

2015 Elderberry Events

February 14, 2015 Sustainable Farming Association, MN Where: College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. For more info, long on to <http://www.sfa-mn.org/conference/> The Minnesota Elderberry Cooperative (Chris Patton) and Berry Communications (Paul Otten) will share a booth at this one day conference. Come visit us at our booth and let's chat about elderberries.

February 26-28, 2015: MOSES Organic Farming Conference, La Crosse, WI. For more info, log on to <http://mosesorganic.org/conference/>. Terry Durham, elderberry guru of River Hills Harvest, MO, <http://www.riverhillsharvest.com>, will be at his booth in the exhibit hall. Christ Patton (Minnesota Elderberry Coop) and Paul Otten (Berry Communication) will be hanging around the booth as to help with questions. This is the place to gather with any elderberry issues.

March 9, 2015: "Elderberry as a Third Crop." Fairmount, MN 56031. Where: Rural Advantage, 1243 Lake Avenue, Suite 222, Fairmount, MN 56031. <http://ruraladvantage.org/> Presentation is by Christ Patton, the Founder & Managing Director of the Minnesota Elderberry Coop (www.Minnesota-pElderberry.coop).

March 28, 2015: Minnesota Elderberry Cooperative First Annual Members Meeting. Where & when: 9:00 – Noon at 23 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN. For details, log on to: www.Minnesota-Elderberry.coop.

June 6, 2015 Spring Elderberry Workshop, Farm Tour & Plant Sale. Time: 8am – 5pm Where: Natura Farms & Berry Communications, 19060 Manning Trail N., Marine o St. Croix, MN 55047. This is a FREE event, but **pre-registration is strongly encouraged by emailing naturalkickfarms@gmail.com** with the names of adult attendees and number of minors. This is our 3rd annual workshop on growing elderberries, gives participants the opportunity to view first hand how it's done, and observe first hand through an educational field tour through beautifully productive fields. Discussion topics include soil health, land management, planning and planting, irrigation, weed control, choice of varieties, harvesting, de-stemming, potential markets and taste of products. Complimentary coffee, tea and snacks will be available in the morning. Please bring a picnic lunch.

MaxiPlug elderberry plants will be available for sale. However, we STRONGLY encourage pre-ordering, especially in larger quantities, to make sure you get the varieties and quantities you desire and avoid the rush. (Contact Paul M. Otten, Berry Communications, pmo@chof.net; 651-308-3801)

June 18-19, 2015: Comprehensive Elderberry Workshop, Jefferson City, MO by Terry Durham and his Elderberry Team. For more info and registration, long on to www.riverhillsharvest.com, or contact Deni Phillips, 573-424-9693.

July 4, 2015: NEW EVENT: Elderflower Power Day (& Plant Sale?) at Natura Farms/Berry Communications, 19060 Manning Trail N., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047. Learn all about elderflowers, traditional uses and recipes, and taste some products. Participate in our flower harvest from 8am to noon. Complimentary coffee, tea and snacks in the morning. Bring your own picnic lunch. Pre-register by emailing naturalkickfarms@gmail.com with names of adults & number of minors. (Want to pick up plants? Please contact Paul in advance: pmmo@chof.net, 651-308-3801).

Late August – Early September: Elderberry Harvest Festival at Natura Farms/Berry Communications, 19060 Manning Trail N., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047. Date to be determined. Learn how to harvest elderberry cymes, de-stem the berries, sanitize, pack and freeze... and a LOT more. For updates and more info, log on to www.Minnesota-Elderberry.Coop or contact Paul Otten, pmo@chof.net, 651-308-3801.