

# IS THE PUBLIC *REALLY* SAFE ON YOUR FARM?

## LEARNING THE KEYS TO SUCCESS IN AGRITOURISM

*A Training Workshop hosted by USDA Veterinary Services and the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Departments of Agriculture*



August 22, 2017

Charlton Public Library - Dexter Hall  
40 Main Street, Charlton, MA



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### AGENDA

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| 9:45 am          | Welcome and Opening Remarks   |
| 10 – 10:30 am    | <i>Managing the Safety Risks of Agritourism Farms – An Overview</i><br>Lisa Chase, MS, PhD, University of Vermont Extension                             |
| 10:30 – 11:30 am | <i>Animal Health in Agritourism: Enhancing Knowledge to Mitigate Public Health Risks</i><br>Valerie Koenig, DVM, USDA Veterinary Services               |
| 11:30 – 12:00 pm | <i>Biosecurity: Not Just A Scary Word</i><br>Kimberly Haling, DVM, USDA Veterinary Services   |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm  | <b>Lunch - BYO</b>  |
| 1:00 – 1:15 pm   | <i>Steps to Engage the Public to Protect Themselves and Your Farm</i><br>Rebecca Soco, DVM Candidate 2020, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine |
| 1:15 – 2:00 pm   | <i>State Involvement in Agritourism – What You Need to Know</i><br>State Department of Agriculture Representatives (CT, MA, RI)                         |
| 2:00 – 2:30 pm   | <i>USDA Animal Care – When, Why, and How of Licensure</i><br>Jan Baltrush, USDA Animal Care   |
| 2:30 – 3:00 pm   | <i>Liability in Agritourism – Knowing Your Risks &amp; How to Protect Your Farm</i><br>Joseph Bonelli, MS, UConn Extension                              |

3:00 – 3:30 pm *Lessons Learned from Real Life Outbreaks*  
Megin Nichols, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, US Center for Disease Control (CDC)

3:30 – 4:00 pm Panel Discussion, Upcoming Opportunities, and Conclusion

Dr. Kim Haling	Dr. Lorraine O'Connor
Dr. Scott Marshall	CT Ag Representative
Dr. Megin Nichols	Lisa Chase
Jan Baltrush	Joseph Bonelli

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## **Speakers & Panelists**

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