

Join the UVM Extension Dairy Team and Dr. Julie Smith for our annual summer workshop focusing on farm biosecurity.

The Tri-State Dairy Extension Team is a collaborative effort by University of New Hampshire, University of Maine, and University of Vermont Extension.

Planning and implementing on-farm biosecurity practices is foundational to preventing the spread of disease, ensuring animal health, and securing food supply safety across farms of all sizes and types. The goal of managing farm biosecurity is to prevent new diseases from entering the farm and to control existing diseases from spreading between livestock or to livestock on other farms.

This workshop is designed for dairy and livestock producers, diversified farms, and the service providers that work with them.

This is a free event, with ice cream included. Registration is required, space is limited.

Register online at https://go.uvm.edu/farm-biosecurity for this free workshop.

Dr. Julie Smith is a veterinarian and animal scientist who conducts research and outreach focused on mitigating the consequences of diseases of livestock and poultry, emphasizing the importance of awareness and prevention. She is currently a research professor in the Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences at the University of Vermont and resides on a family farm with her husband and teenage son. She will cover the importance of biosecurity from an animal and human health perspective, as well as how to put together a biosecurity plan on your own farm.

Dr. Kaitlynn Levine, Vermont Assistant State Veterinarian, will discuss the current risks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in dairy cattle as well as other important diseases to look for in animals, specifically small ruminants.

Amber Machia, UVM Extension Dairy Research Specialist from the Northwest Crops and Soils Team will present biosecurity considerations for dairy and livestock farm service providers and extension personnel to prevent the spread of livestock disease and provide resources about the tools needed to take the appropriate measures to minimize the risk of introducing and spreading disease on the farms you visit.

Similar workshop programming to be facilitated by University of New Hampshire and University of Maine Extension. For additional information:

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To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please call or email Whitney Hull at 802-656-7563 or whitney.hull@uvm.edu by Wednesday, July 3, 2024 so we may assist you.

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