

May 1, 2020 Weekly Maine Farm Zoom Chat

From Congressman Golden - Barb Hayslett : I appreciate being able to be on the call. Thanks so much for all that you are all doing. This is the small business guide that I mentioned.

<https://golden.house.gov/covid-19>

From Congressman Golden - Barb Hayslett : and please let me know if you have any questions

From Nicolas Lindholm : PPE and Other Farm Supplies for COVID-19. Spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A9vDOM9NBfpu4d5g-22XY0GkdKbhX5eHAbSdhfyUTAc/edit?ts=5ea84ed4#gid=0>

From Jason Lilley : Farms to Institution New England has released a resource to help wholesale producers connect with buyers.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hxTCuFVUCv4ad-VIOGhOsDcYmwLXMkm5chzRF6wODM/edit#gid=877771653>

From Jason Lilley : <https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/best-management-practices-for-u-pick-farms-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

From Ali Zipparo, Maine Dept of Ag : FYI- FINE is trying to make this tool more useful, so feel free to reach out to them to provide feedback. It's a nice concept, but not really widely used.

They would love to make it more useful

From Congressman Golden - Barb Hayslett : Kim: happy to hear the steps you are taking to help offset some of the losses that are impacting the potato industry and others

From Kim Kuusela- Hannaford : 5 farms from Maine have input our survey already! Thanks all.

From Kim Kuusela- Hannaford : Barb: Thank you. I will pass that on to our Veg Team and we hope to continue these efforts.

From Rebecca Long : Maine COVID Ag FAQ: <https://extension.umaine.edu/agriculture/covid-19-faq/>

From Rebecca Long : For questions/suggestions: Rebecca.J.Long@maine.edu

From Donna Coffin : <https://extension.umaine.edu/livestock/sheep-and-goats/>

From Chris Howard : I also wanted to mention the rate of the sanitizer for use in wash water is very low. It's not like putting the veggies in swimming pool water!