



2012 Oilseed Producers Meeting

March 26, 2012 – Hotel Coolidge, White River Junction, VT

Thank you for coming to this annual meeting. We hope you find it interesting and educational!

10:00 – 10:15	Welcoming remarks by Heather Darby: Welcome, introductions.
10:15 – 10:35	Chris Callahan will discuss the Oilseed Cost and Profit Calculator that he designed and created in collaboration with UVM Extension and the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund. This tool is designed to help farmers in this region understand their costs of production and determine profitability based on on-farm figures they can modify interactively.
10:35 – 11:00	Douglas Schaufler of Penn State University will join us to talk about his work in coordinating the vegetable fuel oil program there, including information about biodiesel and use of oil as lubrication.
11:00 – 11:20	Dr. Schaufler will present the work of food chemist Ryan Elias , whose interest is in the effects of processing and storage on food-grade oil quality and stability.
11:20 – 12:00	Dr. Schaufler will highlight Heather Karsten 's agronomic findings at Penn State University, where she is an Associate Professor of Crop Production/Ecology. Étienne Tardif of TRT-ETGO in Québec will also report on his agronomic research, specifically focusing on canola production in the region.
12:00 – 12:30	LUNCH
12:30 – 2:30	Roundtable discussion with farmers and researchers.
2:30 – 3:00	Heather Darby will report on 2011 research conducted by UVM Extension, including sunflower, canola, and soybean trials, as well as discussing upcoming 2012 projects and answering questions. Evaluations and surveys to fill out!

