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Time	Conference	Description
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Registration Required Room: Arnold/Howard	Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry and University of Maine Cooperative Extension	Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, farm food safety best practices, and co-management of natural resources and food safety. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule training requirement. Register CEU: Pesticide
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Building Bridges Between Farmers and Schools Host: Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition Maine Farm & Sea to School & Maine Farm and Sea to School Network	Join us for this networking and educational session, and hear how you can get involved and work with your local schools. School food service directors and farmers discuss successful working relationships bringing more local foods to Maine students. Updates on Maine's Local Food Fund and new federal Local Food for Schools program for selling to schools.
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Cultivating Knowledge through Immersive Food System Experiences Host: Maine Nutrition Council	Join us on a journey to learn about the Professional Development in Agriculture Literacy (PDAL) grant and the impact on Maine Career & Technical Education Culinary Art Chef Instructors and their students. Four educational experiences will be highlighted: Culinary Arts Summer Institute, Local Food Competition, Mini-grants, and classroom lessons.
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Hancock	Maine Senior FarmShare Information & Farmer Training Host: Maine Senior FarmShare	Join Maine Senior FarmShare Program Manager to learn about participating in the program and gain training on program requirements.
9:00 AM - 4:00 AM Room: Ft. Western	High Bush Blueberry Production Workshop Host: University of Maine Cooperative Extension	An in-depth workshop on growing high bush blueberries, from variety selection to pest management, for people interested in commercial production. Pesticide Credits: Attend all three for 1 credit: 10:30-11:00 BB Variety Characteristics 11:00-11:30 Site Selection & Preparation 11:30-12:00 Planting & Early Care Attend all three for 1 credit: 1:00-1:30 BB Plant Nutrition Done Right 1:30-2:00 Pruning BB Bushes Young and Old 2:00-2:30 Pest Identification and Management CEU: Pesticide

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Board of Pesticides Control Update Host: UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control	John Pietroski, BPC CEU: Pesticide
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Room: Washington/York	Maine Agritourism Summit Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Join us for the inaugural agritourism summit! Come with questions about what types of agritourism might be ideal for your farm, best practices for marketing, risk management, and business ideas. Plus, there will be plenty of time for networking with other farmers.
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Room: Somerset	PFAS Fund Advisory Committee Public Hearing Host: PFAS Fund	Join the PFAS Fund Advisory Committee and DACF staff to learn about-and help shape the programs being supported by the PFAS Fund. You will hear how DACF has assisted PFAS-impacted farms to date and learn about the status of new programs being developed by the PFAS Fund, tentative timeframes for availability, and application processes. You will also be asked to share your ideas for research priorities and implementation strategies. Join on Zoom
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Maine Dairy Leadership Cohort Training Host: Maine Cheese Guild	Financial Planning and Leadership
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Drones, Wild Blueberry Disease, Bugs in Wild Blueberries and their Management Host: UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Into the Weeds on Drone Spraying, Lily Calderwood, UMaine • Wild BB Disease Update, Seanna Annis, UMaine • Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, & New Bugs in Wild BB & Their Management, Phillip Fanning, UMaine 2 pesticide credits for attending all three CEU: Pesticide
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Room: Howard	Maine's Food Processing: Collaborations for High Impact Host: Maine Food Convergence Project	Learn about Food Processing interventions sparked by the statewide Food Processing Work Group, including new avenues that gets immigrant and other BIPOC farm produce to schools, hospitals, and Dept. of Corrections facilities. Learn and discuss how we are gaining momentum by forging connections for highest impact. Share your processing-related work and keep an eye out for potential collaborations.

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Hancock	Farmer Training Session Host: Maine Women, Infants, Children, and Farmers Market Nutrition Program	This session will give insight on WIC's purpose, eligible foods, requirements, and process. Apply to become a Maine WIC Farmer.
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Room: Somerset	Meet the PFAS Staff Host: PFAS Fund	Staff from DACF's PFAS Response and PFAS Fund programs will be available for conversations about the Departments PFAS response activities.
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Hancock	Agroforestry and Permaculture Design for Farmers Host: Maine Ecological Design School	Learn about the intelligent design of productive tree and shrub systems into the farm landscape. We will discuss the steps in an ecological design process that includes agroforestry forms of production including alley cropping, silvopasture, conservation buffers, windbreaks and more.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Room: Auditorium Main Stage	Maine Immigrant Greens Collaborative Host: Maine Immigrant Greens Collaborative	Learn how Maine farms, communities, and processors are inviting new Mainers to the table by helping feature locally grown, hearty greens (collard greens, kale, and up-cycled brassica leaves).
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Room: Auditorium Main Stage	The Good Crust Host: The Good Crust	Learn about the Maine grains used for this delicious dough, and the evolution of this start-up business expanding new product lines for customers in Maine and beyond!
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Plant Disease Updates- What a Year! Host: UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control	Alicyn Smart, UMaine CEU: Pesticide
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Building a Local Resilient Food System Host: Maine Farm & Sea Cooperative	Come learn about two exciting collaboratives utilizing local produce, processed locally, for institutional meal creation. Come learn how Maine farmers can create new revenue streams by finding a channel to market for second quality products and how upcycled brassica greens can be a viable commodity.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Somerset	Farmer Drought Relief Program Listening Session Host: Farmer Drought Relief Program	DACF is seeking farmer input for developing rules for implementation of the Farmer Drought Relief Fund in July 2024.
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Maine Farm & Sea Membership Meeting	Come learn about two exciting collaboratives utilizing local produce, processed locally, for institutional meal creation. Come learn how Maine farmers can create

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