



Shiitake Enterprises for Farms and Forests In Northern New England

Please complete this application to register for upcoming course and workshops on Commercial Cultivation of Shiitake Mushrooms (Space is limited; we will notify you if your application is accepted.).

Applicant (s) _____
 Address (street) _____
 Town _____, NY Zip _____ Telephone _____
 Farm Name _____ E-mail _____

Why are you applying to attend or series of workshops on growing shiitakes? (please check on response)

1) _____ wanting to grow for diversified sales and markets, or (2) _____ wanting to grow as a hobby, or (3) _____ just out of curiosity.

Please check your interests related to the management areas you would like to focus on :

<input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Analysis/Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Increasing Current Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale markets	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood lot management
<input type="checkbox"/> On-farm sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest crop management	<input type="checkbox"/> Niche market development	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor management
<input type="checkbox"/> Drying & processing	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest management plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Have you had experience in growing mushrooms before? _____ If so, please describe: _____

 _____ Current mushroom logs on site: _____

In your own words, briefly describe what you expect to gain through our Shiitake Mushroom workshops: _____

Please describe your operations by completing the following:

Total acres owned or rented _____ Woodland, forested acres _____ Other crop land _____ Or, I do not own farm or forest land _____

For the most recent year, please provide the following:

Gross farm income _____ Net farm income _____ Off farm income _____

Or, check here if you do not own a farm and are just planning to attend out of your own interests _____

Which of the following workshops do you plan to attend?

Cornell's Arnot Forest, Ithaca, NY	Intro Workshop -	April 16, 2010	_____
		April 17, 2010	_____
Dana Forest Farm, Waitsfield, VT	Field/Forest Workshop -	July 18, 2010	_____
	Intro Workshop	May 8, 2010	_____
Green Heron Growers Panama, NY	Field/Forest Workshop	September 12, 2010	_____
	Intro/Field/Forest Workshop:	September 19, 2010	_____

Registration fee is \$15 per day. I plan to attend _____ days @ \$15.00 per day = \$ _____

Signature(s) _____ **Date** _____

Return application with completed registration and check made payable to:

UVM-Center for Sustainable Agriculture, 106 High Point Center- Rm. 312, Colchester, VT 05446

For questions or more information contact Allen Matthews at 802-656-0037 or allen.matthews@uvm.edu



Shiitake Mushrooms as a Farm/Forest Enterprise

The University of Vermont and Cornell University are involved in a 3 year research initiative on the forest cultivation of shiitake mushrooms and are looking for farmers and forest owners who are interested in growing shiitakes as an alternative enterprise on their land.

Together with experienced shiitake growers from NY, NH and VT, we are developing a program that will help you to not only learn how to grow shiitake mushrooms from A to Z, but also help you to decide if you want to get into Shiitake farming on a commercial enterprise scale of at least 100 logs a year, gradually building to 500 harvestable logs at your site.

Through a series of hands-on workshops and visits to actual "shiitake farms", participants will learn about tree species selection and sustainable forest management, spawn types, laying yard design and management, inoculation, predictable fruiting, and enterprise management. Growers will be involved in determining how to manage costs and optimize marketing opportunities which will affect profitability and thus potential for widespread adoption. Those persons selected to participate will receive shiitake spawn and assistance in inoculating their own shiitake log yard. The initiative will result in the development of a personalized 5 year enterprise plan and establishment of at least twenty 100 log trials.

Intro Workshop - April 16 & 17, 2010

Field Visit - July 18, 2010

Contact: Ken Mudge

Cornell's Arnot Forest, Ithaca, NY

Intro Workshop - May 8, 2010

Field Visit -September 12, 2010

Contact: Nick Laskovski

Dana Forest Farm, Waitsfield, VT

Intro and Field visit combined: September 19, 2010

Julie & Steve Rockcastle

Green Heron Growers

Panama, Chataqua Co., NY

Applications and registration information will soon be posted at the website for the Northeast Forest Mushroom Growers Network at <http://mushrooms.cals.cornell.edu/> and at the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture's website at www.uvm.edu/sustainable_agriculture

If you are interested in registering for the workshops, please contact Allen Matthews (allen.matthews@uvm.edu) Farm Enterprise Coordinator at the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture or Kenneth Mudge (kwm2@cornell.edu), Associate Professor of Horticulture at Cornell, and Director of the Forest Farming and Mushroom Cultivation Program.