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Upcoming Workshop: Natural Pest Control & Organic Pesticides

Using Weeds & Native Plants to Make Natural Pesticides

On Sunday August 11th, Farms at Work will be hosting an advanced-level workshop in natural pest control for farmers and market gardeners in east central Ontario. Taught by Dr. Fulvio Gioanetto, an expert in agroecological extension programs, closed-loop input systems, and a summer guest of Plan B Organic Farms (near Cambridge, ON), this hands-on workshop will offer alternative solutions to pest control problems faced by market gardeners and farmers across the province.

Built around the research of Dr. Gioanetto, topics of the workshop will focus on the use of wild plants as bioindicators of soil health; the production and demonstration of agroecological, insecticidal and fungicidal sprays made from common weeds and minerals; organic management of garlic nematodes; and general discussions on compost and fertility. The day will include components of classroom-style lecture and discussion, as well as hands-on creation and use of various sprays in field settings.

The workshop will be held at [Wheelbarrow Farm](#) [1] in Sunderland, ON (<http://goo.gl/maps/qGjzs> [2]) from 10am to 4pm. Tickets are \$80 each and may be purchased at: www.wildplantpesticides.eventbrite.ca [3]. Organic Wheelbarrow Farm lunches are available for purchase from host Tony Neale for an additional \$12. Please let us know if you wish to buy lunch by emailing [Jay Adam](mailto:jay@farmsatwork.com) [4] of Farms at Work. Otherwise, please plan on bringing your own lunch.

This valuable workshop is being held three times over the season in southwestern Ontario, and this will be your only opportunity to learn from Dr. Gioanetto in east central Ontario before he returns to Mexico in September. At least 15 participants will be required in order for us to cover the cost of the workshop, so you must pre-register by 4pm on Friday August 2nd. Register soon though, as space is limited to 20 participants and interest in the workshop has generated quickly!

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Links

[1] <http://www.wheelbarrowfarm.com/> [2] <http://goo.gl/maps/qGjzs> [3] <http://www.wildplantpesticides.eventbrite.ca/> [4] <http://jay@farmsatwork.ca>