

THE PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL NETWORK
PRESENTS
ANNUAL TOUR OF RODALE INSTITUTE
WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE FARM?
KUTZTOWN, PA (BERKS COUNTY)

JUNE 8, 2012

9:00 A.M.—3:30 P.M.



Join PA-WAgN for our annual tour of Rodale Institute. Tour Rodale's newly established apiary; learn about Organic Dairy Transition; and take a wagon tour of Rodale's livestock production and composting facilities.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Registrations

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

10:00 a.m. Rodale Honeybee Conservancy

The Honeybee Conservancy at Rodale Institute promotes natural and sustainable beekeeping practices through education and outreach. Participants in the program place their hives on Rodale's 333 acre organic farm in Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

Coach Mark Smallwood, Executive Director, Rodale Institute, and Mary Ann Frazier, Honeybee Specialist, Penn State University, will present the benefits and challenges of setting up a bee conservancy on a farm using your own hives or hosting hives for others.

11:00 a.m. Organic Dairy Transition

Jeff Moyer, Farm Director at Rodale Institute and member and former chair of USDA's National Organic Standards Board, will address the federal standards and the process of transition for an organic dairy. James Burkholder, organic dairy farmer will share challenges and successes of his operation's transition to organic.

Noon Lunch and Networking Session

1:00 p.m. Rodale Institute Tour

The Rodale team will conduct a wagon tour of the 333-acre Rodale Institute farm with planned stops at each major research site where project coordinators will present an overview of the project and latest results followed by a Q&A session.

2:30 p.m. Commercial Composting on the Farm

Elaine Ingham, Ph.D., Chief Scientist of Rodale Institute, and her research team will present an overview of the compost research that is continuing in 2012 and will conduct a demonstration of the new equipment that is used in this research.

3:15 p.m. Evaluation

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$15
(includes lunch & materials)

Online Registration:

<http://bit.ly/June8Rodale>

For additional details contact:

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All are welcome to participate in events
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DIRECTIONS

Directions Available Online:

[http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/
map_and_directions](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/map_and_directions)

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