



Vegetable Crop Update

A newsletter for commercial potato and vegetable growers prepared by the University of Wisconsin-Madison vegetable research and extension specialists

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Welcome to 2016! I hope you have had a restful and joyous holiday season. Our UWEX colleagues and Grower Associations have a busy winter calendar with potato, vegetable, mint, and hops meetings scheduled from now through March. While not comprehensive, I have compiled a list with further information to aid in your meeting planning for the winter.

January 12-14, 2016 – Wisconsin Crop Management Conference, Madison, WI

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Website (agenda included): <http://wiagribusiness.org/wcmc2016/index.html>

Contact for further information: Wisconsin Agri-Business Assoc., 2801 International Lane, Suite 105, Madison, WI 53704, Phone: 608-223-1111, Fax: 608-223-1147

January 22, 2016 – Organic Vegetable Production Winter Workshop, Amery, WI

Location: Hungry Turtle Institute, Amery, WI

Time: 9AM to 3:30PM

Website for brochure with agenda and registration information:

<http://stcroix.uwex.edu/files/2015/12/2016-Organic-Vegetable-Production-Winter-Workshop-Flyer1.pdf>

Contact for further information: Heidi Doering, UWEX St. Croix County, Phone: 715-531-1947, Pre-registration is recommended by Jan 15.

January 25-26, 2016 – Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Location: Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Website: <http://eventmobi.com/wffvc2016/>

Contact for further information: Tiffany Chadwick, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Fresh Market Vegetable Growers Association, 6014 Co. Rd. TT, Marshall, WI 53559, Phone: 608-235-5925, E-mail: tiffany@chadwickconsultingllc.com.

February 2-4, 2016 – Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association & University of Wisconsin Extension Potato Grower Education Conference, Stevens Point, WI

Location: Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI

Website for agenda, registration, hotel information: <http://wisconsinpotatoes.com/events/2016-uw-extension-and-wpvga-grower-education-conference-and-67th-industry-show/>

Contact for further information: Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association Office, Phone: 715-623-7683.

February 10, 2016 – Southern Wisconsin Vegetable Workshop – Brussels Sprouts & Weed Management, Madison, WI

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/danecountyag/southern-wi-vegetable-production-workshops/>

Contact for further information: Claire Strader, Small-Scale and Organic Produce Educator, Dane County UW-Extension, 5201 Fen Oak Dr. Ste. 138, Madison, WI 53718-8827, Phone: 608-224-3710, 711 for Wisconsin Relay, E-mail: Strader.Claire@countyofdane.com

February 17, 2016 – Fresh Market Produce Workshop, Ontario, WI

Location: Ontario Community Hall, 104 North Garden Street, Ontario, WI

Time: 8:30AM Registration, Program runs from 9AM to Noon

Website: <http://monroe.uwex.edu/agriculture/horticulture/>

Contact for further information: Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent, Monroe County UW-Extension, 14345 Co. Hwy B, Rm 1, Sparta, WI 54656, Phone: 608-269-8722, Fax: 608-366-1809, E-mail: bill.halfman@ces.uwex.edu

February 18, 2016 – Southern Wisconsin Vegetable Workshop – Sweet Potatoes & Melons, Madison, WI

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/danecountyag/southern-wi-vegetable-production-workshops/>

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February 25-26, 2016 – Midwest Mint Growers Meeting, Plymouth, IN

Location: 5203 Plymouth LaPorte Trail, Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth, IN 46563

Website for directions: <http://www.swanlakeresort.com/directions>

Website for event description: <https://ag.purdue.edu/arp/Pages/Mint.aspx>

Contact for further information: Jerry Fankhauser, Phone: 765-494-8368, E-mail: fankhaus@purdue.edu

March 2, 2016 – Central Wisconsin Processing Crops Meeting, Hancock, WI

Location: UW-Hancock Agricultural Research Station, Hancock, WI

Website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/cwas/>

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March 12, 2016 – Wisconsin Hops Production Meeting, Buffalo County, WI

Location: LaCrosse, WI (event location to be finalized soon)

Website: <http://buffalo.uwex.edu/agriculture/>

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