

Seed to Kitchen Vegetable Variety Trial Field Day Aug 14

Spooner – On Tuesday August 14, 2018 from 2-4pm the Spooner Agricultural Research Station invites you for a free field day to tour the new organic vegetable variety research trials. Guest speakers from UW-Madison will be on site to discuss how plant breeders, chefs and local growers are collaborating to improve vegetable varieties for local markets.

The research focuses on vegetable plant breeding and variety selection for organic systems in Northern Wisconsin to support local food systems. According to Kevin Schoessow, Area Agriculture Development Educator for UW-Extension, “This research project includes commercially available vegetable varieties and promising new varieties from plant breeders from across the country”. Many of the plants are open-pollinated or heirloom varieties.

This will be an interactive event on organically managed land where participants will be able to view ongoing trials of over 10 vegetable crops representing over 150 varieties. Guests will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with fellow farmers and local food advocates and learn more about how to become involved.

The Seed to Kitchen Collaborative variety trials is a joint effort between the University of Wisconsin Madison, Spooner Agriculture Research Station, and UW-Extension. The research plots are located off of Orchard Lane, 1.5 miles east of Spooner on Highway 70 or 1/2 mile west of the Hwy 70/53 interchange. Watch for garden meeting signs. The event is free, open to the public, and will be held rain or shine.

For more information about the Seed to Kitchen Collaborative visit the project’s page at: <https://dawson.horticulture.wisc.edu/chef-farmer-plant-breeder-collaboration/> and for a map visit the station’s web site at: <http://spooner.ars.wisc.edu/>.

Immediately following this Seed to Kitchen Field Day, will be our Annual Twilight Garden Tour, held in the Teaching & Display Garden. Both events are free and open to the public.

For more information contact Kevin Schoessow, UW-Extension Area Agriculture Development Educator at the Spooner Area UW-Extension Office at 715-635-3506.

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