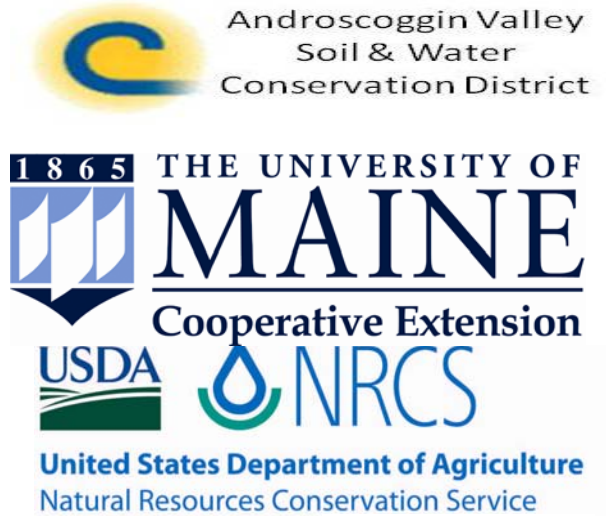




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New Farmer Workshop Series



This workshop series is designed for new Maine farmers who have been in business fewer than 10 years, or haven't started yet. A wide variety of topics will be covered including an introduction to the various federal, state, local and non-profit agencies many farmers work with. Plenty of time is built in for questions and interaction with speakers and colleagues. Participants enrolling for all 7 workshops will be given a resource material notebook.

Topics included

Dates Scheduled (storm date the next day, same time)

Farm Business Basics Business plans, record keeping, value-added products and an overview of local, state & federal agricultural agency services, programs & resources	January 31, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Crop Management Soil fertility, pollination and management practices for a variety of crops	February 7, 2012 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Nutrient Management Storage, management practices, record keeping & nutrient management regulations	February 14, 2012 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Pest Management Integrated pest management, organic certification & regulations, pesticide applicator licensing <i>Pesticide Applicator License Exam offered at 2:00 p.m.</i>	February 21, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Water Management Crop water budgets, irrigation management, chemigation application rates, schedules & regulations	February 28, 2012 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Energy Management Electrical, fossil fuel & alternative energy	March 6, 2012 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Farm Safety Agribility, manure pit gasses, chainsaw safety, tractor safety, silo safety, PTO safety & pesticide safety <i>(This will be held at the Barker Farm in Leeds & participants will need to bring a bag lunch and come dressed for weather conditions)</i>	March 13, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- **Cost:** \$50.00 for all 7 workshops (*maximum of two people/farm*), or
- **Individual workshop costs:** Full-day workshops cost \$15.00 per person and Evening workshops cost \$10.00 per person. Food will be provided at all workshops with the exception of the Farm Safety Workshop.
- **Location:** Full day workshops will be at Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant Street, in Lewiston and all evening workshops will be at USDA Service Center, 254 Goddard Road, in Lewiston
- **Register online at:** www.androscogginswcd.net or call 753-9400 ext 400 no later than January 10, 2012

Workshops are open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Please call Jane Heikkinen at 207-753-9400 ext 400 if you have questions or have special needs in order to attend.

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