

# Farm Tour To Feature Showcase Of Specialty Crops Equipment June 8

**URBANA, ILL.**

**W**ant to know what it takes to scale up production on your farm through the use of equipment? Hans Bishop of PrairiErth Farm will showcase specialty crops equipment that he uses to reduce hand work, and improve efficiency and employee job satisfaction on Saturday, June 8, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., with registration from 1:45 to 2 p.m.

“Attendees will see a bed system and how each machine is designed to work within that system,” said University of Illinois Extension educator Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant. “Featured equipment will be the Allis Chalmers model G, a multi-row vegetable seed planter, a water wheel transplanter, a bed shaper, a plastic mulch

layer, and various cultivation implements.”

Topics to be covered will include:

- How to improve efficiencies and planning by implementing a standardized bed system for all crops

- What you need to do to begin mechanical cultivation of crops

- Use of plastics in organic specialty crops

A tour of the farm will follow as well as hands-on time – weather permitting – to experience how the machines work, Cavanaugh-Grant said.

For more information contact Cavanaugh-Grant at [cvnghgrn@illinois.edu](mailto:cvnghgrn@illinois.edu), 217-782-4617. PrairiErth Farm is located at 2047 County Road 2100 N in Atlanta, Ill. (Logan County). Δ



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