



ALLIANCE UPDATE

Electronic news update of the Northeast Agribusiness & Feed Alliance, Inc.

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Alliance to Host Vermont Legislators



On Wednesday morning, April 25, the Alliance will host Vermont legislators and other guests to muffins and coffee at the Statehouse cafeteria from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. The event will provide an opportunity for informal conversations with legislators as the Vermont session winds to close.

The Alliance invites everyone to join President Andy Dugan, Government Relations Chair Art Whitman, Executive Director Rick Zimmerman and Government Relations Director Louise Calderwood at the event. No need to RSVP. For more information call Louise Calderwood at 802-586-2239 or e-mail her at louiseh.calderwood@gmail.com

Vermont Legislative Update

The Vermont Senate Committee on Agriculture recently passed a bill requiring any person selling corn or soybeans in the State to offer for sale untreated corn or soybean seed. Most of the corn and soybean seed sold in Vermont is treated with insecticide and pesticide to provide targeted and safe seed protection.

Brad Lawes of Lawes Agricultural Service, and Jonathon Chamberlin of Bourdeau Brothers testified to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, on behalf of the Alliance, explaining the agronomic importance of treated seeds. They explained that treated seeds reduces the total amount of pesticides used and reduces worker exposure to pesticides. Using older pesticide technology increases the cost of protecting crops and increases the risk of pest

damage.

Drafted to address the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in Vermont, the bill also requires the Vermont Agency Secretary of Agriculture, to assess the effect of neonicotinoid-treated seeds on pollinator losses in the State and to develop an educational program to inform users of pesticides of the effects of pesticides on pollinators.

In other legislative news, a joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee and Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee heard from farmers from the Lake Carmi watershed area and Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension.



Thirteen land owners farm in the Lake Carmi watershed.

A Senator's proclamation that "something needs done about cleaning up Lake Carmi" prompted Darby to explore what farmers have already done to improve the situation. Farmers were more than willing to work with Darby who walked their farms and studied their nutrient management plans.

Soil tests from the watershed showed that 85% of the agricultural fields are in the optimum range (or lower) for phosphorus levels. Darby theorized that crops are removing 48% more phosphorus than is applied on an annual basis. She also explained that 85% of the land used for agriculture is

either in perennial crops or has cover crops applied following corn harvest.

Following Darby's presentation, every farmer from the watershed testified about their land use and best management practices they have implemented to address water quality.



- ✓ SOP's written to "say what I do"
- ✓ CGMP's identified and in place
- ✓ Personnel Hygiene Training
- ✓ Facility PCQI trained

What's Next?

- ✗ Perform a Hazard Analysis
- ✗ Make Preventive Controls Determination
- ✗ Write your facility Feed Safety Plan

CFD's HAT (Hazard Analysis Tool) is a work book that analyzes data from Scientific Literature and FDA Recalls. It identifies hazards in 7 species and 21 Food Categories common to a livestock feed facility. The tool is ready for your facilities input and probability assessment. It includes: The CFD HAT Workbook (Microsoft EXCEL), Development Guide, User's Guide and training on how to use the tool to complete the required elements of 21 CFR 507.33.

Visit <https://cfdhathat.cfd.coop/> to schedule a free webinar on the tool and to buy the CFD HAT!
Or contact barbsimeon@co-opfeed.com



4-H GOLF OPEN
— 30TH ANNIVERSARY —

30th Annual J. David Ferris Memorial 4-H Golf Open

Join us as we celebrate 30 years of supporting 4-H here in New York. Our 30th annual J. David Ferris Memorial 4-H Golf Open is being held on Friday, June 1 at the Country Club of Ithaca. Last year, this event raised over \$38,000 in support of 4-H across the state and has raised over \$500,000 over the 30 years of this tournament! Please help us make this year's event another success.

More than 400,000 young people in New York state are active in 4-H. The NYS 4-H Foundation provides financial resources to 4-H programs that promote positive youth development, enhance science and technology literacy, develop life and career skills, and involve young people in their communities. Your support is essential in providing these experiences to a diverse youth population across the state. I have the seen firsthand the results of the generosity of our sponsors and am very grateful for the opportunity to help support this fantastic organization.

On behalf of the 2018 Golf Committee, I invite you to please join us as a sponsor in 2018. Bring your team for a great round of golf on a challenging course followed by the awards luncheon. Attached is a list of sponsorship opportunities and benefits for your review.

Registration is easy! Contact the Foundation any of these ways:

- Complete and return by mail the enclosed sponsorship/team registration form; *or*
- Register online at www.nys4hfoundation.org/golf. There is a fill-able registration form that can be submitted directly. Payment can be made on our website; *or* credit information can be included on the registration form; *or*
- Call (315) 702-8242 with your registration details and payment information.
(Sponsorship deadline is May 13 for guaranteed course signage)

Getting your registration in quickly helps us to coordinate our volunteers, establish team handicaps and flights, and make for an enjoyable tournament.

You are an important part of our success. We truly appreciate your past support and hope you will be able to join us again this year. Thank you in advance for participating in the 30th annual J. David Ferris Memorial 4-H Golf Open!

Sincerely,

Jamie Ferris
4-H Golf Open Chairman

[Click here for full details](#)

Calendar

NEAFA Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2018

NEAFA VT Statehouse Legislative Reception

April 25, 2018
Montpelier, VT

J. David Ferris Memorial 4-H Golf Open

June 1, 2018
Country Club of Ithaca
Ithaca, NY

For more information: www.nys4hfoundation.org/golf

American Feed Industry Association's biennial Feed Industry Institute (FII)

June 11-14, 2018
Saint Louis, MS

For more information: <http://www.cvent.com/events/afia-feed-industry->

[institute/event-summary-946745dbb75c4369ab98b6cb943df614.aspx](https://www.northeastalliance.com/institute/event-summary-946745dbb75c4369ab98b6cb943df614.aspx)

NEAFA Golf for Good Works Tournament

June 28-29, 2018

Turning Stone Resort Casino

Shenandoah Golf Club

For more information: <https://www.northeastalliance.com/upcoming-neafa-events/2018/6/28/golf-for-good-works>

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