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NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

Get Farming!
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Free Programs for Growers

Renewable Energy for the Small Farm

Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

NW Michigan Horticultural Research Station, *6686 S. Center Hwy (Co. Rd 633)*

Renewable energy technologies and efficiency can offer energy independence, bolster a farm's bottom line, or create new revenue sources. Learn about small-scale wind and solar, farm-scale biodiesel, hosting a lucrative community wind project, and USDA funding.

Presenters: *Jim Sluyter, MLUI; Tom Karas, Michigan Energy Alternatives Project; Jim Barnes, Eco-Building Products; Alan Anderson, USDA Rural Development; William Koucky, NW Michigan Biodiesel LLC*

Food Safety on the Farm

Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Student Center, Baker College, *9600 East 13th Street, Cadillac, MI 49601*

Food safety is a major concern for buyers and consumers. Explore ways to assure that your farm is producing clean, safe food and learn how new food safety legislation may affect your farm.

GAP Audit Field Trip

Thursday, September 23, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Bardenhagen Farms, *7881 E. Pertner Rd., Suttons Bay*

More and more buyers use Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) Audits to confirm agri-food safety on the farm. See how a GAP audit is conducted and what the auditor will look for on this field trip. If you have a GAP manual, bring it along. Participation limited; please pre-register early!

Presenters for Food Safety and GAP: *Phil Tocco, MSU Extension Educator. Dan Busby, Michigan Water Stewardship Program Coordinator, will also be on the Food Safety program agenda.*

For information or to pre-register call Jim Sluyter at the Michigan Land Use Institute, 231-941-6584, ext. 15 or *jimsluyter@mlui.org*

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