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DIRECTIONS:

It is recommended that you use your GPS or maps app to determine the best route from your location. Middlebury is located on US Route 7 and intersects with Vermont Route 30, and is just west of the Green Mountains. There are no major interstate highways intersecting with Middlebury, with I-89 and I-91 to the east, then a number of routes on secondary roads to Middlebury and the sites of the farm tours.

FROM THE NORTH: If you are coming from the North/Burlington area, take Route 7 south into Middlebury.

FROM THE WEST (New York State-I-90 area): Take I-87 north to exit 20, NY 149E/US 9N, then to US 4E to VT-30N to Middlebury. The Severy Farm tour is on VT-30N.

FROM THE EAST: There a number of routes, depending on where in the east you are coming from (Northern ME vs. Southern ME), so GPS is highly recommended.

FROM THE SOUTH: I-91 N to Brattleboro; take Exit 2 and follow signs to Vermont Route 30 N to Manchester; take US-7 N to Middlebury. If you are going to attend the Thursday morning Farm Tour, remain on Rte. 30-N to Severy Farm or follow US-7 N to Middlebury and then take 30 South a few miles south to the farm tour (the farm is approximately 14 minutes south on Route 30).

LODGING:

There are many options for lodging in or near Middlebury. It is booking up fast as tourists plan for the fall leaf-peeping season, so you are encouraged to make plans now rather than waiting until September. A Google search or your favorite travel site is the best place to start. These days, cancellation policies are pretty flexible, so keep that in mind if you aren't totally sure you will be able to attend. In addition to hotels, inns, camping and RV sites, VRBO (www.vrbo.com) and Airbnb (www.airbnb.com) offer vacation rentals, ranging from single rooms to whole houses; there are even Yurts on organic farms offered.

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. Visit the website at www.nodpa.com.

QUESTIONS? If you have questions about the NODPA Field Days, contact Nora Owens, NODPA Field Days Coordinator, at noraowens@comcast.net or 413-772-0444.

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The 22nd Annual NODPA Field Days

Organic Dairy: What's Next?

Sep. 29 & 30, 2022

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7823

530 Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT 05753



EARLY BIRD RATE!

Register by September 17th
(Pay ahead or in-person)

SCHEDULE: Thursday, September 29, 2022

8:30 – 11:30 am **FARM TOUR** Severy Farm

6039 Route 30, Cornwall, VT 05753

Nate and Kerianne Severy own Severy Farm LLC, a 60-milking head 100% grass-fed organic dairy farm and Kings AgriSeeds seed dealership located in Cornwall VT. "We strive to produce high quality products that nourish, protect, and enhance the people, animals, and ecosystem that we serve in a manner that is forward thinking and preserves the heritage, traditions, and history of our community." – Nate Severy Milk is sold to both Organic Valley for fluid milk, and to Champlain Creamery for Artisanal Cheese. The Severy's recently bought the cattle and equipment from Nate's father and are working on the final details of buying 125 acres of the family's main farm where Nate grew up.

Noon-1:00 pm **REGISTRATION AND LUNCH**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7823, 530 Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT 05753

1:00 – 2:30 **Best Nutrition Strategies at Times of High Grain and Input Costs**

Sara Ziegler, Soils and Crops Coordinator, UVM Extension, Heather Darby, Agronomic and Soils Specialist and Extension Professor, UVM Extension, and Bill Kipp, Nutritionist and Dairy Consultant, Independent Dairy Consultants, Inc., Middlebury, VT

2:30 – 2:45 **BREAK**

2:45 – 4:00 **Strategies for a Sustainable Pay Price for Organic Dairy - What Could Work: Supply Management? State & Federal Subsidies? Retail Subsidies? Producer Controlled Branded Product?**

Panel Discussion with: Jim Goodman and Siena Chrisman, National Family Farm Coalition; Tade Sullivan (Maine Dairy Industry Association (MDIA), Dan Smith, New England Dairy Compact author; Sharad Mathur, DFA



4:00 – 5:00 **Organic Dairy Producers' Contract Termination: How the Organic Dairy Community is responding: A review and update on the current developments and initiatives focused on this issue including,**

- NY-NE Organic Dairy Consortium – Daniel Moran
- DBIC grant to NODPA and NOFA VT – Ed Maltby
- Northeast Organic Family Farm Partnership – Olga Moriarty (Invited)
- ALLPUR Nutrition Inc. Innovative Dairy Beverages – Mary Ann Clark, CEO

5:00 – 6:00 **TRADE SHOW AND SOCIAL HOUR**

6:00 – 7:30 **NODPA ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET:**

Liz Bawden & Kirk Arnold, NODPA Board Co-Presidents, and Ed Maltby, NODPA Executive Director

7:30 – 9:00 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:**

"Now That I No Longer Milk Cows..."
Views and perspective on organic dairy, the regenerative label, competition, and much more with **JIM GOODMAN**, National Family Farm Coalition Board President



He and his wife, Rebecca, ran a 45-cow organic dairy and direct-market beef farm in southwest Wisconsin for 40 years. His farming roots trace back to his great-grandparents immigration from Ireland during the famine and the farm's original purchase in 1848. A farm activist, Jim credits more years of failed farm, trade and social policy than he cares to think about as his motivation to advocate for a farmer-controlled, consumer-oriented food system.

9:00 pm **MEETING ADJOURNS**

Friday, September 30, 2022

6:30 – 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7823, 530 Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT 05753

7:00 – 9:00 **PRODUCER-ONLY MEETING: A meeting in which producers can speak freely about all things related to the organic dairy industry.**

9:00 – 10:45 **Cost of Production: How the numbers impact current and future organic dairy operations**

Presenters: Jen Miller, Farmer Services Director, NOFA-VT, Sarah Flack, Independent Dairy Consultant and Author, Farmer Panel: Sebastien Latraverse, Spring Brook Farm, Westfield, VT, and Kirk Arnold, Twin Oaks Dairy, Truxton, NY.

10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK**

11:00 – Noon **ASK THE VET: Come with all your cow care questions for this Q&A and Discussion**

Presenters: Dayna Locitzer, DVM, Green Mountain Bovine Clinic, Chesterfield, NH and Elizabeth Martens, DVM, Valleywide Veterinary Services, Bridport, VT

Noon – 1:15 pm **LUNCH and final announcements**

1:15 – 1:30 **Travel to Harrison's Homegrown Organic Dairy Farm**

8180 Vermont Route 22A, Addison, VT 05491

1:30 pm **FARM TOUR: Harrison's Homegrown**

1:30 pm **FARM TOUR** Harrison's Homegrown Organic Dairy

8180 Vermont Route 22A, Addison, VT 05491

Patrick and Melanie Harrison manage 900 acres of forages, milk 180 Jersey cows and raise 150 heifers in Addison, Vermont. Since transitioning to organic in 2012, their goal of producing high quality forages has meant focusing on building fertility and improving sward density and composition while managing compaction on their heavy clay soils of the Champlain Valley.



REGISTRATION FORM

The 22nd Annual NODPA Field Days and Producer Meeting and Dinner



	COST		QTY	TOTAL
	Early	On-Site		
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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