



## Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District

**WINTER AG SCHOOL: March 6 – April 5, 2018**

**Confirm class location and time under each class listing**

### **1. POLLINATORS & BENEFICIAL INSECTS IN MAINE AGRICULTURE**

**Tuesday, March 6, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Eric Venturini, Pollinator Conservationist with  
Xerces Society & NRCS**

**Houlton High School, Rm 34**

- Basic ID of bees and beneficials
- Role and importance of these insects in ag
- Status of bumblebees in Maine
- NRCS opportunities for pollinator conservation
- Establishing wildflower meadows

**1 Pesticide Credit**

### **2. FUMIGATION – MYTHS vs FACTS & KNOWLEDGE TOOLS FOR FARMERS**

**Thursday, March 22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Alicyn Smart, Professor & Plant Pathologist, UMaine  
Cooperative Extension**

**Houlton High School, Rm 34**

- Things to consider before deciding if fumigation is the best tool for your farm
- Differentiating myths from facts

**1 Pesticide Credit**

**1.5 CCA –Soil & Water credit pending**

### **3. ORCHARD PRUNING**

**Saturday, March 24, 10:00 – 2:00 pm**

**CJ Walke, Organic Orchard Educator, MOFGA**

**Petroski residence, 250 Moose Brook Rd, Ludlow**

- Hands-on pruning demonstration
- Bring snowshoes and pruners for hands-on pruning practice
- BYO food lunch or dish to share

**The BIG TREE CONTEST continues! Check  
out [www.saswcd.org](http://www.saswcd.org) for more info.**

### **4. SMALL FARM ANIMALS, BARNYARDS, & PASTURES**

**Tuesday, March 27, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Pat Coville, DVM**

**Houlton High School, Rm 34**

- Basic livestock husbandry (horses, sheep, cattle, goats, and more)
- Ways to improve barnyard & pasture environment to benefit health and wellbeing of your animals

**1 Nutrient Management Credit**

### **5. FORESTRY NIGHT**

**Thursday, March 29, 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Dan Jacobs, District Forester; Tom Doak, ME**

**Woodland Owners; Ken Laustsen, MFS; Dave**

**Wilson, Katahdin Forest Mgmt**

**Houlton Higher Ed Center, 18 Military St**

- Forestry legislation updates and intro to MWO
- Conditions of Aroostook Forestland
- Outcome-based forestry from landowner view

**Credits: ½ day CLP; 3 QLP; SAF and LFP – 2.5  
Category 1**

### **6. FORESTRY NIGHT**

**Thursday, April 5, 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Dan Jacobs, District Forester; Aaron Bergdahl,**

**MFS; Martin Williams, Nat'l Resources Canada;**

**Steve Hopkins, Hopkins Sawmill; Ron Lemin, Crop  
Production Services**

**Houlton Higher Ed Center, 18 Military St**

- Forest tree diseases in Aroostook
- Butternut wood properties
- Herbicide release for hardwoods/softwoods

**Credits: ½ day CLP; 3 QLP; SAF and LFP – 2.5  
Category 1; 2 Pesticide**

*For more information on classes or if you require special  
accommodations please call:*

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