

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York and Thompson-Finch Farm Present...



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Organic Berries and Apples: Adding Value and Diversity to Your Farm

When: Sunday July 17th, 1:00pm-4:30pm (potluck 4:30pm-6:00pm)
Where: Thompson-Finch Farm: 750 Wiltsie Bridge Rd, Ancram, NY 12502

Thompson-Finch Farm is one of the largest and oldest organic fruit farms in the Hudson Valley/Berkshire Mountain region, growing certified organic fruit. The farm, run by Don and Marnie Maclean for 29 years, has been owned by Marnie's family for five generations. Strawberries are the largest crop, complemented by blueberries, fall raspberries and apples as well as mixed vegetables, greenhouse tomatoes, potatoes and other field crops. On July 17th, The Macleans will host a beginning farmer-gearred tour and lecture to provide insight into the practices and tools used in the production of five acres of strawberries, one acre of blueberries and a half acre of raspberries at Thompson-Finch Farm. To ensure that new farmers, or new-to-berry-crops farmers, understand the positive impacts as well as the challenges of berry farming, the tour and talks will include information on crop rotation, site preparation, planting, cultivation, specialized tools and equipment, crop protection, harvest and sales. Organic apple production may also be covered, time allowing. A potluck supper follows the workshop; please bring food to share and your own place settings. If you have any questions regarding this workshop, please contact Rachel at (585) 271-1979 ext. 511.

This workshop is FREE for NOFA-NY Members and \$15 for all others. To pre-register by July 11th, visit our online registration site through www.nofany.org/events/field-days or call Katie at (585) 271-1979 ext. 512.

