



New and Backyard Farmer Workshop

Everything you wanted to know about raising poultry and livestock, but were afraid to ask.

Are you interested in raising chickens or other livestock at your home? Are you a new livestock farmer? Do you have questions about what's legal and what isn't? How to properly manage manure? How to keep your animals healthy? How to deal with neighbors and town officials?

Agenda

I. Basic Animal Husbandry (UMASS) -How do I best manage my animals? How do I manage manure? What are Best Management Practices? What resources are available to me?

II. Animal Health (DAR Animal Health) – What vaccinations are required? When do I need health certificates? What do I need to do if I show animals? What are the laws about slaughter and sale of meat?

III. Legal Rights and Responsibilities (Farm Bureau) – Am I considered a “farm”? What rights and privileges do I have? What are my responsibilities? What are the current issues in agriculture that might impact me?

IV. Agriculture at the Local Level (Ag Comm) - How do I avoid neighbor complaints and disputes? How do I deal with complaints? What do I do if local officials get involved? What help is available to me?

When: Saturday April 2, 2011

9:00am to 12:30pm

Where: Topsfield Fairgrounds

Coolidge Hall

207 Boston St.

Topsfield, MA

Cost:

General Public - \$20

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new Farm Bureau membership

Registration:

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