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New England Greenhouse Conference & Expo – Featuring Improved Energy Efficiency

Combating the rising costs of energy is on everyone's mind, whether you are a retail or wholesale grower. The 2008 New England Greenhouse Conference & Expo (Nov. 5-7 at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA) features two days on in depth programming on energy related issues.

On Thursday, November 6th, Eric Runkle from Michigan State University will speak on *Energy Efficient Crop Production Strategies*. Come learn about crop production techniques and management strategies that limit your energy exposure. Robin Brumfield of Rutgers University will discuss the *Economics of Increased Energy Costs*.

On Friday, November 7th, Vern Grubinger from the University of Vermont will review *Using Alternative Fuel Sources*. Thinking of putting in a biomass burner for wood or corn? How about converting to biodiesel? Vern will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each type of alternative fuel source and answer questions to help you decide which option is best for you. Then, Gerry Palano, Renewable Energy Coordinator Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, will discuss how you can identify sources of state and federal funding for energy improvements in your operation. And finally, John Bartok, Extension Professor Emeritus University of Connecticut, will give an overview on energy savings, based upon his many years experience working with growers. Come hear what you can do to conserve energy from simple improvements to more elaborate options to consider in any new construction.

Finally, don't forget that labor costs far exceed energy costs for most operations! Come hear Lloyd Traven from Peace Tree Farm speak on *Labor Saving Technologies for the Small Grower*.

The New England Greenhouse Conference & Expo is the largest nationally recognized floriculture industry show in New England. If you are a retailer (garden center or greenhouse) or grower of bedding plants, perennials, outdoor cut flowers, or potted plants, don't miss this event!

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