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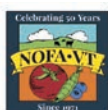
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## DIRECTIONS:

It is recommended that you use GPS to find the best directions from your location. Once you arrive on US 1, follow the directions, below, depending on whether you are traveling from the north or south.

**From the North, I-95/295 S exit 22 toward ME-125 S/ME-136 S/Mallett Drive:** Turn right onto Main St/US-1 S, and then turn left onto Bow St. (just past Mechanic Street). Bow St. becomes Flying Point Rd., then turn right onto Wolfe's Neck Rd. (Portions unpaved). GO BEYOND the Wolfe's Neck Center sign at Burnett Road, and continue until you reach the Mallet Barn on your left. Parking is beyond the barn on the right.

**From the South and West (not necessarily from New Hampshire and Vermont), from the Rte. I-95/295 Freeport (exit 20):** Take the Desert Rd exit, EXIT 20, toward Freeport, Desert Rd becomes US-1 N. Turn right onto Bow St. Bow St becomes Flying Point Rd., then turn right onto Wolfe's Neck Rd (Portions unpaved). GO BEYOND the Wolfe's Neck Center sign at Burnett Road, and continue until you reach the Mallet Barn on your left. Parking is beyond the barn on the right.

### LODGING:

There are many lodging options in the Freeport area, and you might want to do an internet search to find your best option. NODPA has a room block at the **Freeport Econo Lodge**, 537 US-1, Freeport, ME 04032, approximately 10 minutes' drive from WNC. To receive the \$90.00 rate, please call (207) 865-3777 and indicate that it is the NODPA Field Days Room Block. **This rate is available only until September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

The **Maine Idyll Court**, 1411 US Route 1, Freeport, ME, 04032, north of Freeport, is a 10 minute drive from WNC. There are small cottages with from 1-3 bedrooms, kitchenettes, fireplaces, and more, for very reasonable rates starting at \$84.00/night. To view the cottages and make online reservations, visit <http://www.maineidyll.com/>

Camping and camper options are available at **Wolfe's Neck Center**. Visit their website <https://www.freeportcamping.com/> or call (207) 865-9307 for more information and to make reservations.

### ABOUT NODPA:

The mission of the Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance is to enable organic dairy family farmers, situated across an extensive area, to have informed discussion about matters critical to the wellbeing of the organic dairy industry as a whole. Contact Ed Maltby, Executive Director, by phone, 413-772-0444, or by email, [ednodpa@comcast.net](mailto:ednodpa@comcast.net). Visit the website at [www.nodpa.com](http://www.nodpa.com) or [www.organicmilk.org](http://www.organicmilk.org).

**QUESTIONS?** If you have questions about the NODPA Field Days, contact Nora Owens, NODPA Field Days Coordinator, at [noraowens@comcast.net](mailto:noraowens@comcast.net) or 413-772-0444.

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## The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual NODPA Field Days

The Organic Dairy  
Community Coming Together  
to Explore Its Challenges  
and Opportunities

### EARLY BIRD RATE!

Register by September 18th  
(Pay ahead or in-person)

**Sep. 30 & Oct. 1, 2021**



**Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture  
and the Environment (WNC)**

The Mallet Barn, 625 Wolfe's Neck Road,  
Freeport, Maine 04032

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR THIS EVENT: See inside.**

SCHEDULE: Thursday, September 30, 2021

Due to COVID-19, for everyone's safety please get vaccinated at least 2 weeks prior to attending Field Days. Non-vaccinated attendees will be required to wear a mask at all times indoors. We will follow all of WNC's and the state of Maine's safety protocols. One set of barn doors will remain open at all times, allowing healthy air flow, so please dress accordingly for all weather conditions.

8:30 – 11:30 am **PASTURE WALK:** Leah Puro, WNC Agricultural Research Coordinator will lead a pasture walk to spotlight the research projects taking place at WNC.  
*Please meet at the Mallet Barn for the pasture walk.*

Noon-1:00 pm **REGISTRATION AND LUNCH**  
*The Mallet Barn, WNC, 625 Wolfe's Neck Road, Freeport, ME*


1: 00 – 2:30 **The Forever Chemicals:** What the heck are perfluoroalkyl substances, aka PFAS, and why should we be concerned about them on our organic dairy farms?  
*Dr. Andrew Smith, Maine State Toxicologist  
Tom Simones, Maine State Toxicologist  
Jacki Perkins, MOFGA Dairy Specialist*

2:30 – 3:00 **MILK BREAK**  
*Dr. Meghan Flanagan, DVM  
and Dr. Simon Alexander, DVM*

4:30 – 5:30 **TRADE SHOW AND SOCIAL HOUR**  
5:30 – 7:00 **NODPA ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET:**  
*Liz Bawden & Kirk Arnold,  
NODPA Board Co-Presidents,  
and Ed Maltby, NODPA Executive Director*

7:00 – 9:00 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION WITH DR. SIMON ALEXANDER, DVM**

9:00 pm **MEETING ADJOURNS**

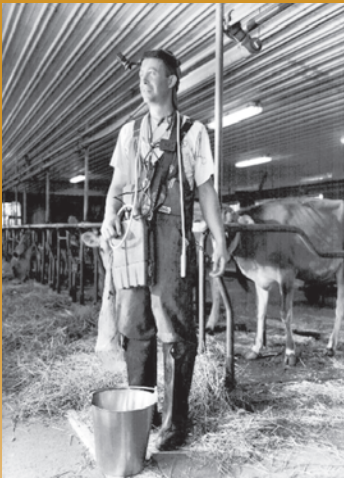


KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Thursday, 7 p.m.

It's been a tough, long haul this past year as we've all dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, isolation, and lots of virtual gatherings.

To celebrate NODPA's live, in-person event, we've invited Dr. Simon Alexander to share his thoughts on the past year and to entertain us with his incredible stories about life in Maine as a large animal veterinarian.

**Simon Alexander, DVM**  
Exeter Veterinary Services, Exeter, Maine



Dr. Simon Alexander grew up in Easton, a small border town in Aroostook County. He completed his pre-veterinary studies at the University of Maine, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine in 2004. He returned to Maine where he has practiced both companion and large animals veterinary medicine, although his sole focus is now on large animals with an emphasis on dairy cattle. He founded Exeter Veterinary Services in 2013 and continues to serve clients in Penobscot, Aroostook, and surrounding counties.

**PASTURE WALK - WNC**  
*625 Wolfe's Neck Road, Freeport, ME 04032*

Pasture walk begins at the Mallet Barn on Thursday morning, September 26, 2019, 8:30 – noon, Leah Puro will highlight research initiatives ranging from healthy soils research to dairy cow methane emissions to a global agricultural technology collaborative effort that puts the best agricultural knowledge into farmers' hands. Emerging soil health and soil carbon measurement technologies and tools will be showcased.

**FARM TOUR - WNC Organic Dairy**  
Friday afternoon's farm tour, led by Ben Gotschall and Andre Brito, will include a tour of the organic dairy, research sites, and will feature a discussion of how the WNC mission is being carried out on the farm.

Friday, October 1, 2021

6:30 – 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
*The Mallet Barn, WNC*

7:00 – 9:00 **PRODUCER-ONLY MEETING:** A meeting in which producers can speak freely about all things related to the organic dairy industry.  
*Facilitated by Henry Perkins, Albion, ME, Past president, NODPA Board*

9:00 – 10:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Invest In Your Forages like Your Dairy Depends on it—Because it Does!**  
Panel members will describe the importance of investing in your forage system and the strategies they've integrated into their management systems. (For an in-depth description of this session, please read Sara Ziegler's session description in the July 2021 NODPA News, Field Days article, on page 16.)  
*Sara Ziegler, Soils and Crops Coordinator, University of VT Extension  
Mike Brown, Meadowbrook Farm, China, ME, and Patrick Harrison, Harrison's Homegrown Organic Dairy Farm, Addison, VT.*

10:30 – 11:00 **INDUSTRY AND POLICY NEWS: Updates on the issues that are critical to all organic dairy farmers.**  
*Ed Maltby, NODPA Executive Director*

11:00 – Noon **FARM TOUR PREVIEW: Introduction to Wolfe's Neck Farm.** In preparation for the farm tour, Ben Gotschall and staff at WNC will discuss their mission, infrastructure and educational programs, including the Dairy Grazing Apprentice Program and other farmer training programs, and Andre Brito will describe their current research on feeding seaweed to cows to manage methane emissions.

*Ben Gotschall, Dairy Farm Manager, WNC and Andre Brito, DVM, PhD., Associate Professor, Agriculture, Nutrition, and Food Science, University of NH*

Noon – 1:15 pm **LUNCH**  
1:15 **FARM TOUR: WNC Organic Dairy and Farm**  
We will board the WNC wagons for a guided tour of the farm, research sites and grounds of WNC.



REGISTRATION FORM

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual NODPA Field Days and Producer Meeting and Dinner

Early Bird Rates Until September 18<sup>th</sup>!

COST

EarlyOn-Site

QTYTOTAL

REGISTRATION: Thursday & Friday

Organic dairy & transitioning dairy producers	FREE		\$0
All who aren't organic dairy producers	\$35	\$50	\$

MEALS: Thursday & Friday

Thursday lunch for Adults	\$10	\$15	\$
Thursday lunch (under 11)	\$5	\$10	\$
Thursday dinner for Adults	\$25	\$35	\$
Thursday dinner (under 11)	\$12.50	\$15	\$
Transitioning farm member. Thursday evening dinner	Free		\$0
Friday breakfast (7:30-9am)	\$5	\$10	\$
Friday lunch	\$10	\$15	\$
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