



Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance [www.nodpa.com](http://www.nodpa.com)

**NODPA 4th ANNUAL FIELD DAY  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 8:30-4:00 PM**

**8:30 AM – registration and tradeshow**

**9:30 AM – Opening Remarks** – NODPA’s year in review and thoughts for the future

**10:00 – 11:30 AM: ‘Using Plants as Medicine for Livestock’, with Jerry Brunetti**

Jerry Brunetti is managing director of Agri-Dynamics, a 22 year old firm that specializes in creating products for farm and livestock. Jerry works with such materials as seaweeds, herbs, enzymes, probiotics, vitamins, chelated minerals, “rare-earth” minerals and more. He will speak on the use of medicinal herbs for livestock. Jerry’s approach to livestock health is holistic, and his knowledge of plants as medicine and nutrition is extensive.

**11:30 AM to 1:00 PM: LUNCH (local organic food) and Tradeshow**

Music provided by Clean Fill banjo-fiddle-guitar playing old-time, Appalachian and bluegrass music

**1:00 – 2:30 PM: Pasture Walk and Discussion with Tyler Webb, NRCS**

Tyler Webb is a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-NRCS in St. Albans, VT. Primary interests involve managing holistic landscapes using livestock as a tool for meeting resource goals and for harvesting solar dollars from Vermont grasslands. He is also the owner and operator of Stony Pond Farm, a grass based organic diversified livestock farm in Fairfield, VT

Applecheek Farm is a certified organic dairy farm, shipping milk to Horizon Organic. They milk 65 registered Holsteins, which are rotationally grazed during the grazing season and they make dry hay and silage. They have been farming since 1965 and have been organic since 2000. The farm is diversified and includes maple sugar products, educational activities, school field trips, horse drawn sleigh and wagon rides, llama treks and emu products. They built a large hall (capacity of up to 100 people) and a small meeting room with a kitchenette which they rent to the community at large for a variety of events.

**2:45 – 3:45 PM : ‘Building Healthy Soils’ with Heather Darby, UVM Extension**

Heather Darby of UVM Extension is a dynamic speaker with a holistic approach to creating healthy, biologically active soils and growing quality feed for livestock. Heather’s presentation will teach you how soil quality assessments can be used as a management tool for farmers. Audience will learn how to identify potential problem areas and measure soil quality in response to changes in management practices

**3:45 - 4:00 PM – Calf Raffle, Door Prize Drawing and Wrap Up** (raffle tickets = \$1 for one, \$5 for 6; On sale ‘til 3:30!)

**TRADESHOW DISPLAYS**

Acres-USA, Agri-Dynamics, Brookfield Agricultural Services, Green Mountain Feeds, Helfter Feeds, NOFA-VT, NODPA, NRCS - VT, Organic Valley/CROPP, St Albans Coop, **Resource Table & Book sales**, UVM Extension, Vermont Grass Farmers Association

**Walk-in Registration and Meal Costs are:**

NODPA Members: \$30 per person / \$45 per farm family, NON-Members = \$40 per person, \$55 per farm family  
Tradeshow People: free admission for **one** only, lunch not included; Meal costs (lunch): \$15 Adult, \$7 under 12.

