



Northeast Organic Farming Association/ Massachusetts Chapter
Presents

2011 Advanced Growers' Fall Seminar

With Harvey Ussery

The Modern Homestead

Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5, 2011

(From 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on both days)

Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park Street, Barre, MA

This two-day seminar focuses on achieving greater food independence using innovative models for increasing production on the homestead and small farm. The seminar will present an integrative, whole-systems approach to achieve maximum diversity and biological efficiencies that imitate nature while minimizing reliance on purchased solutions. Learning methods for soil care, cropping, and livestock husbandry, the participant will gain confidence in declaring their independence from the prevailing agricultural system.

Topics covered include:

- * Soil care that minimizes tillage, understanding how the soil food web and natural soil fertility informs systems of feeding the soil with composts, mulches, and cover crops.
- * Preventing crop damage by insects through support of biological diversity.
- * Livestock husbandry: strategies include natural feeding and remedies, and "stacking" of species.
- * Mushroom cultivation for edibles, medicinals, and recycling woody "wastes."
- * Converting organic "wastes" into resources using earthworms and soldier grubs, which create compost while also providing high-protein feeds for poultry, pigs, or farmed fish, reducing dependence on purchased feeds.
- * Natural food storage to enable you to eat fresh and local produce year-round; lacto-fermented foods, and season extension, winter salad greens.

The seminar will be conducted as a lecture accompanied by an extensive series of slides to illustrate the core ideas. Each participant will receive an information-

dense, 40-page handout. Harvey's book will be available for purchase throughout the seminar. Find complete information, about the seminar including links to information about Harvey Ussery at: www.nofamass.org → **Conferences/Workshops → Winter Seminar**

Harvey Ussery and his wife Ellen are activists in the local foods movement. They produce all their own poultry and eggs, and grow most of their own vegetables, year-round, on three good acres in northern Virginia—and further reduce dependence on the supermarket by purchasing most of the remainder of their food from local producers. Harvey has contributed frequently to *Mother Earth News*, *Backyard Poultry*, and *Countryside & Small Stock Journal*. His book, *The Small-Scale Poultry Flock*, to be published by Chelsea Green in September 2011, sets a new standard for holistic poultry husbandry.

For more information or to register, contact Ben Grosscup at 413-658-5374 or email ben.grosscup@nofamass.org

---Registration Form – Seminar with Harvey Ussery, November 4-5, 2011 ---

- **Mail this form** (*Please print neatly!*) to **NOFA/Mass, Ben Grosscup, 67 North Whitney St #4, Amherst, MA 01002**
- **Checks payable to:** “NOFA/Mass.”
- **Pre-registration is required** and seminar enrollment is **capped at 100** people -- first come, first served.
- **Information:** Call Ben Grosscup at 413-658-5374 or email <ben.grosscup@nofamass.org> with questions.

Enter Name as it will appear on nametag. List primary contact first		Farm or Organization as it will appear on nametag		Indicate Occupation in space below: (F) Farmer; (FA) Farm Apprentice; (S) Student; (C) Consultant; (E) Educator; (N) Non-profit	
Name A:					
Name B:					
Address			City/Town		State
					ZIP Code
Phone:		Email (Please provide to obtain important and timely updates):		How did you hear about this workshop?	

1. Food – We’re minimizing food costs by asking registrants to contribute to shared meals and participate in clean-up. For both days of the seminar, we will serve breakfast (7:00am-8:15am), lunch (12:15-1:15pm), and dinner (5:45-7:00pm). Participants in the shared meals are asked to bring food or contribute money. We would appreciate organic vegetables, meat, or dairy products, especially if you produced it yourself. Mira Nussbaum will prepare these raw ingredients. You may bring a prepared dish instead if you prefer. We won’t be buying and selling, but each participant should plan to bring a food contribution that has a value of \$50. The food coordinator, Mira Nussbaum, project_dirt@hotmail.com, will confirm with you that your item is needed. If you prefer not to bring food, please add \$50 to your registration fee, and this money will be used to pay for other needed items. This way, everybody gives, receives, and eats very well.

*****Please list what food item(s) you offer to bring:**

Food item	Quantity (lbs, gallons, number)	Value (\$)

2. Housing – Event organizer, Ben Grosscup, will be pairing out-of-town guests with nearby NOFA members who are willing to host you on the night of Friday, November 4, 2011. We ask that guests bring a small non-monetary gift of thanks to their hosts.

Do you request a homestay? No, I/we don’t. Yes, I/we request a home stay for (#?) _____ person(s).

Note special needs: _____

Are you willing to share a room? (Please circle) **Y / N**. I can bring my own bedding and pillows (Please circle) **Y / N**.

Can you provide a homestay? I can provide beds for people (singles doubles couch floor space)

4. Transportation – Please contact me about ride sharing opportunities with people living near me (Please circle) **Y / N**.

5. Membership Sign-up –

Check one: I am not a Member of NOFA or MOFGA. Or I am a member of the (what state?) Chapter of NOFA.

I would like to sign up for/renew my NOFA/Mass Membership, which gives me a \$10 registration discount for this event.

Check one: Individual: \$35 Low-income: \$25 Supporting \$150*

Family, Farm, or Organization: \$45* Business: \$75* (*Entitles members to 2 reduced rates at NOFA events.)

6. Registration Fees –

Match Registration Fee info to names above	Name A	Name B
Registration for the whole seminar – <i>Start \$150:</i>	+ 150	+
On-site Registration Fee – <i>If you register on the day the seminar begins, add \$10:</i>	+	+
Food surcharge – <i>If you are not contributing to the pot luck, add \$50:</i>	+	+
NOFA/Mass Membership Payment – <i>Enter amount from 5. Membership Sign-up above:</i>	+	+
Donation for Farming Education Fund – <i>Optional extra contribution:</i>	+	+
Members Discount – <i>NOFA and MOFGA members subtract \$15:</i>	-	-
Early-bird discount – <i>If you register by Oct. 21, subtract \$10:</i>	-	-

7. Payment –

Check one: Enclosed is my check for total amount for all persons, plus membership dues (if applicable) \$

****OR**** Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ (**NOFA/Mass saves money when you pay by check.**)

If you prefer to use your credit card, please provide the information requested below. (**Mastercard or Visa only please!**)

Credit Card Number _____ 3-digit security code _____ Exp. Date _____