Welcome to 2016! I hope you have had a restful and joyous holiday season. Our UWEX colleagues and Grower Associations have a busy winter calendar with potato, vegetable, mint, and hops meetings scheduled from now through March. While not comprehensive, I have compiled a list with further information to aid in your meeting planning for the winter.

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Veg Pathology Webpage: [http://www.plantpath.wisc.edu/wivegdis/](http://www.plantpath.wisc.edu/wivegdis/).

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Education conferences for potato, vegetable, mint, and hop growers
January 25-26, 2016 – Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI
Location: Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells, WI
Website: http://eventmobi.com/wffvc2016/
Contact for further information: Tiffany Chadwick, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Fresh Market Vegetable Growers Association, 6014 Co. Rd. TT, Marshall, WI 53559, Phone: 608-235-5925, E-mail: tiffany@chadwickconsultingllc.com.

February 2-4, 2016 – Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association & University of Wisconsin Extension Potato Grower Education Conference, Stevens Point, WI
Location: Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI
Contact for further information: Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association Office, Phone: 715-623-7683.

February 10, 2016 – Southern Wisconsin Vegetable Workshop – Brussels Sprouts & Weed Management, Madison, WI
Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
Website: http://fyi.uwex.edu/danecountyag/southern-wi-vegetable-production-workshops/
Contact for further information: Claire Strader, Small-Scale and Organic Produce Educator, Dane County UW-Extension, 5201 Fen Oak Dr. Ste. 138, Madison, WI 53718-8827, Phone: 608-224-3710, 711 for Wisconsin Relay, E-mail: Strader.Claire@countyofdane.com

February 17, 2016 – Fresh Market Produce Workshop, Ontario, WI
Location: Ontario Community Hall, 104 North Garden Street, Ontario, WI
Time: 8:30AM Registration, Program runs from 9AM to Noon
Website: http://monroe.uwex.edu/agriculture/horticulture/
Contact for further information: Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent, Monroe County UW-Extension, 14345 Co. Hwy B, Rm 1, Sparta, WI 54656, Phone: 608-269-8722, Fax: 608-366-1809, E-mail: bill.halfman@ces.uwex.edu

February 18, 2016 – Southern Wisconsin Vegetable Workshop – Sweet Potatoes & Melons, Madison, WI
Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
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February 25-26, 2016 – Midwest Mint Growers Meeting, Plymouth, IN
Location: 5203 Plymouth LaPorte Trail, Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth, IN 46563
Website for directions: http://www.swanlakeresort.com/directions
Website for event description: https://ag.purdue.edu/arp/Pages/Mint.aspx
Contact for further information: Jerry Fankhauser, Phone: 765-494-8368, E-mail: fankhaus@purdue.edu
March 2, 2016 – Central Wisconsin Processing Crops Meeting, Hancock, WI
Location: UW-Hancock Agricultural Research Station, Hancock, WI
Website: http://fyi.uwex.edu/cwas/
Contact for further information: Ken Williams, UWEX Waushara County, 209 S. St. Marie-Courthouse, POB 487, Wautoma, WI 54982-0487, Phone: (920)787-0416, Fax: (920)787-0425, E-mail: ken.williams@ces.uwex.edu

March 12, 2016 – Wisconsin Hops Production Meeting, Buffalo County, WI
Location: LaCrosse, WI (event location to be finalized soon)
Website: http://buffalo.uwex.edu/agriculture/
Contact for further information: Carl Duley, UWEX Buffalo County, Courthouse, 407 S. Second Street, PO Box 276, Alma, WI 54610-0276, Phone: 608-685-6256, Fax: 608-685-6259, E-mail: carl.duley@ces.uwex.edu