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Outreach Calendar

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The following information lists planned outreach events in Rhode Island where the Natural Resources Conservation Service plans to provide information on technical and financial assistance available. In addition, information is also provided on recruitment efforts.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming workshops: September – November 2012

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012 at URI East Farm Bldg. 75

Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (livestock manure management)—4:00 to 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012 at URI Peckham Farm

Field session—manure storage & livestock yard assessment; URI Peckham Farm Aerated Bay Compost System--4:00 to 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012 at URI East Farm Bldg. 75

Grazing Management Plan—4:00 to 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012 at URI East Farm Bldg. 75

Integrated Pest Management Plan—4:00 to 6:30 PM (2 pesticide recertification credits available)

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 at URI Peckham Farm

Livestock Fencing Workshop—9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Presented by David Kennard, Wellscroft Farm, NH

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012 at URI East Farm Bldg. 75

Nutrient Management Plan—4:00 to 6:30 PM

(1 pesticide recertification credit available)

For more information about these workshops and to sign up, please contact:

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Completed 2012 Outreach Events:

Local Food Forum: Tuesday, February 7, 2012, Brown University, Providence, RI

Rhode Island Flower Show: Thursday, February 23 to Sunday, February 26, 2012, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI

2012 URI Green Industry Day: Network, Jobs, and State of the Industry: Friday, February 24, 2012, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, URI Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building, Kingston, RI

URI Summer and Internship Job Fair: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, URI Memorial Union, Kingston, RI

9th Annual Land and Water Conservation Summit: Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM, URI Memorial Union, Kingston, RI, More information is available at www.landandwaterpartnership.org.

Farmers, Woodland Owners, and Agricultural Producers - Join NRCS and the Conservation Districts at an Open House/Information Session, Monday, March 12, 2012 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, heritage Hall, 101 Greene Street, Slatersville, RI, More information is available at http://www.ri.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/NRCS_Workshop_District_Invitation_02_12.pdf.

Women in Agriculture Conference: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, URI Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building, Kingston, RI, More information is available at www.rhodyag.com.

URI Spring Career and Job Fair: Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, URI Ryan Center Kingston, RI

Rhode Island Raised Livestock Annual Meeting and Ag Exhibitor Trade Show: Monday, March 19, 2012 from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, West Greenwich Elks Hall, West Greenwich, RI, More information is available at www.ririla.org.

North Kingstown Post High School Planning Night: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, North Kingstown High School, North Kingstown, RI

Earth Day - Roger Williams Park Zoo Party for the Planet: Friday, April 20, 2012 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence, RI, More information is available at www.rwpzoo.org/58/plan-your-visit/calendar-events.

5th Annual RI Coverts Cooperator Class: Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22, 2012 URI W. Alton Jones Whispering Pine Conference Center, West Greenwich, RI, More information is available at www.rircd.org.

Agriculture Day at RI State House: Thursday, April 26, 2012, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM, Ag producers and conservation partners will showcase their products and services with samples of local food. A legislative speaking program will be held at 2:00 PM in the Governor's State Room.

Farm Tour Open House-Breene Hollow Farm: Saturday, May 5, 2012, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM, 21 D Victory Highway, West Greenwich RI, Take a tour of dairy farm which features a variety of conservation practices. The tour will assist you in understanding and applying for funding. To register, call (401) 934-0841.

Farm Tour Open House-Confreda Farm: Saturday, May 19, 2012, 10:00 AM, 2150 Scituate Ave., Hope, RI, Join us for a tractor drawn hayride at Confreda Farm to show conservation practices being employed. The tour will assist you in understanding and applying for funding. To register, call (401) 934-0840.

Attention Soil Survey Users! 2012 Work Planning Conference Soil Survey: Thursday, June 28, 2012, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, URI Coastal Institute, 1 Greenhouse Road, Kingston, RI 02881. Learn about the latest version of the Soil Survey of RI, provide input for future updates, learn about the site specific mapping, the latest research in soil science, and how to use and access soils data from a variety of sources. For more information and to register, visit <http://nesoil.com/RIconference.htm>.

Farm Tour Open House-Watson Farm: Wednesday, July 18, 2012, 5:30 PM, 4455 North Road, Jamestown, RI, Don Minto will lead a walking tour that showcases Watson Farm's NRCS practices. The tour will assist you in understanding and applying for funding. To register, call (401) 816-5667.

Green Market Festival – Celebrating RI's Green Economy and the Environment!: Sunday, August 12, 2012, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, The Farmer's Daughter / Landscape Creations of RI, 715 and 716 Mooresfield Road (Rte. 138), South Kingstown, RI. This inaugural Green Market Festival sponsored by the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association will offer everything from display gardens and native plants to freshly cut flowers, fruit and vegetables, and interactive displays. Vendors will offer a full range of horticultural and agricultural products along with demonstrations and educational exhibits. Learn how to install backyard native plant habitat and clean and plant native seeds; play golf on a putting green; and learn what it feels like to be an arborist by being hoisted up a tree or in a bucket truck!

RIFCO's Summer Twilight Woods Walk at the Hidden Meadow Farm: Tuesday, August 14, 2012, Starting 6:30 PM, 120 Breakneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI. The RI Conservator's Organization is conducting its annual summer twilight woods walk with the highlight of the evening to include a demonstration of the installation of geo-textile products for the stabilization and improvement to a wooded trail road on the farm. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide information on the availability of NRCS technical and financial assistance programs for the use of these products by woodland and farm owners. The event will also include a demonstration of a recently installed vacuum collection system for maple syrup and insight on the newly formed RI Maple Syrup Producer's Association. The program is free and does not require a reservation. Directions to the site are available at www.rifco.org or by calling (401) 568-3421.