels – Cheryl Smith, UNH Cooperative Extension
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Insect and mite pest management in high tunnels - Alan Eaton, UNH Cooperative Extension
- 1:30 Grower Profiles: Options for tunnel production in NH (30-45 min per grower)
 - Maggie Brox – Butternut Farm, Plymouth NH
 - Luther Kinney – Turtle Ridge Farm, Sugar Hill NH
- 3:00 End