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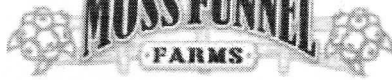
Thanks for agreeing to help out with the SARE Farmer Ranger Grant "DEMONSTRATING A QUICK-START PROCESS TO HELP SMALL FARMERS BEGIN TRANSITION TO ORGANIC PRACTICES.

After a late weather-related start, we are up and running with this project. Two farms - Dave Harn's in Grand Junction with 2.0 A of Bluecrop) and Raphael & Minerva Salgado's (2.5 A of Jerseys) in Covert - have joined with us and our Bangor Farm (1.8 A of Jerseys) in this two year project. All three plots are surrounded by wooded areas.

We've set up a schedule (attached) that is open to modification. At present, we have trimmed the fields, hand-weeded them and sprayed Sulferex . We are collecting 2013 spray records and have asked for soil samples. We are also documenting last year's yield. We encourage your advice and counsel as we move forward.

We will provide more detail shortly. The grant provides travel funds for at least two visits to the area and a field day at the end. Mark Longstroth is helping us organize a field visit hopefully in mid-June.

Please call Frank with any questions. Thank you!



Naturally Grown Transition Timetable 2014

Date	Activity	Comments
March-April	Mechanical weeding for mummy berry spore, grubs and weed control	
April-May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track degree-days • Scout mummyberry shoots • Apply Regalia-Serenade at 10-14 day intrvls 	
April	Apply cornmeal to control fungus, fertilize	
May 1	Apply SulferX	
April 20	Deadline to complete pruning	completed
May to August	monitor pests	
May 1	Track degree days for fruit worm/maggot Apply dish soap, fish emulsion/dipel/ mechanical weeding	
May 15	Repeat fish oil/soap and bi-weekly Neem oil	
July-August	Apply Pyganic/Entrust for SWD	
Aug 30	Apply Regalia	
Sep	Mechanical weeding/corn meal w/ pine needles	
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