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Time	Conference	Description
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Room: Knox	MMPA Maple Contest Judging Space Host: Maine Maple Producers Association	Judges will evaluate Maine Maple Producer Association Meeting maple syrup contest.
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Room: Augusta/Cap/Pinetree	Forestry Forum Host: Maine Woodland Owners	A day of information and community building for Maine woodland owners and forest stewards.
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM Room: Arnold	Maine Pomological Society Winter Meeting Host: Maine Pomological Society	Welcome and Announcements
8:45 AM - 4:00 PM Room: Arnold	Maine Pomological Society Winter Meeting Host: Maine Pomological Society	This an annual meeting for tree fruit growers with important updates and the opportunity to network with colleagues.
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Annual Pesticide Re-certification Credit Offerings Host: Maine BPC	Annual credit offerings from Maine Board of Pesticides (BPC) and partners
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook, Howard	Thinking Ahead to Manage Risk on the Farm Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Choose from presentations led by farmers and ag service providers about farm transition planning and risk mitigation. Or, attend an interactive session staffed by MFRN member ag service providers for a hybrid discussion-Q&A format, where farmers can join ongoing discussions about a topic, or sit with an ag service provider.
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Howard	Land Transitioning and Land Access Planning Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Succession Planning from A Producer's Perspective
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Room: Ft. Western	Welcome and Announcements Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Room: Washington/York	Maine Maple Producers Association Annual Meeting Host: Maine Maple Producers Association	Classes, Lunch in room, and annual meeting
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Hancock	Maine Senior FarmShare Information & Farmer Training	Join Maine Senior FarmShare Program Manager to learn about participating in the program and gain training on program requirements.

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	Host: Maine Senior FarmShare	
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Room: Ft. Western	Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc. Winter Meeting Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association	Come see the latest seed varieties, trial results, info on watering and chemical updates
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Build Your Maine Agricultural Business - Maine DECD programs Host: Maine DECD - Domestic Trade Program	Meet DECD's Domestic Trade staff to learn about farm, food, retail, manufacturing programs, resources for building your business, and how the efforts work with MDACF.
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	On-Farm Risk Mitigation Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Soil Health: Mitigating Risk from the Ground Up
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Waldo	Maine Cranberry Where do we go from here? Host: Maine Cranberry Association	Gathering of any interested growers to invigorate our organization.
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Invasive Plants, Why We Regulate Them and Early Detection Resources Host: UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control	Gary Fish, DACF CEU: Pesticide
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Room: Ft. Western	Highmoor Farm Research Trials: Pumpkins, Celery, Celeriac, Artichokes Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	Peyton Ginakes, David Handley, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Arnold	Maine Pomological Society Winter Meeting Host: Maine Pomological Society	Dr. Gennaro Fazio, USDA-ARS Geneva, NY. New and Improved Apple Rootstocks
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Howard	Land Transitioning and Land Access Planning Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	How Do You Talk About Money?
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Agriculture in the tourism space and how to engage with the Maine Office of	Come learn about the Maine Office of Tourism's marketing and PR initiatives; how agritourism enhances

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Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Tourism Host: Maine Office of Tourism	the Maine 'brand'; and how you can engage with MOT programs to benefit your business.
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Somerset	Connecting Farmers and Buyers Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Come hear from wholesale, institutional, and nonprofit panelists who buy from Maine farmers and food producers. Learn what local items they are interested in purchasing, the process of selling to their institution, and the best ways to work together. Panelists will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark McBrine, Farm to Table Food Service Manager, Mountain View Correctional Facility, Charleston • Nancy Perry, Senior Sourcing Manager & Mainers Feeding Mainers Manager, Good Shepherd Food Bank, Auburn • Shelley Goraj, Food & Nutrition Director, MaineGeneral Medical Center, Augusta
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Managing Phosphorus Efficiency for Crops and the Environment Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Bruce Hoskins, Soil Scientist and Director, University of Maine Soil Testing and Analytical Laboratory. Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit. CEU: Nutrient Management
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Auditorium Main Stage	Maine Marinara Collaborative Host: Maine Marinara Collaborative	Learn about the delicious Maine ingredients coming together for this blend of Maine-made sauce helping highlight local processing and scalable menu choices for institutions throughout the state!
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Waldo	Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Grant Roundtable Discussion Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Join the MDACF roundtable discussions to learn more about upcoming grant programs such as Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) and the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP). Learn about program eligibility guidelines and past successes.
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Room: Ft. Western	Equipment for Efficiency & Small Scale Farming - Panel Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	Jared Hood John Snell, John Shenk, Trevor Hardy
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	TMI (Too Many Invasives) - What Maine is Worried About Now Host: UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control	Karen Coluzzi, DACF CEU: Pesticide

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10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Financial Risk Mitigation Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	How to Get Funding for Your Farm to Address Risk
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	The IPM Toolbox for Growers in Maine Host: UMaine Cooperative Extension/Maine Board of Pesticides Control	Hillary Peterson, DACF CEU: Pesticide
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Arnold	Maine Pomological Society Winter Meeting Host: Maine Pomological Society	Glen Koehler, UMaine Extension. Biologicals for Pest and Diseases, What Works Best and Not So Much. Glen will also give a recap of the season and an update on PFAS in spray materials. CEU: Pesticide
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Howard	Land Transitioning and Land Access Planning Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Land Transitioning and Land Access Planning
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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.
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Soil Carbon Amendment Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Tony Jenkins, State Resource Conservationist, State Soil Scientist, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit. CEU: Nutrient Management
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Waldo	Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Grant Roundtable Discussion Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Join the MDACF roundtable discussions to learn about existing funding opportunities and to share your needs and ideas for future funding opportunities.

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11:15 AM - 11:30 AM Room: Ft. Western	Farm Spotlight: Fairwinds Farm Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	Charlie Rackley
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Ft. Western	Maine Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers Annual Business Meeting Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	Brief business meeting
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!
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Arnold	Maine Pomological Society Winter Meeting Host: Maine Pomological Society	Pomological Society Business Meeting, Sam Ricker, president. Reports from standing committees on Marketing, Labor, Legislative, etc. CEU: Pesticide
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Howard	Risk Mitigation and Climate Resilience Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Managing Water: A Case Study
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Financial Risk Mitigation Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Crop Insurance: A Key Risk Mitigation Tool in the Era of Climate Change
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Washington/York	Protecting Maine's agricultural resources: policy strategies to advance farmland protection at the municipal, state, and federal level Host: Maine Farmland Trust	Wondering how to protect Maine's farmland from development pressure, why this topic matters for your farm or in your town, and how to get engaged? Join us for a session that will share resources and present strategies to advance farmland protection at various levels of government.
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Maine Beef Producers Association (MBPA) Annual Meeting Host: Maine Beef Producers Association	MBPA's Annual Meeting includes Board of Directors election and annual Awards.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Hancock	Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Program Grants	Come learn about Rural Development's grants to help agricultural producers and rural businesses, particularly our Rural Energy for America Program and Value-Added Producer Grants.

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	Host: USDA Rural Development	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Nutrient Management in Grasslands Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Jaime Garzon, PhD, Assistant Extension Professor and Dairy Forage Educator, University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit. CEU: Nutrient Management
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Board of Pesticides Control Board Meeting Host: Maine Board of Pesticides Control	1:00-1:30* Board of Pesticides Control Meeting 1:30-2:00* Open Forum for Growers, Applicators and the Public-BPC 2:00-4:00* BPC Meeting, continued *One credit for attending the entire meeting and forum CEU: Pesticide
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Ft. Western	New Vegetable Varieties, Focus on Disease Resistance Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	Tom Lewandowski, Harris Seeds and Lauchlin Titus, Seedway
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Arnold	Shared sessions with other produce growers Host: Maine Pomological Society	Shared sessions with other produce growers
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Howard	Risk Mitigation and Climate Resilience Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Land Access and Climate Change
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Arnold	Shared sessions with other produce growers Host: Maine Pomological Society	Shared sessions with other produce growers
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Ft. Western/Arnold	Managing Deer Problems on Your Farm - Panel Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	Wells Croft, NCRS, IF&W CEU: Pesticide
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Effects of Nutrient Enrichment on Water Bodies Host: Maine Department of	Thomas J. Danielson, Aquatic Toxicology Unit Leader, Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

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	Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit. CEU: Nutrient Management
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Auditorium Main Stage	The Maine Cheese Guild Host: The Maine Cheese Guild	Looking to explore more Maine cheese this coming year? Meet the cheesemaker and learn how more than 60 brands and businesses are making award-winning, mouthwatering cheese from Maine!
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Personal Risk Mitigation Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Ideas and Strategies for Managing Stress and Personal Wellness
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Ft. Western	Agricultural Chemical Update Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	PFAS: Glen Koehler, Megan Patterson, Regulatory: MBPC, New Products: Nutrien <i>Fee for non-members</i> CEU: Pesticide
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Room: Somerset	Farm Labor Listening Session Host: Merrymeeting Food Council and University of Maine Cooperative Extension	Join the Merrymeeting Food Council and UMaine Cooperative Extension to learn about new and old Ag Apprenticeship programs. We will highlight the newly passed LD 901: Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project to Support Farm Apprenticeships in Maine, which will provide funds to farms to host ag apprentices. Additionally, learn about the MOFGA apprenticeship program, and the Farm Skill Training program, managed by the Merrymeeting Food Council. There will be time to share your thoughts and needs as related to farm labor needs on your farm.
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Howard	Risk Mitigation and Climate Resilience Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Addressing Risk on Urban and Small Acreage Farms
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Room: Ft. Western/Arnold	Recognizing and Managing Stress in Difficult Times Host: Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Assoc.	Leslie Forstadt CEU: Pesticide
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Room: Auditorium Main Stage	Maine 4-H Dairy Team Recipe Demo Host: Maine 4-H	Learn how to make the award-winning grilled cheese and wild blueberry milkshake recipe from Maine's 4-H dairy team. Enjoy tasty samples featuring Maine ingredients!
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Room: Washington/York	Pie Social Host: Maine Farmers Coalition	Join our founding members for a discussion on agricultural policy and delicious pie!