



August 15, 3-5 pm. High Tunnel Twilight Meeting. Grafton County Farm 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy. North Haverhill, NH. Join UVM Extension's Chris Callahan



This will be a huge expense to replace all the netting on our small farm of 500 blueberry bushes and 500 Raspberries. Have only been selling at our rural roadside stand, with brisk sales. Will be interested in reviewing newsletter for SWD experiences on other farms.

(Grand Isle) Island Blueberries. We got the insect exclusion netting up July 4th. It was a very hot installation. No birds, Japanese beetles are not getting in, catching the ones that are hatching inside. No mosquitoes. A serene environment, customers love it. Berries are ripening very fast, unsure if it's the heat or the netting. Seeing more cherry fruit worm than previous years. Will have to work some more on the opening for customer access.

(Northfield) For the second year running we have no sign of Colorado potato beetle! Three years





Things like onion thrips, leaf hoppers, Colorado potato beetles, and cucumber beetles have been quite persistent while we have seen very few aphids, cabbage loopers, squash vine borers, European corn borer, and no SWD yet. Also very little disease pressure with the dry season we have had.

Tomato greenhouses are very clean, strawberries are almost free of leaf spot, still no sign of basil downy mildew, and no cucurbit powdery mildew as of yet. We did see some early blight show up in a wet section of the potato field but consistent fungicide applications have kept it at a minimum. Powdery mildew is just starting to show up in the new planting of strawberries but mostly in the Annapolis variety which is not surprising.

(Little Compton RI) Just put in our fall/winter carrot and beet planting. Hoping there is enough moisture to get them up and running! We pretty much planted into dust.

We like our Jang five-row planter but have found two things to customize on the units. One, we lengthened the depth rod so we can set parsnip pelleted seed and large beets, etc. at a depth that they get ample cover and access to moisture. Two, we added a heavy steel bar which allows us to add a 35lb weight to put a greater downward force to the whole machine. After years of use and mysterious skips I finally figured out the whole planter is just too light-weight for 3-point tractor use. The extra weight has help greatly. Lastly the plus sign wheel has been great for problematic seed shapes and sizes, like certain carrot and lettuce seed. Also, a lubricant like liquid graphite has been good for drive-wheel lubrication.

As I have feared, it looks like the previously benign wild turkey population is evolving their choice of food sources and starting to go after watermelons, strawberries, and list is growing. Looking like Thanksgiving is going to be early this year!