

URI Food Safety Education Program and RI DEM/Division of Agriculture

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 8:00-11:00 AM

Coastal Institute Auditorium, URI Graduate School of Oceanography

PLANNING FOR POSTHARVEST FACILITIES: WASHING, PACKING AND STORAGE

**SPEAKER: CHRIS CALLAHAN, EXTENSION ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT**

The postharvest handling of produce is a critical farm operation that can impact quality, safety and profitability. Farmers have been concerned about the cost and implementation of adequate postharvest facilities and operations. Mr. Callahan is an expert in application of engineering to food systems – with expertise in on-farm implementation strategies. Chris will be discussing the basics of postharvest physiology and produce safety, infrastructure planning (building concepts, utilities, design, materials and construction), equipment needs (e.g. wash lines, cleaning and sanitizing, coolers) and tools needed (e.g. hoses, cleaning tools thermostats).

Registration information will be arriving soon by e-mail and/or mail. There is no charge, but registration will be required. Keep a look out. Also, if you have specific questions that you would like Dr. Callahan to address, please e-mail them to me.

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