



GRAFTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Hayland and Pasture Rejuvenation Workshop

If you are stressed about low productivity in your hayland or pastures, this workshop is for you! The Hayland and Pasture Rejuvenating Workshop will provide information about improving nutrient value and productivity in haylands and pastures on Monday, July 30, 2018 from 2:00–4:00PM, at the Grafton County Farm, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, North Haverhill, NH. The Workshop will review ideal conditions for the development of nutritious feed, and what adjustments can be made in your management to improve productivity. Bill Fosher, Grazing Specialist, will join Tom Ebert, NRCS District Conservationist and Steve Turaj, UNHCE Dairy, Livestock & Forage Crops Field Specialist. We will meet at the Grafton County Farm Stand and look at the County Farm hay fields with Grafton County Farm staff. We'll have a demonstration of the AerWay aerator and discussion of soil health equipment available for rent from Grafton and Coös County Conservation Districts. To register, please contact Pam at Grafton County Conservation District by phone (603) 353-4652, or email: pamela.gilbert@nh.nacdnet.net. Bring your questions and biggest challenges to add to the discussion. We'll also be talking about:

- Seeding methods, seed mixes and timing to get desired results
- Importance of soil testing, and how to interpret the results
- Understanding the impact of soil compaction, and practices to reduce field compaction
- Increasing water and air infiltration using an aerator, and reducing runoff
- Correct usage, quantities, and timing of fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste applications to reduce nutrient and pathogen runoff to waterways
- Identification and Management of unwanted weeds
- Conservation Planning and Program assistance available from NRCS

Maintaining productive hayland and pastures can be a challenge, even when the weather and growing conditions are ideal. Let's face it, 2018 has not yet provided ideal conditions. Grafton County Conservation District is coordinating this workshop to provide technical assistance and answers to your challenges. GCCD is a partner in the Long Island Sound Regional Conservation Partnership Program, promoting water quality in the CT River Watershed.