

Niche Meat Processing Webinars

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10-11am PST/1-2pm EST

"Interstate Sales of State Inspected Meats" USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service issued its proposed rules last month, and public comments are due Nov. 16. On this webinar, we will discuss the proposal, highlighting elements NMPAN has identified as important for comment. At the time of the webinar, go to:

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/nichemeat/> and follow instructions

A Vision for the Future of Agriculture - Kathleen Merrigan Lecture

October 20, 2009. Ames, Iowa. Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, is the former director of the Agriculture, Food and Environment Program at Tufts University, where she was on faculty in the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. She will speak about her initiatives in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she is second in command. Complete details at

<http://www.lectures.iastate.edu/lecture/18656>

GROW BIOINTENSIVE: Sustainable Mini-Farming Workshop

October 22-24, 2009. Fairfield, IA. This workshop is an exciting opportunity for farmers and gardeners of all levels to gain an in-depth understanding of the GROW BIOINTENSIVE philosophy and techniques developed by John Jeavons and the Ecology Action staff over the past 37 years. For more information, go to www.johnjeavons.info or call John Jeavons at (707) 459-5958. Cost: The workshop cost is \$350 if registration is received by September 22, plus approximately \$70 for the publications. Lunches and a networking dinner are included; lodging and other meals are not

eXtension National Conference

October 20-23, 2009. St. Louis, Missouri. eXtension is pleased to host the first eXtension National Conference bringing together everyone involved in and interested in eXtension for exciting keynote speakers, concurrent breakout sessions, networking, round table discussions, formal and informal presentations and more on how to effectively inform, educate, and engage online customers.

<http://about.extension.org/2009-extension-national-conference/>

Upcoming

Fall Grape Growers Workshop

October 31. Lincoln. Fall Grape Growers Workshop. Vineyard floor management and weed management will be the featured topics: How do you control those pesky goblins (weeds) that steal water and nutrients? What are the pros and cons of clean cultivation

versus cover crops for row middles? More information will be forthcoming at <http://agronomy.unl.edu/viticulture/>.

Center for Grassland Studies Fall 2009 Seminar Series

Monday, October 26th. 3:00 pm-4:00 pm. Heidi Hillhouse, Post Doctoral Research Associate, Dept. of Agronomy and Horticulture, UNL, will present "Patterns of Plant Establishment in Tallgrass Prairie Plantings" <http://www.grassland.unl.edu/semf09.html>. Location: East Campus Union, 35th St and East Campus Loop Lincoln NE 68583

Strawberry Webinar

October 30, 2009. This free berry webinar (internet seminars), funded by the Northeastern IPM Center, is designed to provide interdisciplinary education in pest management to northeastern US berry crop growers. Small fruit production and pest issues addressed in this series are those posing the greatest challenge to northeastern growers, and those issues that have been the focus of recent research projects. This webinar will focus on strawberry disease and weed management.

<http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/Berries/webinarindex.htm>

Event Listing

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