GrowNYC's FARMroots provides aspiring and established farmers with business technical assistance and training designed to ensure the long-term viability of farms and farmland.

**Setting Up Your Chart of Accounts for Profitability**

by Erik Hassert

Understanding whether your business is making or losing money throughout the year is a key component to a financially viable operation. A clear profit and loss statement can quickly assess your profitability and help you understand how your fixed and variable expenses affect your overall cash flow.

The key to creating an efficient and accurate accounting system begins with how you set up your chart of accounts for your agriculture business. Often tax accountants will create your ledger to minimize the time it takes to complete your end of year tax returns. This style can make it difficult to understand your business's financial health throughout the year.

Join FARMroots and Kitchen Table Consultants this Monday, 5/20/19, from 12-1 pm EST to learn how you can use your chart of accounts as a tool to harvest information about your business and reap the benefits of bookkeeping. There will be free one hour private consulting sessions available for 4 farmers who attend.

Click to Register for the Webinar

**Spotted Lanternfly Alert for New York and Pennsylvania**

The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*
(White), an invasive plant hopper, has been discovered in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. It is native to China, Bangladesh, Vietnam, and in to Japan and Korea it has become a major pest of grapes. This insect has the potential to greatly impact the grape, hops and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.

If you find Spotted Lanterfly in New York or Pensilvania, please report it!

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**The Green Deal and The Future of Farming**

by Ashley Maiolatesi

From the May’s Field Notes shared by the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, NESAWG:

Across the country people are organizing Town Halls to support a Green New Deal. This month NESAWG is sharing a report from student Ashley Maiolatesi about the recent Green New Deal and the Future of Food event at Harvard Law School.

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**Resources**

**Conference/ Grants**

May 23, An Agriculture & Food Summit, 8 am - 3:30 pm
Binghamton

NOFA-NY Organic@ Cornell Summer Field Day Series:

May 22, Peak Season at Sang Lee Farms

July 16, From No-till to New Cultivars: Improving Organic Corn and Soybean Production

July 31, Innovation in Organic Vegetable Production

August 1, Management Options and Rootstock Varieties for Organic Apple Production

**Webinars/Classes**

May 20, Setting Up your Books to Easily Assess your Farm's Profitability, 12 pm - 1:00 pm by GrowNYC and Kitchen Table Consultants

May 22, Developing Evidence-Based Insights: How to Use Your Farmers Market as a "Living Lab", 1:00 pm

June 13, Improving your Grant Writing Skills, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm by Rutgers University

June 24, Methods to Find and Approach Farmer-focused Wholesale Buyers,

**Workshop/Courses**

May 21, Bringing Marginal Ground Back Into Productive Grazing, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Towanda, PA

May 23, Small Ruminant School, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, Glynwood, Cold Spring, NY

May 29, Managing Weeds Using cover Crops & Poultry, 3:00 - 5:30 pm, Kutztown, PA

June 5-15, NYC as an Ecosystem, Farm School NYC

June 13, Agroforestry and Silvopasture, 9:30 am - 3:30
August 7, Balancing Quality and Efficiency amid an Evolving Labor Force: Myth-busting H2A for Small Farms

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm by GrowNYC and Kitchen Table Consultants

Measuring Racial Equity in the Food System: Established and Suggested Metrics by Michigan State University

July 15, Produce Safety Alliance Grower GAPs, FSMA and Food Safety Training, Warrensburg, NY

Job Opportunity

Summer vegetable apprentice at Glynwood, Cold Spring, NY

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