Season Extension: Winter Greens and Beyond

Friday, February 8th, 2013  9:00am-11:30am

Join us to learn about greenhouse and high tunnel production for vegetables and winter greens, with a focus on pest management.

The morning presentations will be held at the Frank W. Bratt Agricultural Center (3542 Turner Road, Jamestown, NY 14701), followed by a tour of Busti Cider Mill and Farm Market, located at 1132 Southwestern Drive, Jamestown, NY.

10:30am  Welcome & Introductions

10:40am  “Industrious Attitudes, Illustrious Tomatoes”  
Judson Reid, Cornell Vegetable Program

11:10am  Coffee Break

11:15am  “Not in my Tunnel! Pest Management, with a Focus on Cool Climate Greenhouse Vegetables”  
Judson Reid, Cornell Vegetable Program

12:00pm  Lunch

12:45pm  Travel to Busti Cider Mill and Farm Market

1:00pm  Tour of Winter Greenhouses at Busti Cider Mill and Farm Market  
Bob and Judy Schultz

2:00am  “Scouting and Management of Pests in Winter Greens Production”  
Judson Reid, Cornell Vegetable Program

11:30am  Adjourn

Please Register by February 1:
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Registration Fee: $10 per farm  
Please notify us if you have any dietary or other restrictions/requests.

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Presentations:
“Industrious Attitudes, Illustrious Tomatoes”
Consumer attitudes about food are changing. How can local farmers grow products that meet the converging demands for local, natural, and high quality product year round? A variety of season extension techniques such as high tunnels can help growers generate revenue 12 months of the year. Crop plans and markets are critical to success, but holistic planning is the basis for a sustainable system.

“Not in my Tunnel! Pest Management, with a Focus on Cool Climate Greenhouse Vegetables”
More and more vegetable farmers are growing spinach, Asian greens, and root crops for winter harvest with unheated, or minimally heated, greenhouses. However, unique winter pest infestations, including aphids, cabbage worms and slugs restrict the economic potential and sustainability of these systems. Management steps in this system include examining the contribution of different summer crops to winter pest loads; the potential for introduced biological controls; and applications of OMRI approved biorational pesticides.

Speaker: Judson Reid
Extension Vegetable Specialist
Judson Reid is a Senior Extension Associate with the Cornell Vegetable Program. In this position he manages a series of research and education projects throughout New York State for greenhouse, high tunnel and field production of fresh market vegetables. Judson is involved in the evaluation of grafting on tomatoes, cucumbers and eggplants; biological pest control, new cropping techniques and low temperature pest management concerns. An extensive network of private farm cooperators enhances his effective research and demonstration program. Current projects examine the viability of grafting of cucumbers for cold soil hardiness, biological insect control in low temperature settings for mixed greens crops, PAR and yield influence of multi-story cropping as well as variety evaluations. Judson has conducted educational sessions with farmers in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Caribbean, Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Cuba (New York) on these topics. Having spent his youth on a Northern New York dairy farm, Judson earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Cornell University in agriculture.

Farm Tour:
Busti Cider Mill and Farm Market

Busti Cider Mill is owned by Bob and Judy Schultz and has been in operation since 1983. Bob and Judy will lead us on a tour of their farm, where they grow greens and other vegetables year-round in their two greenhouses and two hoophouses. They grow their vegetable crops organically and have taken the NOFA-NY pledge. They currently sell at the Fredonia and Jamestown Winter Farmers Markets, and during the summer they market produce at their farm stand, three Farmers Markets, and through their CSA.