

January 15, 2019
Tuesday

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Q and A: Animal welfare and Maine agriculture -- Aroostook/Androscoggin "Daily Resource Room at the Show"

Meet Department staff from the [Animal Welfare Program](#). Receive insight on a proactive approach to communicate and educate about animal agriculture in your town.

Do you have questions about ways to communicate best practices to support farm biosecurity?

Are you looking to provide local animal control officers with information about livestock handling?

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Do you want to know more about the State of Maine Animal Response Team (SMART)?

Curious about how livestock are protected?

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Are you curious about the [Dairy Improvement Fund](#)?

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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Q and A About Industrial Hemp in Maine -- Aroostook/Androscoggin "Daily Resource Room at the Show"

State horticulturist, Gary Fish hosts an informal forum so that you may ask questions about licensing to grow [industrial hemp production](#) in Maine.

What is the process for becoming licensed to grow industrial hemp in Maine? Want to know where you can find more information about industrial hemp? How much does it cost and what information is needed to apply?

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FarmShare at <http://bit.ly/AttendAgTradesShow2019>

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Q and A about Dairy licensing in Maine -- Cumberland Room "Daily Resource Room at the Show"

Meet staff from [Maine's dairy inspection program](#), which provides support to farms and dairies who produce milk and sell dairy products.

Are you interested in value-added dairy production? What is the Maine Milk Quality Laboratory and what can, and does, it test?

Looking for information about how to use these resources?

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Q and A: Emerald Ash Borer with Gary Fish -- Cumberland Room "Daily Resource Room at the Show"

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Are you curious about Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and its existence in Maine? Are you looking for updates about the stop movement order, the proposed quarantines or biological control for EAB?

The value of forest and landscape ash trees in Maine is around \$1,000,000. Learn what you might do to slow the spread or salvage the value of ash trees in your forest or landscape.

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Q&A with the Maine Meat and Poultry Inspection staff -- Cumberland Room "Daily Resource Room at the Show"

You're invited to a Q&A with the [Maine Meat and Poultry Inspection](#) staff.

Staff are available to answer questions about Meat and Poultry Inspection program in Maine.

Are you looking for information about meat inspection ranging from rabbits, to poultry to beef and pork? Do you want to know resources available to you to help sell quality meat product? Are you curious about how to setup a processing enterprise? Where can you find a licensed processor for your product?

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get real. get Maine! Producer Showcase --

Aroostook/Androscoggin/Cumberland

Meet the makers of, and shop for, Maine's best agricultural food, artisan crafted products and more.

Enjoy an evening at the show and get to know how and where you can buy Maine goods across the state to help grow Maine agriculture!

Featured purveyors include: A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm, Maine Winery Guild, Grey Goose Gourmet, Riverside Lavender Farm, Christopher Hastings Confections, and more!

Learn more at www.getrealmaine.com

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Q and A with the QAR team -- Cumberland Room "Daily Resource Room at the Show"

Quality Assurances and Regulations (QAR) program of the Department. Staff are available to meet with Maine's food and agricultural producers.

Listen to inspector team members as they review topics such as licensing--including what's required, and what's not. Get pro tips and tricks to use third-party resources, such as laboratory testing, to keep your food business ready for market at any level of production, and find the right form and certification information for your operation. Bring your questions, and leave with connections!

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Scale testing with Quality Assurances and Regulations --
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