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Northeast Climate Adaptation Fellows Vegetable and Fruit Program

for Commercial Farmers and Agricultural Advisors

Climate change brings challenges for vegetable and small fruit growers. In the northeastern United States, this includes increasing heavy rains, droughts, and pest problems. For farmers to reduce their risk, they need to adapt. To address this increasing need, the Climate Adaptation Fellowship was launched in 2019. The program provides a peer-to-peer curriculum for farmers, foresters, and advisors. The learning modules focus on information to help adapt to climate change. Its' framework is designed to integrate climate science with a land manager's knowledge. Participants will enhance their knowledge of climate impacts to vegetable and fruit farms in the Northeast.



Who should apply?

The Northeast Climate Adaptation Fellowship is open to **commercial farmers** in the Northeast U.S.* who grow vegetables and/or small fruit and to **agricultural advisors** who work with vegetable/small fruit farms in this region. Accepted fellows will complete the program in pairs to develop personalized farm adaptation plans. Fellows will also work on outreach materials such as blog posts, fact sheets, or presentations to share their journey in climate adaptation.

Want to learn more?

An informational webinar will be held on July 14, 2020 at Noon. You are not required to participate in the webinar to apply to the program but you must register to attend the webinar. A recording of the webinar along with FAQs will be available on our website.

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Visit us at www.adaptationfellows.net | Have questions? Contact Dr. Rachel E. Schattman at rachel.schattman@maine.edu

*Farmers and agricultural advisors from the following states are eligible to apply: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C

This fellowship program is led by the University of Maine, in collaboration with the USDA Northeast Climate Hub, Rutgers University, the University of Vermont, and the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA). The Climate Adaptation Fellowship curriculum, completed in 2019, is the result of a multi-year collaboration between multiple land grant universities, USDA agencies, nonprofit organizations and land managers. This work is supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program under subaward number #ENE20-164-34268 with additional support from the USDA Northeast Climate Hub.