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VVBGA Winter Webinar Series 2026

Wednesdays, noon - 1 pm February 11 - April 29

Attendance is free; please pre-register [here](#) to receive a Zoom link

February 11. Go with the flow: improving high tunnel ventilation. This webinar provides practical principles, tips, guidance, and tools to help improve ventilation and air circulation in high tunnels, both from an expert and farmer perspective. This webinar is supported by the Transition to Organic Partnership Program. *Speakers: Jonathan Ebba, Field Specialist with University of New Hampshire Extension.*

February 18. High tunnel innovations: farmer lightening round. Farmers find the best solutions to vexing problems! This webinar is an opportunity to learn key tips for efficient, ergonomic, affordable improvements for high tunnel growing. *Speakers: Danielle Allen, Root 5 Farm, Fairlee; Georgia McDougall, Intervale Community Farm, Burlington; Andy Chamberlin, UVM Extension.*

February 25. What's the buzz about? Promoting pollinator health on vegetable farms. Farmers share organic management practices that promote pollinator habitat, improve soil health, and provide other farm benefits. This webinar is supported by the Transition to Organic Partnership Program and Vermont Agricultural Clean Water Initiative Program (AgCWIP). *Speakers: Chuck Wooster, Sunrise Farm; Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, Evening Song Farm.*

March 4. Understanding wholesale distribution options and costs. Discerning the pros and cons of wholesale opportunities and costs can be difficult. Farm advisors Rose Wilson and Annie Harlow share tools to assess wholesale distribution costs. This webinar is supported by the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RSFI). *Speakers: Rose Wilson; Annie Harlow*

March 11. What's that spot? Organic tunnel management of powdery mildew and other foliar diseases. Join experts and farmers to learn the basics of pest and disease scouting in tunnels, organic prevention tools, cultural management, and spray options. This webinar is supported by the Transition to Organic Partnership Program. *Speakers TBD.*

March 18. Produce Safety audits and traceability for wholesale markets. Learn about the CAPS-Plus audit program through the VVBGA. This webinar is supported by the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RSFI). *Speakers: TBD*



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March 25. Crimp, rip, or strip: innovative cover cropping for soil health. Farmers share mixes and methods for cover cropping in diversified vegetable systems. This webinar is supported by the Transition to Organic Partnership Program and Vermont Agricultural Clean Water Initiative Program (AgCWIP). *Speakers: TBD*

April 1. Introducing the Vermont Herb Growers Initiative. Vermont herb growers now have a newly formed resource dedicated to support herb growers and their markets. This webinar is supported by a Vermont Specialty Crop Block Grant. *Speakers: Julie Etter, Nomad Farm, Rockingham; Sarah Shaw, Hillside Botanicals, Brookfield.*

April 8. Organic potato pest and disease management. Potatoes are a staple crop but one of the hardest to manage for pests and diseases. Join fellow farmers and experts to learn about both new and tried and true management techniques. This webinar is supported by the Transition to Organic Partnership Program and Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program. *Speakers: TBD*

April 15. Tunnelling forward: learning from high tunnel tomato enterprise budgets. Enterprise budgets are a way to understand all the costs and inputs that go into a farm enterprise and the profitability of crops. Enterprise budgets for high tunnel tomatoes were completed by 6 farms in Vermont, revealing things that farms do differently and areas of commonality. This webinar will discuss what we can learn from enterprise budgeting and what we have learned about high tunnel tomato budgets. *Speaker: Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension.*

April 22. Soil health bang for your buck. Improving soil health doesn't need to be expensive or laborious. This webinar focuses on practices that make economic and efficient sense for soil health improvements. This webinar is supported by Vermont Agricultural Clean Water Initiative Program (AgCWIP). *Speaker: David Weisberger, University of Rhode Island Extension.*

April 29. Plastic mulches in vegetable production: sources, alternatives, pros and cons. This webinar includes an overview of petroleum-based plastic mulch, bioplastics terminology, the differences between bio-based, compostable, and soil-biodegradable materials, label interpretation, performance comparisons, and non-plastic alternatives. *Speakers: Byron Garcia, Biomimicry Consultant, Natural Designs LLC, Shuresh Ghimire, Associate Extension Educator, UConn.*

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