

**Maine Farm Days  
Workshops for Pesticide Credit**

**Friday, August 21, 2009**

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Participants receive one (1) re-certification credit per workshop.

**Friday, August 21, 2009**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**Pesticide Storage and Handling**

Presented By, Dick Brzozowski,

11:10 AM to 12:10 PM

**Cover Crops and No-Till Corn Production**

Presented By, Rick Kersbergen

12:20 PM to 1:30 PM

**Asian Longhorned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and other invasive forest pests**

Presented By, Charlene Donohue

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

**Pesticide News; Maine BPC, National Agricultural Health Study**

Presented By, Lebelles Hicks

2:40 PM to 3:40 PM

**How to identify, prevent & manage pasture and barnyard flies**

Presented By, Kathy Murray

3:50 PM

**Best Management Practices for B.t. Corn Sweet and Field Corn**

Presented By, Lauchlin Titus

**Saturday Classes Listed Inside**

Customized Credit for Private  
Pesticide Applicators

Forms are available at

Cooperative Extension's home page  
[www.umext.maine.edu](http://www.umext.maine.edu)

It is for work properly performed by the farmer/grower prior to coming to 2009 Maine Farm Days to be held at Barker Dairy Farm 9 Barker Road Leeds Maine on Friday, August 21 th. The farmer/grower/applicator completes this questionnaire and brings it to the event for approval/authorization.

the necessary paperwork will be submitted to the Board of Pesticides Control for the appropriate credit.

**Maine Farm Days**  
Renewable Energy  
Innovation For Our Energy Future

Public Welcome!  
FREE Admission!

**August 21-22, 2009  
Barker Farm  
Leeds, ME**

Farmer's Market \* Food Booths \* Children's Learning Center

**An Agricultural Trade Show  
Held  
on a Working Farm**

**The Barker Farm, 9 Barker Road,  
Leeds, ME**

**[mainefarmdays.com](http://mainefarmdays.com)**

**Event Schedule**

Check at the Headquarters booth for additions/changes and final grounds locations

9:00 a.m.	<b>Friday 9 am - 5pm</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Saturday 9 am - 5pm</b>
9:00 a.m.	Exhibit Area Opens	9:30 a.m.	Exhibit Area Opens
10:00 a.m.	Equipment Demos	10:00 a.m.	First Time Tractor Owners
10:00 a.m.	Commissioner Brunch	10:00 a.m.	Wagon Tours Start
	Wagon Tours Start	10:00 a.m.	Tillage Tool Demo
	Mowing, Tedding, Raking Demo	12 Noon	Milking Contest
10:00 a.m.	Genex AI Refresher Course	12:15 p.m.	Maine Young Farmers Tractor Rodeo
11:00 a.m.	Equipment Demos	1:00 p.m.	Equipment Demos
11:00 a.m.	Farm Bureau Women	1:00 p.m.	Dairy Princess Presentation
11:00 a.m.	Maine Young Farmers—Tractor Rodeo		

**Agribusiness exhibits:** Come see all the vendors that may or may not, frequent your farm. Catch up with tractor and feed dealers. See the latest in farm technology, and purchase some of the things that you can only get once a year!

**Conservation Wagon Tour:** Tours to the dairy barn, ground water improvement project, forestry activities, and crop trials. Sponsored by Kennebec Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural resources Conservation Service, and Maine Antique Tractors.

**Children's Learning Center:** Assorted farm animals for children to see and pet, as well as "hands on" activities for the child heart. Make sure to bring the whole family, kids learn how the food is made, and see where it comes from!

**Concessions:** Chicken Barbecue presented by the Pine Tree Camp, and sponsored by Farm Family Insurance; from 11am - 3pm each day. All proceeds to benefit the children that attend this great camp! Other concessions available too, keep your eyes peeled for ice cream, burgers, dogs, and other foods.

**Craft Tent:** Maine Farm Days own craft fair! Come see your favorite craftsmen from years past and new additions too. A wide variety of handmade goods, crafts, clothing and trinkets.

**Crop Trials:** Want to see how that seed you have been wondering about stacks up? Come check out the crop trials. New and improved, see several varieties of corn and other forages. See how they fare in the field, then see how they fare in the silo after the equipment demonstrations.

**Dairy Princess Competition:** The second annual Dairy Princess competition starts right at Maine Farm Days. Each pageant entrant is sponsored by a Maine Dairy farm. Come to the speakers tent to hear the contestants talk about their sponsoring farm

**Forage Contest:** See how your forage compares to others in the state. Prizes awarded for best quality hay, bunk silage and wrapped feed samples. Entries will be accepted from 9 - noon on August 15th.

**Farm Bureau Women:** Serving ice cream throughout the day to raise money for their ongoing programs.

**Forestry Activities:** Demonstrations throughout the day by MEMIC. Learn the proper use and care of a chainsaw. See the speakers tent section for specific times of demonstrations. One of last year's most popular attractions.

**Maine Young Farmers Tractor Rodeo-** This fun competition for 14-16 year olds teaches safety and tractor driving techniques. Must have taken tractor safety course.

**Pesticide Recertification:** One hour presentations daily, don't miss this opportunity to collect credits for you recertification. Receive one



**FREE ADMISSION!**

**COME AND VISIT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR AT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FARM**

Farm Days, Inc. joins the host family, USDA, state agricultural agencies, farm organizations and cooperating farm equipment and service dealers in sponsoring this agricultural exhibition. For more information contact Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District at (207)753-9400xt.#3 during business hours, John & Belinda Stoughton, Pres./Treas; Clinton, ME (207) 426-8586 or Ben Blackwell, Sec.; Madison, ME (207)314-0879.

## 2009 Maine Farm Days Speaking Schedule

### Friday August 21

#### 9:00 AM The Asian Longhorned Beetle

Presented By, Anne Bills

#### 10:00 AM Carbon Sequestration

Presented By, Susan Gammon

#### 11:00AM Farmland protection

Presented By, Stephanie Gilbert

### At the Grain and Oilseeds demonstra- tion area

#### 11:00AM To 12:30 PM Methane Diges- tion on a Medium-sized Maine Dairy Farm

Presented by, Jeff Bragg and Will Brinton

#### 12:45 PM to 2:15 PM Getting Started with Small Grain and Oilseed Production

Presented By, Cooperate Extension Educa-  
tors

#### 1:00 PM Community Wind Technology

Presented By, Kirk Nadeau

#### 2:00PM Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)

Presented By, Lauchlin Titus

### Saturday August 22

#### 9:00 AM Solar Energy

Presented By, Nancy Chandler

#### 10:00 AM Community Wind Technology

Presented By Kirk Nadeau

#### 11:00 AM Carbon Sequestration

Presented By Susan Gammon

#### 1:00 PM Maine Dairy Princess Scholar- ship Pageant

Sponsored by Clinton Lions Fair Associa-  
tion

#### 2:00 PM Conservation Easements

Presented By, The Androscoggin Land Trust

# Welcome to the Barker Dairy Farm

## Owned and Operated by David and Vicky Barker Leeds, Maine/Androscoggin County

Barker Farm, Inc., a fifth-generation farm owned and operated by David and Vicky Barker, is a conventional dairy farm located in Leeds (Androscoggin County), Maine. They milk 110 Holstein dairy cattle and raise their own replacement animals. Vicky handles all aspects of the dairy herd, milking the animals daily and managing the herd health with assistance from David and their sons. David and his father handle the field work and all the maintenance issues that arise with managing 140 acres of silage corn, 75 acres of high density grain corn and 175 acres of hay. The Barkers have done an exemplary job maintaining their land, water and animal resources in such a way as to have minimal detrimental impact on the environment.



The Barkers over the years have and continue to manage their land under conservation principles. They have participated in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program

(EQIP), a program of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), to develop adequate waste storage facilities and heavy use areas, and are developing fences and improving the pastureland for the development of a rotational grazing system that will help protect a stream. They also maintain existing practices that were installed by his father with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service.

"Technical and financial assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service is essential to establish improved conservation measures," said David Barker. "The technical assistance helps the

farming and land use activities. The escalating costs of fuel and feed have offset any gains in milk prices. This emphasizes the importance of cost-share assistance for the installation of conservation measures."

The Barkers are currently working with the Cooperative Extension Service in developing forage harvest trials. They are also building a corn furnace to provide heat for the milk room and house. The furnace will burn 4X4 round bales of corn stalks as a alternative fuel.

In 2007 the Barkers had a State of Maine WoodsWISE Forest Management Plan at the Stewardship level developed for the farm's woodlands with an emphasis on wildlife habitat.

They participated in the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), another NRCS program, to relocate an access road away from a vernal pool area.



### Barker Farm Accomplishments Include:

- Chosen as the Cooperator of the Year in 1998 by the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. The Barker family was previously awarded the Outstanding Cooperator Award at the transition of ownership from David's grandfather to David's father some years back.
- A Conservation Security Program (CSP) recipient through NRCS in 2006, receiving a 10-year contract in the Lower Androscoggin River Watershed. The Barkers hosted a CSP celebration for the recipients in that watershed.

- Hosted Maine Farm Days in the late 1990's.

David has earned and won the respect of the Androscoggin farming community. He goes out of his way to assist other farmers when there is a need, i.e., instrumental in finding ways to make a broken piece of equipment operate, sometimes building replacement parts.

The Barkers epitomize the word "conservationist" and exemplify land stewardship, and are proud of their natural resource and environmental achievements.

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**The farm is located in North Leeds just east of Rt. 106 and just north of where the railroad tracks cross Rt. 106 (also called the Leeds/Livermore Falls Road).**

**To get to the farm, the Leeds Road (Rt. 106) leaves Rt. 133 and goes south to Barker Road and the Barker Farm. Or, Rt. 106 leaves Rt. 219 on Livermore Falls Road (Rt. 106) and goes north to the Barker Farm.**

### Pesticide Recertification Credits Saturday August 22

**10:00 AM Managing Wildlife Damage: An integrated Approach to Protecting Agriculture**  
Presented By, USDA/ Wildlife Services

**11:10 AM Sweet Corn IPM**  
Presented By, David Hanley

**12:20PM Best Management Practices for B.t.Sweet Corn and Field Corn**  
Presented By, John Jemison

**1:30 PM Vegetable Disease Walk**  
Presented By, Mark Hutton