UVM Fall Workshop:

Improving Pasture, Footing and Stewardship at Your Facility and Choosing Supplements for Your Horse

Burlington, VT – UVM Extension will help livestock/horse owners identify problems and potential solutions in land and animal stewardship in two September workshops. Dr. Carey Williams (Rutgers) joins Dr. Betsy Greene (UVM) to address the impending small farm operation evaluations and potential regulations which have been in the news recently. John Roberts (VT Agency of Agriculture) will provide information and guidelines associated with the upcoming changes. In addition, Dr. Williams will present the science, myths, and efficacy of many types of equine supplements and nutraceuticals.

WHAT:
- Strategies for improving mud/grazing/runoff issues at your facility.
- What the enforcement of Small Farm Operation “BMPs” means to your farm
- Supplements for Your Horse: Choosing them wisely

WHERE/WHEN:

September 9, 2014 (6-8 PM) at Arbrook Farm, Ferrisburgh, VT (http://arbrookfarm.com)

September 10, 2014 (11 AM–1 PM) at The Center for America’s First Horse, Johnson, VT (http://www.centerforamericasfirsthorse.org/)

COST: FREE IF Pre-registered by Sept. 8, 2014 (marcia.purvis@uvm.edu or 802-656-2071)

OR $10.00 for on-site registration.

Snacks and/or lunch and informational materials will be provided. In addition, Allison Wilshere (Nutrena) will be on hand to accept hay samples for complimentary hay analysis testing.

WHO:
Dr. Carey Williams, Equine Extension Specialist/Associate Professor (Rutgers) research and extension focuses on best management practices for pasture and grazing strategies and how equine nutrition affects the performance of the equine athlete.

Dr. Betsy Greene, Professor/Extension Equine Specialist (UVM) extension and teaching focus on horse safety, land and horse management, and identifying and addressing issues adversely affecting the Vermont equine industry.

John Roberts, Small Farm Operation Coordinator (VT Agency of Agriculture) is charged with educating small farm owners on Accepted Agriculture Practices to reduce phosphorus pollution in the Lake Champlain Watershed.

Individuals requesting a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program should contact Marcia Purvis at 802-656-2071 by September 5, 2014.