

## Workshop Schedule

### Saturday, May 6, 2023

#### 9:30 AM Is Alpaca Ownership Right for You?

Gordon Long - Nodrog Farm

##### Location: Classroom 2

Curious about alpacas and what to expect when adding these gentle, curious animals to your family? In this workshop learn about the different types of alpaca, their care, breeding, and the luxurious products you can make with their fleece.



#### 10:00 AM Interesting Features of NH Barns

John Porter - NH Preservation Alliance

##### Location: Classroom 1

Do you know why some barns have small transom windows above the doors, cupolas high on their ridges, or those funny projecting roofs over their hay loft doors? Join other barn enthusiasts for this session presented by John Porter, UNH Extension Professor/Specialist, Emeritus, and co-author of Preserving Old Barns. Barns are admired for their architectural beauty, but look a little closer and you'll see a lot of interesting features which help tell the story of how barns were used.

#### 10:30 AM. Insurance for Agratainment

Michael Bertolone - Farm Family / American National

##### Location: Classroom 3

Insurance for the Farm, Coverage for Agratainment

#### 11:30 AM. Light: What is it, how do plants use it and how can we grow our plants with it?

Jonathan Ebba - UNH Extension

##### Location: Classroom 1

While young, we learned that plants need light to grow. We may have even learned about photosynthesis in school. But what is it about light that plants need? How can we use that knowledge to grow better plants? From science-interested laypeople to windowsill seedling hobbyists to commercial greenhouse operators, this discussion is open to all and will teach us a little more about light and plants.

#### 11:30 AM. Living with Coyotes

Chris Schadler - NH Wildlife Coalition

##### Location: Classroom 2

Whether you farm sheep or grow trees, helpful coyotes make good neighbors. Learn how! Why not make use of this valuable predator? Living with coyotes can actually deter problem coyotes; coyotes can discourage deer from damaging understory trees and shrubs.

### **1:00 PM. Foundations of Forages**

Dan Wright - Poulin Grain

#### **Location: Classroom 1**

Hay is hay, right? Wrong! Forage is the foundation of most livestock diets, but often goes underrated or misunderstood in terms of its influence on the overall diet. Dan Wright, Poulin Grain feed specialist, dives into types of forage, the importance of analysis, how to read test results, and how that information should guide your management decisions.

### **12:30 PM. Pollinator Garden Certification**

Donna Miller - UNH Extension

#### **Location: Classroom 3**

New Hampshire is home to a diverse array of pollinators; however, declines of insects, native bees, and birds are well documented. Habitat loss is a significant driver of those declines. UNH Extension staff and New Hampshire Master Gardener volunteers have been taking action to protect pollinators by planting pollinator-friendly gardens and providing education to the gardening public. Now, New Hampshire gardeners and landowners like you have the opportunity to certify your gardens or property as “pollinator-friendly.”

### **1:30 PM. Planning for Profitability: Everything you need to know about cost control in your livestock feeding program**

Kendall Kunelius & Dr. Sarah Allen - UNH Extension

#### **Location: Classroom 2**

This workshop will cover key information about getting a handle on the most variable expense on your farm: your feed bill. Dr. Sarah Allen, UNH Extension Dairy Nutrition specialist, and Kendall Kunelius, Agriculture Business Management specialist will be discussing specific management strategies to enhance profitability and how to create a strong relationship with your feed rep.

### **2:30 PM. Tick Talk - Tick Identification & Protection**

Rachel Maccini - UNH Extension

#### **Location: Classroom 1**

A walk in the woods is relaxing and enjoyable, but getting Lyme disease from a tick is not. That’s why it’s important to take precautions and learn to identify and prevent being bitten. In this workshop participants will be introduced to core concepts in tick identification, tick habitat identification, tick morphology, life cycles, and biology, and important strategies for reducing the risks associated with ticks.

### **2:30 PM Why Organic? Transitioning to Producing, Eating, Supporting Local Organic Foods**

Julie Davenson, Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH (NOFA-NH)

#### **Location: Classroom 3**

Are you a farmer or home grower interested in producing organic foods, or a community member interested in supporting local farms when choosing organic products for yourself and your family? This workshop will introduce attendees to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire and its programs (from conferences to food access), mentorship and educational opportunities for organic farmers and gardeners, organic lawn care, the USDA Transition to Organic Partnership Program, how to directly support local organic producers across the state, organic agriculture as a climate change solution, and how the Farm Bill will impact our food system.