



Producing High Quality Organic Bread Wheat

Thursday, June 9 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Gleason Grains in Bridport, VT

Ben and his wife Theresa have been growing and milling organic wheat on their farm in Bridport for over 29 years! Come and check out the renovations to the Gleason Grain's Mill. We'll get to tour the new space and Ben will discuss the changes he's made to his grain processing operation, specifically sifting flour, and new product development.

In addition, Ben will talk about his vast experience growing organic grain, including crop rotation, weed control, and plant fertility. One of the most challenging aspects of growing organic winter wheat is providing the crop with enough fertility at the right time. Ben Gleason in collaboration with UVM Extension received a second year of funding

from NE SARE to continue our research on this issue. At this year's workshop we'll discuss last year's trial results and take a look at this year's trial investigating whether topdressing organic amendments during key developmental stages will affect wheat growth, production and quality. Lastly, we will tour the farmer participatory wheat breeding project which is in its 4th year! There will be an opportunity to check out these crosses, including the selections farmers made from last year's population.



2010 topdressing trial at Gleason Grains

The workshop fee is \$15.00 per person, lunch will be provided by the NOFA pizza oven.

For more information or to register, please contact:

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**If you require accommodations to participate in this program, please let our office know by May 28 so we may assist you.*

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Directions: From the north; merge onto I-89 S toward Burlington; merge onto I-189 S via exit 13 toward US-7/Shelburne/Middlebury. Get onto US-7 heading towards Middlebury, ~20 miles. Take a slight right onto VT-22A, ~11 miles. Turn left onto Town Line Rd, right onto East St./Mountain Rd., continue to follow East St. until you reach 2076 East St. [Directions from Google maps.](#)

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NW CROPS & SOILS PROGRAM



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Hosts: Ben and Theresa Gleason

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Please join us for the first of our exciting 2011 on-farm workshop series!

This workshop will focus on organic grain fertility management, production, and a farmer participatory wheat breeding project.