



April 3rd, 2020

Dear Members and Supporters,

The Connecticut River Watershed Farmers Alliance (CRWFA) takes the threat of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) very seriously and requests those we work with do so as well. In an effort to mitigate the spread of the virus and to protect the wellbeing of our communities, we must all work together.

At this time, CRWFA board members are still working hard to keep this important group of farmers and partners active while minimizing exposure to COVID-19.

HOW TO CONNECT WITH US

- We are available by phone, e-mail, and can set up virtual meetings for face-to-face communication. CRWFA is here to support you, but we want to make sure we are keeping everyone safe. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email.
 - **Main Number:** (802) 333-4840 (as of this writing our team is working remotely so please expect to leave a message and get a call back)
 - **Main Email:** crwfa.info@gmail.com
- If you have paperwork, materials related to your membership, please email Paul Doton at pdoton@gmail.com or call at (802) 457-2230.
- For no-till drill use managed by CRWFA, please contact Steve Stocking 24 hours in advance at Birchmeadowfarm@gmail.com, or call (802) 333-4840.

VISITS AND NECESSARY BIOSECURITY MEASURES

In all cases, any in-person visits must be **Essential Work**. When information can be provided remotely, that option should be used instead of a visit.

If a visit is required by CRWFA representatives onto your premises, such as if using the Esch5512, which requires CRWFA to transport it, we are asking all to follow sound biosecurity measures by:

- Washing hands often and well, and at a minimum before and after each on-site visit.
- Wiping down electronic devices, phones, pens and other equipment before and after each on-site visit.
- Planning to only interact with an essential farm representatives at the visit.
- Not going into your house and avoiding farm facilities as much as possible.
- Keeping social distancing active at the visit, which means that the CRWFA representative may interact but only at a 6-foot distance. Visits will be conducted outside or in a spacious area.
- Not riding in your vehicle or having you ride in ours.
- Completing essential work and leaving the farm immediately.
- If you, or anyone in your family, or people whom you've had close contact with is sick, please postpone our visit.

- If you have traveled to any high risk areas within the past 3 weeks, please make us aware of this prior to our visit.
- All business will be conducted in as efficient of manner as possible. Both CRWFA representatives and clients are asked to be prepared to complete the tasks as timely as possible.

RESOURCES

We understand that this situation continues to change and evolve rapidly. We will rely on direction from the VT Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the FMI Food Industry Association and other authorities as necessary and ask that you do the same. The following links provide information and resources about the Coronavirus:

- [Vermont Department of Health Covid-19 website](#)
- [2019 novel Coronavirus](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- [ACCD's page containing business guidance during COVID-19.](#): General business recovery resources
- [https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information.](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/covid-19-information): a spreadsheet that VAAFAM has put together for COVID resources for businesses
- <https://www.nmpf.org/coronavirus/>: Information about COVID specifically for dairy producers
- [COVID-19 Impact Form](#) : A survey on how COVID is impacting agricultural producers

We thank you for your understanding and support during this challenging time. We hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

CRWFA Board Members