



**Southern Aroostook  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District**

# WINTER AG SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 19 – APRIL 18, 2020

## HEALTHY SOILS, HEALTHY FARMS

*Learn how healthy soil practices can benefit your farm operation.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 9:00AM – 3:00 PM

UMPI, Campus Center Multipurpose Room

*Brendon Rockey, Rockey Farms, Colorado*

*Matt Ramsay, Oyster Cove Farms, PEI*

### WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- The Science & Profitability of Soil Health
- Research on Potato Farmer Perspectives
- Reduced Tillage, Rotations & Cover Crops
- Farmer Panel

**COST: \$15**

For a full agenda and to purchase tickets:

<https://www.maineFarmlandtrust.org/event/healthy-soils-healthy-farms/>

**PARTNERS:** Maine Farmland Trust, UMaine Cooperative Extension, CASWCD

**PESTICIDE Credits:** 2

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT:** 4

**CCA CREDITS:** 3 Soil/Water Mgmt, 1 Crop Mgmt

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US EPA under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.*

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## WEED ID & CONTROL MEASURES FOR ROW CROP GROWERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Houlton High School, Room 34

*Gavin Graham, IPM Specialist, New Brunswick Dept of Ag*

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Weed Control and Identification
- Common Problem Weeds
- Herbicide Resistance

**PESTICIDE Credits:** 2

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## SONGBIRD & INSECT DECLINES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Houlton Higher Education Center, Room 111, Bangor Rd, Houlton

*Adrienne Leppard, Ornithologist, IF&W*

*Sarah Haggerty, Conservation Biologist, Maine Audubon*

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- What's happening to numbers in Maine – Current Research & Data
- What declines could mean for our future
- How can we help?

## FORESTRY NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Houlton Higher Education Center, Bangor Rd, Houlton

*Eric Kingsley, Forest Economist, Innovative Nat'l Resource Solutions*

*Scott Ferland, Mill Mgr for Maine Woods Co.*

*Mike Parisio, Entomologist, MFS*

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Economic Trends in Forest Industry
- Mills & the Hardwood Log Market
- Economic Impact of Forest Pests in Northern Maine

**CREDITS:** ½ day recertification CLP; 3 QLP;

SAF & LFP 2.5 Category 1

## BEEKEEPING

*General overview of beekeeping in Maine for beginners & experienced beekeepers*

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 9:00AM – NOON

Cup Café, 61 Military St., Houlton (downstairs of Unitarian Church)

*Lincoln Sennett, Swans Honey.*

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Overwintering Honey Bees in Northern Maine
- Understanding & Reducing Honeybee Stressors
- Dealing with Varroa Mites: Biology, Monitoring & Testing
- Honey Production

*Coffee and pastries will be available for purchase*

### INTRODUCTION TO

## WOMEN'S CHAINSAW SAFETY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 8:00AM – 4:00 PM

Meduxnekeag Ramblers Snowsled Club, Wiley Rd, Littleton

*Pamela Wells, Wells Forest and Oakleaf Studio*

*Amanda Mahaffey, Forest Stewards Guild*

*tish carr, Forestry Consultant*

- Learn the fundamentals of safe chainsaw use
- What to wear: Head to toe protection gear
- How to fix and sharpen a chainsaw as well as oil chain
- "Cookie" cutting for practice

*Lunch will be provided*

**COST:\$15**

Pre-registration is required\*

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