

# SCHEDULE



**Fuel Your Farm's Future:**  
A One-Day Farm Conference and Resource Fair  
Sponsored by Bristol Conservation District and SEMAP

Saturday, March 8, 8:00 am-4:00 pm.  
Bristol Co. Agricultural High School, Dighton



**8:00 am: Registration**

**8:25 am: Welcome & Introductions**

**8:30-10:00 am: Season Extension Workshop**

**AUDITORIUM**

Learn about low-cost, low-fuel season extension technologies, including the use of unheated high tunnels, low tunnels, and row covers to grow hardy greens and other crops well into the winter. Hear from area growers using these technologies to profit from the growing demand for local foods at winter CSA's, winter farmers' markets, and year-round farmstands.

**Presenters:** Skip Paul, Wishing Stone Farm; Will Traubel, Traubel Builders; Jan Van Der Heide, Bejo Seeds; Mark Allwein, Robert Marvel Plastics LLC.

**10:00-10:30 am: Coffee Break**

**10:30 am-12:30 pm: Farm Transfer and Tenure Workshop**

**CLASSROOMS B19, B23, 123**

This workshop is designed to connect you with resources and help you along the way:

- If you are an established farmer thinking about passing on the farm **START IN ROOM B19**
- If you are a new, next-generation or future farmer. **START IN ROOM 123**
- If you own land and would like to have it more actively farmed. **START IN ROOM B23**

Hear from service providers with expertise in farm transfer and tenure and connect with other growers and landowners.

**Presenters:** Cheryl Loranger, Farm Family Insurance; Neal Satran, Satran Law; Kathy Ruhf & Bob Bernstein, Land For Good; Jon Jaffe and Briana Sheldon, First Pioneer Farm Credit.

**12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch Prepared by Mike Melo of M&C Café, New Bedford**

**AUDITORIUM**

**Over lunch: Updates and new deadlines for farm grant & cost-share programs from:**

- Scott Soares, Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)
- Len Reno, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- David Rose, Bristol Conservation District (BCD)
- Emily Desrosiers, Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Tom McGarr, USDA Rural Development

- Sarah Kelley, Southeastern Mass. Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP)

**1:30-2:00 pm: Resource Fair:**

Get your questions answered and learn about new offerings from e:

**AUDITORIUM**

**OVER FOR AFTERNOON SCHEDULE**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bejo Seeds</li> <li>• First Pioneer Farm Credit</li> <li>• Robert Marvel Plastic LLC</li> <li>• NE Biodiesel Equipment &amp; Supplies</li> <li>• Bristol Conservation District (BCD)</li> <li>• Land For Good</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass. Department of Ag Resources</li> <li>• SEMAP</li> <li>• Trustees of Reservations</li> <li>• USDA NRCS</li> <li>• USDA Farm Service Agency</li> <li>• and more</li> </ul> |
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**2:00-3:00 pm: CHOICE OF 3 OPTIONS:**

**Option 1: Biodiesel Tour:**

**DRIVE IN OWN CAR TO FARM  
DIRECTIONS AT REG. TABLE**

Tour biodiesel operation of Jerry Anctil, Thistle Hollow Farm Inc., Berkley MA

**Option 2: Pesticide Regulation & Labeling Review**

**AUDITORIUM**

1 pesticide recertification credit approved

**Presenter:** Steve Kenyon, MDAR

- How pesticides are registered for use by EPA & the state of Massachusetts
- Data requirements and risk assessment
- Pesticide labeling-requirements & recent changes

**Option 3: Walking Tour of Bristol Aggie  
led by Kyle Medeiros**

**MEET AT REG. TABLE**

**3:00-4:00 pm: Pollinator Health and Pesticides**

**AUDITORIUM**

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**Presenter:** Anne Averill, UMass Extension Entomology

- Pollinator and pollination biology
- Colony Collapse Disorder update and working hypothesis as to causes
- How to reduce bee poisoning from pesticides (signs of poisoning, toxicity of specific compounds, pesticide risk assessments, what can you do?)
- Possible sublethal effects of new insecticide classes (e.g. neonicotinoids), current research

**Don't forget to fill out your ORANGE Evaluation Sheet to be entered in the drawing for a Sears gift certificate of \$100, \$50, or \$25!**

You don't have to be present to win, but you DO have to turn in a completed evaluation to win!