

(Ange-Gardien, Quebec) Very bad winter for backcountry skiing, very good winter for crops.

HIGH TUNNEL SOIL TESTING

[This fact sheet](#) explains what type of test to use and how to sample properly. This fact sheet

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

A farmer suggested we let others know about HSAs. These allow you to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses such as deductibles, co-payments, and services not covered by insurance—if you have a high-deductible health plan. This [fact sheet from Rutgers University](#) notes that the tax advantages are typically that contributions are deductible, withdrawals are not taxed if used for medical expenses, earnings on the savings account are tax-exempt, and unspent balances may accumulate without a maximum limit.

ARUGULA DISEASE RESEARCH TEAM

March 13 from 3:00-4:30pm. Join the Northeast Arugula Team Grower Network Webinar, which aims to serve arugula and Brassica leafy green vegetable producers and agricultural professionals in the Northeast US. The webinar will share information about bacterial diseases of arugula and other crucifers, NEAT's research goals, followed by Q&A [Register here](#).

FARM LABOR DASHBOARD PROJECT

The [Farm Labor Dashboard](#) project helps farm owners, managers and crew leaders build knowledge and skills they need to successfully recruit and manage the right employees for their operations. March sessions (via Zoom) include:

[The Art of Negotiation](#) *March 5 and March 7, noon-1:15.* We will explore what negotiation is (and is not) and learn how to prepare for and execute a successful negotiation.

[Grow Your Farm Through Cultivating Great Staff](#) peer learning. These women-centered learning circles will focus on communication and expectations; training and delegation; and productive conflict. Two multi-session series are offered in March.

GREENHOUSE AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (GLASE)

Virtual short course, *Thursdays April 4 to May 9 from 2:00- 3:30 pm.*

The course features experts from academia and industry sharing how to select and operate greenhouse coverings, climate screens, and supplemental horticultural lighting. The [2024 GLASE Short Course](#) will explore three major systems maintaining greenhouse environments and their interactive effects: commercially available coverings, curtains, and lighting systems, showing how these systems work together to support plant growth and development. They will share real-world case studies.

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