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Who's Who Guide to Northeast Organic Farming Expertise

These pages **list by state** Northeast university, agency, extension, and organic farming organization staff who are willing and able to help you with questions about organic farming. These people can help you with specific information, or they may refer you to a regional farmer or other expert who can answer your question. See also alphabetical and by expertise lists at www.neon.cornell.edu/whoswho

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