

## Speaker Bios

**Heather Darby, PhD:** Agronomic and Soils Specialist for UVM Extension. She was raised on a Vermont dairy farm where she now operates a certified organic farm, marketing organic vegetables, fruits and operating a custom grazing service for local dairy farmers. Dr. Darby will share her insights on successfully growing summer annuals, forages and grains.

**Glen Dupree, DVM:** Dr. Dupree is a 1982 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine and later completed professional and advanced courses in Veterinary Homeopathy. He has qualified as a Certified Veterinary Homeopath through the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy.

**Karen Hoffman:** animal scientist and the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Coordinator with USDA-NCRS. Ms. Hoffman works with dairy and beef farmers across New York State who rotationally graze their animals, providing advice on feeding management to help them keep their costs of production low. She will discuss grazing management and grazing behavior and in a second workshop, dairy nutrition and mineral needs on pasture.

**Richard J. Holliday, DVM:** mixed animal practitioner and currently senior veterinary consultant for Helfer Feeds, Inc. He is certified as a veterinary acupuncturist and was president of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. He is actively involved in promoting organic agriculture and holistic veterinary medicine.

**Hubert Karreman, VMD:** dairy practitioner working with 85 certified and transitioning organic herds. He is author of *Treating Dairy Cows* and is a member of the National Organic Standards Board. He will share his veterinary expertise on treating common bovine health problems.

**Rick Kersbergen:** extension professor with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and co-chair of the Northeast Pasture Consortium. His research focuses on forage systems and organic dairy production.

**Anne Malleau:** Ms. Malleau has studied and worked in applied animal welfare for over 10 years and is currently the director of the Animal Compassion Foundation (Whole Foods) overseeing their education and research program. She will discuss animal welfare issues for organic and grazing farms and will also offer a workshop on lameness for these target dairies.

**Bob Parsons, PhD:** Associate Professor-Agriculture Economics at the University of Vermont, Dr Parson's activities concentrate on dairy economics, financial management, and estate planning. His research interests include dairy profitability and he works with farmers on financial management.

**J. Keith Waldron** (Livestock and Field Crops Coordinator, NYS Integrated Pest Management): Mr. Waldron received his M.S. from North Carolina State University and has been the Livestock and Field Crops Coordinator since 1985. He works with organic and grazing herds to control flies and other external pests.

## Understanding Organics & Grazing: Livestock Management and Health

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT), in partnership with Quality Milk Production Services (QMPS) of Cornell University, are pleased to host their second annual conference **designed to educate extension personnel, veterinarians, nutritionists, and other professionals working with organic or transitioning livestock producers.**

This conference, funded in part through a Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NESARE), will provide opportunities to develop a basic foundation in organic livestock production or expand on existing knowledge for the experienced participant.

These events will qualify for **Continuing Education Credit/Professional Development Units** and will provide classroom style learning, interactive problem solving and networking opportunities.

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## Conference Coordinators

**Lisa McCrory** is the Project Coordinator and works for NOFA-VT as a Dairy and Livestock Consultant. Lisa is involved with eOrganic Extension, is the web and newsletter Editor for the Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance, and a consultant for the VT/ME Organic Dairy Econ Study (2004 – 2007). [lmccrory@together.net](mailto:lmccrory@together.net), 802-234-5524.

**Linda Tikofsky, DVM**, is an extension veterinarian with QMPS and works with organic and conventional dairy farmers on milk quality and udder health. She is involved in both research and educational programs focused on organic production. [Lg40@cornell.edu](mailto:Lg40@cornell.edu), 607-255-8202.

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**Arden J. Nelson, DVM** – veterinarian and nutritionist who will share his experience as conventional dairy consultant, dairy researcher, conventional dairyman, organic dairyman, and now grass fed, certified organic raw milk and cheese producer.

**Emily Brown-Rosen**- Policy Director for Pennsylvania Certified Organic who also provides technical, educational, and research services for organic certifiers and organizations.

**Jerry Brunetti** - Founder of Agri-Dynamics, a company dedicated to the production of holistic remedies for farm livestock, equine and companion animals. Mr. Brunetti will discuss veterinary botanicals for herd health on organic and grazing dairies.

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**Partial Scholarships** are available and will be considered on a case-by-case basis: for more information contact NOFA-VT at 802-434-4122

**Poster Presentations:** Will highlight recently completed and ongoing research impacting organic and grazing dairy farms. To be considered, please send your abstract (by August 31<sup>st</sup>) to Linda Tikofsky, DVM, QMPS, Cornell University, 22 Thornwood Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850, LG40@cornell.edu.

**Exhibitor Space:** (Includes registration for 1 person) \$325; \$175 for each additional person (limit 2): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Conference Agenda

### Day 1: Tuesday, October 28

12:00 to 12:45	<b>Registration/Trade Show Opens/Poster Session Opens</b>	
1pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b> (Lisa McCrory & Linda Tikofsky)	

~ Concurrent Workshop Sessions ~

1:30 to 3:00	<b>Workshop 1 (VET) Your Veterinary Tool Box</b> Treatments and approaches for common farm issues (Dr. Hubert Karreman)	<b>Workshop 1 (EXT) Grazing Management</b> Nutrition and behavior on pasture (Karen Hoffman)
3:30 - 5	<b>Animal Welfare</b> (Anne Malleau)	
5:00 to 5:30	<b>Introduction of Poster Session</b>	
5:30 - 6:30	Happy Hour in Tradeshow: See Posters & Exhibits	

### Day 2: Wednesday, October 29

8:00am	<b>Tradeshow &amp; Poster Session Opens</b>	
8:30 to 9:00	<b>Outlook for Organics in VT/NY/Northeast</b> -Patrick Hooker, NY Commissioner of Agriculture - Roger Albee, VT Secretary of Agriculture - Regina Beidler, NOFA-VT Board Member, organic dairy farmer	
9:00 to 10:30	<b>Keynote: Arden Nelson DVM.</b> Previously a nutrition consultant for conventional dairy farms, Dr. Nelson is now an organic dairy farmer and veterinarian in Colorado. He will describe his experience transitioning to organic and developing a value-added milk bottling facility	
11:00 to 12:15	<b>Track 1 (VET) Organic Rules, Regulations and Materials</b> (Emily Brown Rosen)	<b>Track 2 (EXT) Internal Parasites and Fly Control</b> (Keith Waldron)

## Conference Agenda Cont.

### Day 2 (Cont.): October 29

1:30 to 3:30	<b>Dairy Nutrition and Mineral Needs on a High Forage Diet</b> (Karen Hoffman)	
4:00 to 5:30	<b>Track 1 (VET) Veterinary Botanicals for Herd Health on Organic Dairies</b> (Jerry Brunetti)	<b>Track 2 (EXT) Budgeting &amp; Cost of Production: Making best financial choices around rations and management</b> (Dr Bob Parsons and Rick Kersbergen)

### Day 3: Thursday, October 30

8:30 to 10:00	<b>Track 1 (VET) Homeopathy on the Dairy Farm: Practical uses</b> (Dr. Glen Dupree)	<b>Track 2 (EXT) Growing Summer Annuals, Grains, and Forages</b> (Dr. Heather Darby)	<b>Track 3 (Open) Building a Holistic Foundation for Animal Health</b> (Dr. Richard Holliday)
10:30 to 12:00	<b>Track 1 (VET) Lameness Workshop:</b> (Ann Malleau)	<b>Track 2 (EXT) Producer Panel: Transitioning to Organic Dairy</b>	
12 to 12:30	<b>Conference Closing and Evaluations</b>		
1:00 to 5:00	<b>Optional Extra! Field Trip to Organic Dairy Farm</b> Join us as we travel to a nearby organic dairy farm for treatment case studies, management, nutrition, and more.		

The tradeshow and poster session will run continuously, giving you the opportunity to visit with our sponsors and exhibitors.

**Lodging:** Please call: (315) 253-4531 to reserve a room at the Auburn Holiday Inn and identify yourself as a registrant for the 'NOFA Conference' to receive a discounted room rate. For more information including directions go to: [www.hiauburn.com](http://www.hiauburn.com)

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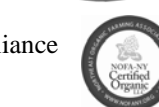
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