



Agricultural Resources

UNH Cooperative Extension works in cooperation with many different agencies around the state. Together strive to provide you with the most up-to-date research-based information. Many of the agencies listed here can be found in “Who’s Who in New Hampshire Agriculture”, a booklet compiled and available at the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Foods.

<p>UNH Cooperative Extension (Merrimack County) 315 Daniel Webster Highway Boscawen, NH 03303 796-2151</p> <p>Amy Ouellette, Extension Educator, Agricultural Resources Dot Perkins, Educational Program Coordinator, Ag. Resources amy.ouellette@unh.edu or dorothy.perkins@unh.edu</p>	<p>UNH Cooperative Extension has one office in each county, and the Education Center in Manchester.</p> <p>Extension educators and support staff in each county work in the program areas of Agricultural Resources, Family and Consumer Resources, Community Assistance, 4-H Youth Development, as well as Nutrition Connections and Forestry and Wildlife Resources. Each office is part of, and supported by, county government in conjunction with UNH and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Each County program is sponsored, supported and guided by a county UNH Cooperative Extension Advisory Council of 12 volunteers, a County Commissioner, a County Delegation Representative and a UNH representative.</p>
<p>UNH Cooperative Extension Education Center 200 Bedford Street Manchester, NH 03101 629-9494 Answers @unh.edu Toll Free Info Line: 1-877-398-4769 www.extension.unh.edu</p> <p>Hours: 9 am to 2 pm, Monday – Friday 5 pm to 7:30 pm, Wednesday evenings</p>	<p>The Info Line provides practical solutions to everyday questions and is staffed by professionals and trained volunteers to answer questions about: gardens, lawns and landscapes, tree planting and care, home energy, pest problems, fruits and vegetables, food safety and preservation, family and consumer questions, backyard livestock, and more.</p>

<p>NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food PO Box 2042, 25 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03302-2042 271-3788 www.agriculture.nh.gov</p>	<p>The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food is a state regulatory agency. Its mission is to promote agriculture in the public interest and to serve farmers and consumers in the marketplace. The department assures safe and healthy food supplies, provides accurate information on prices and availability of farm commodities and crops and develops markets for the state's farmers. Some great pamphlets you should check out: Who's Who in New Hampshire Agriculture, Weekly Market Bulletin, NH Farmer's Market Directory, NH Certified Organic Producers, NH Wine & Cheese Trail, NH Farm Stands, NH Harvest Your Own Farms, NH CSA Farms, NH Garden Guide to name just a few.</p>
<p>Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) Merrimack County 10 Ferry Street, Box 211, Room 211 Concord, NH 03301-5081 223-6023 http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/partners/for_homeowners.html</p>	<p>It's not only farmers and ranchers who benefit from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)' expertise, people in suburban and urban areas do, too. They work with homeowners, business people, and local governments to prevent soil erosion, keep water clean and plentiful, create and preserve green spaces, and reduce the impacts of floods. And when communities and individuals need to meet State and local requirements for natural resources quality and management, we have the knowledge and experience to help them, as well.</p>
<p>New Hampshire Farm Bureau 295 Sheep Davis Road Concord, NH 03301 603-224-1934 http://www.nhfarmbureau.org</p>	<p>The NH Farm Bureau is an organization of farmers and landowners, that strives to improve our communities here in New Hampshire. The methods we employ to grow our crops, raise our animals and produce products for market insure that this food will be the safest possible.</p> <p>NH Farm Bureau works full-time to insure that our farmers will have the opportunity to supply their fellow</p>

	<p>citizens with safe and affordable products. We reach out to increase public awareness and appreciation for our hard-working farmers that put food on your table and are the stewards of the beautiful scenery you see all around you.</p>
<p>Merrimack County Conservation District 10 Ferry Street, Suite 211 Concord, NH 03301 603-223-6023 http://www.merrimackccd.org</p>	<p>Merrimack County Conservation District offers the many services to landowners, town officials, educators, licensed professionals, and members of community organizations. They assist with filing wetlands applications, provide soil and topographical maps, aerial photos of your property, financial assistance of conservation projects related to water quality and soil erosion prevention, help in developing a conservation management plan for your land. In addition, they have workshops on ponds, soils and water quality, classroom and other presentations, including services to home schoolers and youth organizations, and public speakers and displays for your events.</p>
<p>North Country RC&D Rick DeMark USDA/NRCS Coordinator 719 North Main Street, Room 220 Laconia, NH 03246-2772 527-2093 richard.demark@nh.usda.gov www.nhrcd.net</p>	<p>A USDA supported partnership working with an RC&D Council, a locally directed non-profit, to create and implement projects that conserve and develop land, water and community resources.</p>
<p>Farm Service Agency Sherrill Harris, Farm Loan Manager The Concord Center 10 Ferry Street, Box 212, Suite 212 Concord, NH 03301-5081 223-6003 Sherrill.harris@nh.usda.gov</p>	<p>Statewide farm lending, low interest rate loans for beginning and existing farmers.</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development (Merrimack County) Daphne Feeny, Rural Development Specialist The Concord Center 10 Ferry Street, Box 218, Suite 218</p>	<p>Community and economic development financing and technical assistance providing loans, loan guarantees and grants for</p>

<p>Concord, NH 03301 223-6035 daphne.feeney@nh.usda.gov www.rurdev.usda.gov</p>	<p>homeownership or home repairs, rural rental housing development; business and cooperative development; community facilities highlighting first responders, child and rural health care; and water and waste water systems.</p>
<p>NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 271-3503 www.des.nh.gov</p> <p>The NH DES will test your drinking water (for a fee). They also provide a list of Town Hazardous Collection Days.</p>	<p>The mission of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is to help sustain a high quality of life for all citizens by protecting and restoring the environment and public health in New Hampshire.</p> <p>The protection and wise management of the state of New Hampshire's environment are the important goals of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). The department's responsibilities range from ensuring high levels of water quality for water supplies, ecological balance, and recreational benefits, to regulating the emissions of air pollutants, to fostering the proper management of municipal and industrial waste, to managing water resources for future generations.</p>
<p>Small and Beginner Farmers of New Hampshire Kate Kerman 350 Troy Road Marlborough, NH 03455 876-4562 leader@sbfnh.org www.sbfnh.org</p>	<p>The Beginner Farmers of NH is organized as a farmer to farmer network, with the goals of connecting, networking, sharing and helping to access technical information and agricultural education. Our cooperative and collaborative effect will help small and beginner farmers achieve their goals, strengthen our communities and the agricultural industry, economy and quality of life in NH.</p>
<p>Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA-NH) 4 Park Street, Suite 208 Concord, NH 03301 224-5022</p>	<p>NOFA promotes the use of organic farming and gardening and land care practices in New</p>

<p>info@nofanh.org www.nofanh.org</p>	<p>Hampshire, and the consumption of locally grown organic foods through educational workshops, conferences, discounted seed and soil amendment purchases, farm and garden tours and networking opportunities.</p>
<p>Granite State Graziers 603-399-9975 http://www.grazenh.com</p>	<p>Welcome to the New Hampshire clearinghouse for all things grazing! The Granite State Graziers exist to strengthen the viability and sustainability of New Hampshire's farms through forage and grazing based agriculture.</p> <p>The Granite State Graziers (GSG) are an advisory group of New Hampshire farmers that plan educational activities about grazing and pasture management.</p>