



URI Small Acreage Livestock Education Program

Rhode Island 4-H Training Program

Volunteer Training Program – Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 10 AM to 3:15 PM

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

Agenda

Morning session (2 hours): 10 AM – 12 PM. Room 117, Coastal Institute in Kingston Building, 1 Greenhouse Road, URI, Kingston. Refreshments provided.

A slideshow and other tools will be presented to provide training on the major topics which include: pollution and health risks associated with large animals, and the proper management of manure, livestock yards and pastures to protect water resources and human and animal health. A binder of materials will be provided including a copy of the slideshow and supporting fact sheets and other internet resources.

Lunch provided: 12 – 1 PM. Room 117, Coastal Institute in Kingston Building.

Afternoon session (2 hours): 1:15 – 3:00 PM. URI Peckham Farm – Outdoor session. Refreshments provided.

We will provide training on identifying pollution risks on a small acreage farm as well as view some examples of Best Management Practices. We will complete worksheets 1 and 2 of the fact sheet series using Peckham Farm as a demonstration site. Held rain or shine, please dress for the weather. In the case of bad weather, we will spend as much time as possible under cover; however, we will need to view highlighted features on the farm. Worksheets, clip boards, pens and pencils will be provided.

Wrap up and homework assignment (15 minutes): 3:00 – 3:15 PM. URI Peckham Farm

Over the next month, using worksheets 1 and 2 of the fact sheet series, you will complete an independent site assessment at a property of your choosing. We will plan a 1 hour follow-up meeting for the week of December 1, 2008 to discuss how it went. You can contact Program staff with questions at any time in between. Materials provided for you to take home.

Follow-up Meeting (1 hour, evening meeting): Date, time, location to be planned as a group

We will meet to discuss the independent site assessments. We want to hear from you. How did it go? What are your questions? Do you have suggestions for improving the worksheets? Specific site results will not be revealed or discussed.

