



Crops and Soils Field Day

Thursday, August 4, 2011 10:00am to 3:30pm
Borderview Farm [46 Line Rd, Alburgh, VT](#)



This year's theme is **Cultivating a Healthy Farm!** From the ground up, we will highlight healthy soils, healthy crops and healthy people. Come and see over 2,000 research plots focusing on reduced tillage and cover crops, long term cropping systems and integrated pest management, as well as crop-specific research evaluating different annual forage systems, wheat, barley, oats, flax, oilseed crops, and hops.

Our **organic research hopyard** is growing right before our eyes! Highlights will include weed control, mulches, time-saving irrigation methods, pest management, fertility management, and plans for a hop harvester, oast and baler. For the brewing enthusiasts, Christian and Andrea Stanley from Valley Malt will teach us the process of malting grains, featuring their **prototype malter**. Enjoy some malted ice cream from Island Homemade Ice Cream!



We have a new addition to the field day this year--a farmer **health and wellness tent** that will include activities to improve health and reduce stress (think massage!) as well as local health care and farm safety providers to answer your individual questions.



Rick Kersbergen a nutritionist from University of Maine Extension will talk about **enhancing forage rations with small grains**. Learn from the results of our mini silo experiment that is evaluating the forage value of small grains blended with haylage.

Much of our research this year is focused on farming for a **healthy lake**. Learn about our cover cropping research from planting dates and seeding rate to termination methods. Hear from farmers who have participated in our reduced tillage planter clinic, and learn how they have modified their planters. See a demonstration of new equipment such as a no-till grain drill and strip tillage implements.



Learn how to **convert a tractor** to run on straight vegetable oil or biofuel, but not before you see the various oilseed crop research trials! Tour the sunflower variety trial, seeding rate by nitrogen rate study, winter and spring canola variety trials and planting date studies as well as soybeans grown for biofuels. Don't forget to watch our oilseed press demonstration as well as learn how to pelletize oilseed meal into grain.

Of course we have something for **bakers and grain growers!** Tour the several winter and spring wheat and barley, oats, and flax trials, all geared towards food grade products such as flour, oatmeal, and malt!



Free of charge for farmers! All others pay \$20 per person at door.

Please RSVP to Heather Darby @ 802-524-6501 or [email](#).

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Lunch will be provided featuring local products.

Please RSVP by July 29 to 802-524-6501 or [email](#)

Individuals requesting a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program should contact [Elaine Burnor](#) at 802-524-6501 or 800-639-2130 by July 28, 2011.

[From Alburgh:](#) Take Rt. 2 West. Just after the VT Welcome Center, turn right onto Rt. 225 (Border Rd.) Drive toward the Canadian Border. As you approach the border, turn left just BEFORE Customs. In front of you, there will be a dirt road (Line Rd.) that goes west along the border. Borderview Farm is the first farm on the left. Look for signs for the Field Day!



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