

Get Farming!

Hoop for the Future!

**Hoophouses for season extension
or year-round farming**

Free one-day workshop for farmers and aspiring farmers

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, December 3rd
Black Star Farms**

Pack a lunch! 3-1/2 miles south of Suttons Bay on Revold Rd just off of M 22.

Now you can grow fresh vegetables year-round in northwest Michigan! Using hoophouses for cold-weather harvests makes lots of sense if you are interested in:

- 🍅 **Extending your growing season**
- 🍅 **Growing both warm- and cool-season crops**
- 🍅 **Community-supported agriculture**
- 🍅 **Organic farming**
- 🍅 **Value-added products**
- 🍅 **Direct marketing**

Learn how these increasingly popular structures can extend your harvest and improve your bottom line. Adam Montri, outreach specialist with the MSU Student Organic Farm and Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS), will explain how these unheated, low-cost greenhouses can extend growing seasons and help meet the increasing year-round consumer interest in fresh, local food. The presentation will be oriented to hoophouses but will be relevant to more conventional greenhouse design and management.

You will learn how winter harvesting in hoophouses can help your northern Michigan farm thrive. Adam Montri will cover:

- 🌱 **Design options for a wide range of costs and sizes**
- 🌱 **Construction methods, including cold frames and small-scale build-your-own**
- 🌱 **Crop selection and scheduling**
- 🌱 **Soil preparation, building soil organic matter, and fertility management**
- 🌱 **Planting, growing, and harvesting methods**



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