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Tell us about YOUR farm

When you register by phone or email, tell us a little about your farm. Answer the questions below to help Michael Kilpatrick know his audience and tailor his presentation to best serve you.

- How many years have you grown produce?
- How many acres of produce do you grow?
- Do you grow in a high tunnel(s)?
- If yes...how many square feet is your tunnel?
- Are you a certified organic grower or naturally certified grower?
- Do you raise livestock at your produce farm?
- What are your goals for your operation?
- What do you want to get out of this workshop?

Farmer-Host
Cathie Dibert
Green"er" Acre Farm
Claysburg PA
Blair County

Special Guest
Bill Brauchle
Produce Zone Merchandiser
Wegman's Food Market.

Keynote Speaker
Michael Kilpatrick
Kilpatrick Family Farm.

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GROWING VEGETABLES YEAR-ROUND AND WHOLESALE OPPORTUNITIES

PART OF THE
FARMER-TO-FARMER
WORKSHOP SERIES

LOCATION:
EAST FREEDOM FIRE HALL
139 MUNICIPAL STREET,
EAST FREEDOM, PA 16637

FREE WORKSHOP
BUT PLEASE REGISTER BY
APRIL 3, 2015





AGENDA

- 8:30—9:00 Registration and Welcome**
Cathie Dibert Green'er' Acre Farm. Farmer-Mentor
- 9:00 – 11:00 Winter vegetable production: tips, tricks, dates, varieties, etc.**
Michael Kilpatrick– Kilpatrick Family Farm, Middle Granville, N.Y
- 11:00—11:15 Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 Wholesaling to Wegman’s Grocery Store**
Bill Brauchle—Wegman’s Representative
- 12:15 – 1:00 Lunch**
- 1:00—2:00 Growing season extension, over-wintering storage crops, & hoop-houses**
Michael Kilpatrick
- 2:00 – 3:00 Wholesale marketing , food safety and food modernization.**
Michael Kilpatrick
- 3:00 – 4:00 Q/A**

About our Farmer-Host—Cathie Dibert from Green'er Acre Farms

Cathie uses intensive planting techniques to grow vegetables on a one-acre plot and in a 30’x72’ high tunnel. She grows a variety of vegetables for two markets (including a winter/all-year market). She likes to grow unusual vegetables such as purple cauliflower and chocolate peppers. She also grows a large variety of heirloom tomatoes. Cathie is a co-manager of the Juniata Farmers’ Market in Altoona, PA and is a promoter of the Southern Alleghenies Local Food Network.

About our Speakers

Bill Brauchle is PA-Division Produce Zone Merchandiser for Wegman’s Food Market. Wegman’s is a well-known grocery store committed to sustainability and local foods. Bill will share Wegman's requirements and potential market opportunities for farmers in Central PA.

Michael Kilpatrick is co-owner of Kilpatrick Family Farm in Middle Granville, NY. The vegetable operation consists of 14 acres and multiple high-tunnels. They market at three farmers markets and provide food all year for 250 families through their CSA. The Kilpatrick Family is changing the way their community eats through clean, healthy food produced in a sustainable and transparent way. Michael is a leader in extending this change throughout the United States through his speaking engagements and food policy work. **Their mission is to connect customers with great food and revitalize the local food ecosystem.**

Visit the Farm’s website: www.kilpatrickfamilyfarm.com & Michael's site: <http://michael-kilpatrick.com>

REGISTRATION:

NO Registration Fee

RSVP by April 3, 2015

To Register, contact Beth Futrick

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From I-99:

Take exit 23 for PA-164 toward PA-36/Roaring Spring/Portage

Follow PA-164 E to Municipal St in East Freedom (approx. 0.7 miles)

Fire Hall is on the left

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