Gain Valuable Growing Insights at a Workshop with Local Farmer Derek Christianson



Growing Vegetables for Health, Quality and Profit.

NOFA/Mass presents a workshop at Brix Bounty Farm on Sunday, June 14th, titled Growing Vegetables for Health, Quality and Profit. Participants will tour the fields and examine what is working well at the farm this season as well as the disappointments, with an emphasis on fertility as a foundation for vigorous crop production and in-season monitoring and management.

"We realize it's challenging to take time out of the busy season to visit and experience other farm's, however we also feel the insights gleaned from in-season farm visits are mighty valuable. At Brix Bounty Farm we've planted more than 5 acres since late April, all grown without supplemental irrigation (in a dry spring to say the very least) and a good majority of our crops are faring quite well despite the dry conditions. We'll check in on the progress of our onion crops, lettuce succession, and field tomatoes while reviewing

crop monitoring tools and techniques and in-season fertility management — including foliar sprays and side dressing to address specific crop needs based on the season," said Brix Bounty farmer Derek Christianson, who will be the host and presenter during the workshop series.

Derek has been farming in the Northeast for the past 13 seasons, relocating to the South Coast from Hawthorne Valley Farm in New York. Derek and his wife Katie started Brix Bounty Farm in 2008. To register and for more info, visit www.nofamass.org or contact Glenn Oliveira at glenn@nofamass.org.