



North Country Updates - Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry

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Coös County Conservation District &
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Grazing Pasture Walk Getting Good Gains On Grass

June 18, Tuesday
4:30 PM-6:30PM

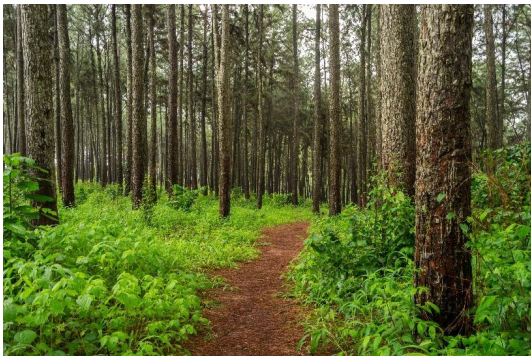
[Otokahe Farm](#)
Jefferson NH

Join us for an informal, educational evening to discuss grazing management practices to achieve the production goals you desire in your livestock. We will talk about how to manage your rotation for good gains and forage production, nutritional value and types of forage species, and other factors in management that impact meat quality. This event is for those interested in or currently grazing looking to learn more and network with fellow graziers.

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[More Information](#)



Rocky Ridge Summer Forest Walk

Dalton NH

August 21, Wednesday

11:00AM-2:00PM

Join the Dannis Family and Master Naturalist, Dr. Rick Van de Poll, for a tour of a rich and diverse woodland in the upper Connecticut Valley region. We will walk to the "Red Pine Rocky Ridge". This is a high-elevation block of old red pines (90+ years old) that were apparently established by a pattern of historical forest fires on the dry side of the mountain. It is a wonderful and eerie place. The views alone are breathtaking not to mention the diversity of old growth forests and ridgeline habitats.

After our walk, we will discuss mushrooms around the table, where poisonous will be separated from edible, and medicinal will be highlighted.

Space is limited, please register.

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[More Information](#)

In The News

Natural Resources Field Day

Another great day on the farm!
For mid-May the day was a little chilly, but overall everyone had a great time learning on the farm, in the forest and on the water.



Thank you to the CJEJ Farm for hosting us again this year.

Students from North Country schools learn first hand about - livestock, farm safety, plant adaptation, soils, wildlife, forestry and aquatic wildlife.

Students rotated through seven stations with presentations from UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Fish & Game, LandVest/Timberland Management, USDA/Natural Resource Conservation Service, CJEJ Farm Owners, and a local professional nature/wildlife photographer.

Students and volunteers once again enjoyed Hatchland Ice Cream provided by Granite State Dairy Promotion!

Thank you to everyone that attended and made this a great day for youth learning in the field!

..and as one student put it -
"This field trip was awesome! All of us including our teacher learned at least one thing today".

[Learn More](#)
(scroll down to the event info)

Food & Agriculture Support in Coös County

Message from
Amy Papineau, Program Team Leader, Food & Agriculture,
UNH Cooperative Extension

Dear Farmers, Growers, and Others in Coös County,
With the recent retirement of Steve Turaj from his position as the county's Extension agriculture specialist, we continue our search to fill this position. We have interviewed several applicants, but have not yet been able to fill the position. As we continue our efforts to hire an agriculture specialist, our staff from across the state will be spending time in the county offering workshops, making farm visits, and responding to the needs of farmers and growers.

Our many agricultural specialists are available for visits or phone calls. At any time, please call or email the specialists listed below who will work with you and/or connect you with appropriate Extension staff to meet your individual needs:

Agricultural Business: Seth Wilner, 603-863-9200 seth.wilner@unh.edu

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Home garden & landscape: Ask UNH Extension, 1-877-EXT-GROW (398-4769) answers@unh.edu
Diagnostic services (soil testing, plant health diagnostics, insect identification):
<https://extension.unh.edu/locations/soil-testing-insect-id-plant-diagnostic-lab>

Upcoming Extension programs in Coös County – watch for more details on these and other events coming soon:

Elaina Enzien and Carl Majewski will hold a pasture walk at Otokahe Farm in Jefferson from 4-6pm on June 18. Carl Majewski, in conjunction with UVM Extension, will be holding a mid-season corn checkup in late June or early July.

Nada Haddad will be available in Lancaster in July to work with farmers with questions on marketing their agricultural products.

Cathy Neal will be presenting a program on planting wildflower meadows and pollinator gardens on August 14.

Olivia Saunders will present a program on backpack sprayer calibration in Lancaster on September 4.

Seth Wilner and Kelly McAdam will be hosting agricultural record keeping workshops this fall.

Please know that in addition to the individuals listed above as contacts, the entire Extension Food & Agriculture team is here to help you. If you're not sure who to call, or if you have general questions, please feel free to call or email me at any time:

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Thank you for your continued support,
Amy

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A Walk In The Woods With A Forest Optimist

by Jim Frohn, Forestry Field Specialist



One aspect of my work as the Grafton County Forester is meeting with people to review their forests. Grafton County, the second largest county in the state, has many different soils, terrains, and forest types, which provide a wide variety of forest conditions. The northern end of the county has more in common with Coös County and the North Country, with a colder climate, spruce-fir forests, and northern hardwoods. The western edge of the county, bordering on the Connecticut River, has a milder climate, mild terrain, and deep rich soils, and a concentration of dairy farms. This area has some unique tree species as well, such as white oak and hackberry. To the east is the rugged terrain and high elevations of the White Mountains, and to the south is rolling hills with oak-pine-hemlock forests growing on long-abandoned farm land....

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Route 3, Lancaster, NH

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[Wood Ash Spreader
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[Hi-Tunnel Tool
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The KED-72 is 6' wide and capable of planting 9 rows, with 8" spacing. KASCO recommends a 25hp+ tractor, with sufficient lift capacity to handle approximately 1600 lbs. on back.

[No-Till Seeder
& Rental Terms](#)
Grafton County



AWMP-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 can help.



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