



From Rebecca Long : Whoops, try this link:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEDACF/bulletins/284ca02>

From Rebecca Long : UMaine COVID and Agriculture question submission form:

<https://extension.umaine.edu/agriculture/covid-19-faq/form/>

From Rebecca Long : Answers posted here: <https://extension.umaine.edu/agriculture/covid-19-faq/>

From Brad : I have to go, great to hear from everyone. I will try to join next week!

From David Fuller : <https://harvesttomarket.com/farmers-market/Western-Maine-Market>

From Sarah Hewitt : Wednesday works. mornings or noon lunch meeting

From Helen Costello to Donna Coffin (Privately) : hcostello42@gmail.com

From Sarah Hewitt : there's a farm labor workshop the 10th at the same time

Discussion included how farms are selling to customers. Pre-order, prepay, touchless transactions, farmer places order on table and customer comes up to table to pick up order. Disinfect table between customers. Farmer wears mask and gloves. How FarmDrop in the Blue Hill area functions and Forager is starting a FarmDrop site in Portland soon. There is a consumer purchase behavior survey during Covid19 that results will be released next week on Forager Zoom call on Thursday. Use of Milpa garden technique for storage vegetable production. Idea of multiple farmers offer CSAs with veg, meat, egg, fiber products. Discussion on market challenges with fiber products. Discussion on Internet and phone high speed connections and how to some phone companies have flicked a switch to offer all high speed Internet and other phone companies have not. Multiple people contacting public officials to try to influence companies to flick the switch for small farms.

Dr. Malacarne is willing to work with individual farmers to evaluate what alternative or e-commerce market method might work for their farm based on customer base, products sold, volume that needs to be sold, current computer/Internet usage, etc.

Next meeting: After some discussion Donna suggested we do next Friday night and take a poll for a second session during the day. Looking for what day of the week and time folks would like to join. Some interest in Wednesday afternoon. Will solicit ideas from previous Zoom participants.