

Automated Milking System Farm Tour and Discussion

Join the UVM Extension Dairy Herd Management Team in collaboration with Stonyfield Organic for an in-person workshop and tour of two Franklin County dairy farms utilizing automated milking systems (robotic milkers).

Ben and Hillary Williams Moo Acres Farm 312 Church Rd., Fairfield, VT 9:30-11:30 a.m. **Tuesday, August 19, 2025** 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Marcy and Brendan Schreindorfer Windy Hill Farm 1525 Kittel Rd., Enosburg, VT 12:30-2:00 p.m.

This workshop offers a hands-on look at two different robotic milking setups. Farmers will share their experiences transitioning to automation, including key decision points, robotic milking unit selection, facility design and modification, herd management changes, and lessons learned throughout the process.

This workshop is free and open to all farms interested in learning more about AMS. Lunch to be included. Please register by Monday, August 18. For questions or additional information, or to request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please call or email Whitney Hull at 802-656-7563 or whitney.hull@uvm.edu by Tuesday, July 29, 2025 so we may assist you.

Agenda

9:30-11:30 a.m.: Moo Acres Farm

11:30-12:30: Lunch and travel to next farm

12:30-2:00 p.m.: Windy Hill Farm

- Tour of newly constructed bedded pack barn and 2 GEA robotic milkers
- · Discussion of barn design and robots
- · Costs and logistics of managing a bedded pack
- Impact of barn and robot integration on milk quality
- Tour of retrofitted barn and 3 used robotic milking units
- Explore integration of robotic milking and grazing
- Feed formulation and nutrition to support production

REGISTRATION

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