



## ***North Country Updates - Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry***

This newsletter comes to you from  
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## **2019 Farm Risk Management Workshops**

Bring your farm's operations to the next level in the new year.



UNH Cooperative Extension's Food & Agriculture team partners with the USDA Risk Management Agency each year for workshops and programs designed to help Granite State agricultural producers grow their farms, make their operations more efficient and improve their businesses.

The 2019 slate of USDA RMA workshops has been set. Mark your calendars now or contact Extension specialists for more information.

Webinars - Save the date

**Feb 22 - Precision Heifer Feeding**

Contact [Michal.Lunak@unh.edu](mailto:Michal.Lunak@unh.edu)

**Feb 27 - Forage Quality Harvesting & Feeding Strategies**

Contact - [Carl.Majewski@unh.edu](mailto:Carl.Majewski@unh.edu)

[Find additional workshops here - 2019 USDA RMA Workshop](#)



## **Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts, & Long-term Healthcare**

**January 8, Tuesday**

12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Webinar** (from the comfort of your home)

The Future of the Farm: Estate & Succession Planning. This webinar is the first in a series of webinars on estate and succession planning topics.

Estate Planning often involves setting up a will and/or trust. Learn the pros and cons of each to decide what's best for your family and farm situation.

Long-term healthcare is a common concern especially as folks get older. People with significant assets worry about needing to sell their property to cover the

costs of nursing home and elder care. Learn more about what you can do to plan for this stage of life and protect the farm.

A significant portion of this webinar will be devoted to answering questions. Email your questions to -[Kelly.McAdam@unh.edu](mailto:Kelly.McAdam@unh.edu) ahead of time to ensure they are covered in the time allotted.

Save the date - 2 more webinars in this series -

**February 12** - [Inheriting a Farm-Passing on the Farm to the Next Generation](#)

**March 12** - [Gifting vs Selling as a means of Transferring Farm Assets](#)

Register Here -  
A link to join the webinar will be emailed at least one week prior to the event.



## Advanced Marketing Short Course: Creating a Sales Forecast for Your Agricultural Business

4 sessions - Wednesdays  
**January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019**  
10:00am - 2:30pm  
Granite State College  
25 Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301

Are you thinking about expanding your operation by adding a new product, growing more of what you're already producing or moving into a totally different line of products? Expanding your operation will require some market research, which simply involves gathering information, making observations and analyzing what you learned to create a forecast and managing marketing risk.

Please contact Nada Haddad at 603-679-5616 or [nada.haddad@unh.edu](mailto:nada.haddad@unh.edu) for more information.

[More Info Here](#)  
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## Basics of Farm Transfer Planning: Getting the Conversation Started

January 11, Friday

9:00-3:30pm

AMC Highland Center, Bretton Woods

This full-day workshop will focus on covering topics that farm families are thinking about as they consider the future of the farm. Extension specialists and practitioners in the areas of estate and succession planning will present topics on legal considerations, business planning, estate planning, and methods of transferring business ownership.

Attendance from both the farm owner and the next generation is highly encouraged.

The cost of this workshop is free. Lunch is available for purchase at the lodge, or you can bring your own. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

More Information email or call -

[Kelly.McAdam@unh.edu](mailto:Kelly.McAdam@unh.edu) 603-527-5475

[Register Here](#)



## Changes in Tax Law and Impacts for Farmers

January 28, Monday

1:00-3:00pm

Free Webinar or Call in line

What's new for farmers in tax year 2018?

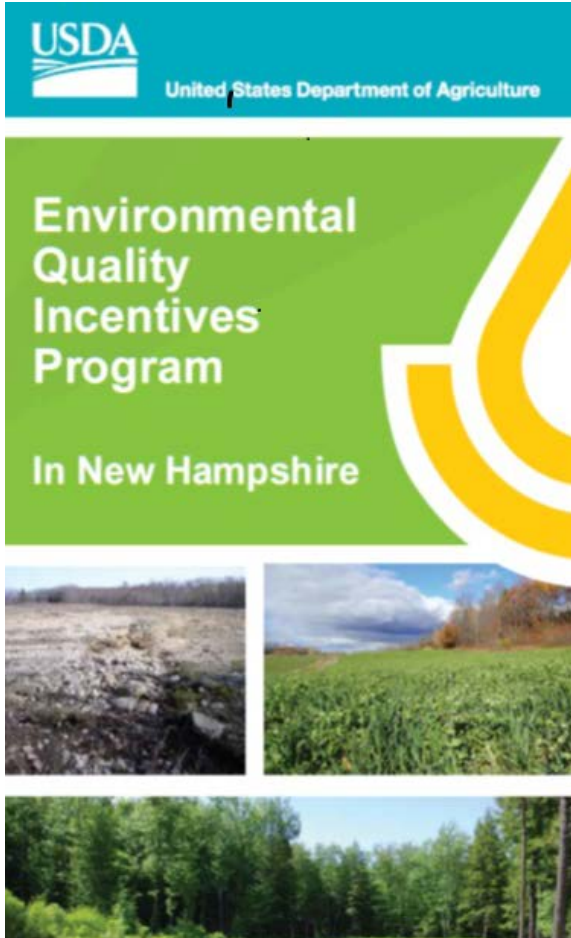
During this FREE webinar, Carol Starkie, EA, a tax consultant with Farm Credit East, will be joined by Kelly McAdam, UNH Extension Field Specialist, to discuss:

- Changes in Exemptions and Deductions for You and Your Business
- How Net Operating Loss is Carried Back/Forward

- Changes in Depreciation Rules

More Information email  
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[More Info Here](#)



[Contact your local Field Office](#)

## NRCS, EQIP 2019 Batching Dates

January 18  
February 15  
March 15  
April 19  
May 17

### **Agriculture or Forest landowners in New Hampshire**

If you are interested in protecting, conserving, or restoring the natural resources on your property through technical or financial assistance, contact your local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office to begin the conservation planning process.

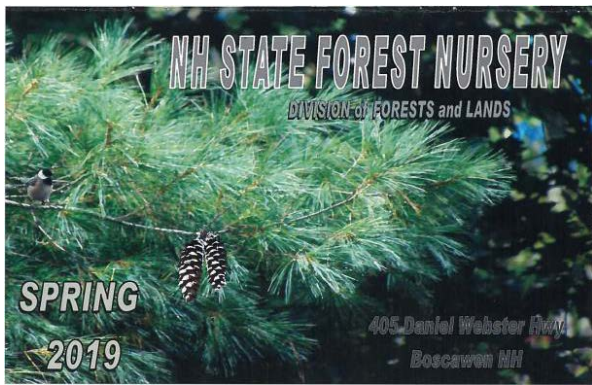
Once an NRCS Conservation Plan is developed and you are interested in competing for financial assistance to implement practices from your Conservation Plan, work with NRCS to determine which program best suits your conservation needs. Applications for the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), EQIP-RCPP and the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) program may be submitted at any time year-round; however, the next ranking batching date is January 18, 2019. All applications determined to be eligible by 4:30 p.m. on January 18, 2019 will be considered in this funding cycle.

[Read More - Press Release](#)

## NH State Forest Nursery

Order your seedlings today!

NH State Nursery Seedling Orders should



be received no later than March 31.

The Nursery does deliver once each season to county UNH Extension offices. When placing your order, let them know if you want to pick up your order at the County Extension office.

Questions and orders should be directed to the NH State Forest Nursery.  
603-796-2323

[NH State Forest Nursery](#)

## In The News



### Partial Government Shutdown 2018

The partial government shutdown began at midnight on Friday, December 21, 2018.

#### [NRCS is Open for Business](#)

During a government shutdown, agencies that receive mandatory funding or have funds appropriated in prior years that are carried forward can continue to serve customers using that money.

NRCS is in this category and will be open for business. If you have business with NRCS or want to begin working with NRCS, our offices will be open.

At least for now.

[Find Your Local Office](#)

### Managing Forests In and Around Water

Good Forestry in the Granite State:  
Recommended Voluntary Forest



Management Practices for New Hampshire provides background information and suggestions on topics ranging from sensitive areas to selling timber and everything in-between. It is available for free at [www.goodforestry.org](http://www.goodforestry.org) or for purchase by contacting [forest.info@unh.edu](mailto:forest.info@unh.edu)

Managing forests in and around water—streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, vernal pools—presents landowners with interesting challenges and opportunities. By using the suggestions in Good Forestry in the Granite State, landowners can meet the challenges and enhance the opportunities.

Keep an eye on the news for updates.

[Read More](#)

## Coös County Conservation District (CCCD)



**Coös County Conservation District**  
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email - [da.cccd@gmail.com](mailto:da.cccd@gmail.com)

Our office is located in the USDA Service Center,  
Route 3, Lancaster, NH

### Soil Health Rental Equipment



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The KED-72 is 6' wide and capable of planting 3 rows, with 8" spacing. KASCO recommends a 25hp+ tractor, with sufficient lift capacity to handle approximately 1600 lbs. on back.

No-Til Seeder  
& Rental Terms  
Grafton County



AWMF-075-AG-4 Salford AerWay. 45-75HP Tractor with hydraulics recommended. Cultivation width 7.5'. Weight 2150 lbs.

Aerway  
& Rental Terms  
Grafton County

## Home or Garden Question?



Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. highly trained master gardeners are available to answer your questions about gardening, lawns, pests, fruits and vegetables, food safety and more. For research-based information you can trust, pick up the phone, send an email or stop by today!

[Education Center & Info Line](#)

The [Education Center](#) at UNH Cooperative Extension offers a number of services including:

- Answers to gardening questions from Cooperative Extension Master Gardener residents via email and the Hotline 877-398-4769 or walk-in assistance.
- Master Gardener Volunteer Training Educational Programs for the general public.
- Public presentations by Master Gardener Volunteers on topics such as seed starting, composting, container gardening, and seed saving.

For more information on a variety of horticulture topics visit the UNH Cooperative Extension [website](#).



When in doubt..  
UNH Cooperative Extension  
ID services may help.



[Soil Testing Services](#)

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[Plant Diagnostic Lab](#)

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