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CLASS OUTLINES

January

January 28, 2013 – Class 1 “Introductions and Introducing Agriculture in Maine”

Goal: The first class of the year will be for the new Incubator Farmers; returning Incubators will begin class the following week. This first class is intended as a time for the instructor hear about the agricultural background of the new farmers so that she has a better understanding of what skills and realities they have. It is also a time for the new farmers to hear the instructor’s background in agriculture/education/teaching as well as providing an introductory picture of what agriculture in Maine looks like.

* Introductions
	+ Ask each new farmer to tell about:
		- How long have you been in the US
		- Have you seen agriculture in the US
		- What did agriculture look like where you are from
			* What was your role in agriculture in your country
	+ Instructor will give her history in agriculture and teaching
* Powerpoint presentation
	+ Example of 20 different farms in Maine – from fiber to fruit to lumber to potatoes to mixed veggies to maple syrup to dairy to meat to eggs to pigs to hay to greenhouses; small scale and large scale, hand tools to large tractors to horse powered.
	+ Talk about how there are many, many different ways to be a farmer in Maine
		- At Packard Littlefield Farm, we are all small-scale vegetable farmers
			* Talk about why (last slide)
* Slide show of 2012 on the farm
	+ The purpose of this is to give the new farmers, most of whom have never seen the farm in Lisbon, a chance to have a visual idea of the scale, patterns, and production methods that they will be learning and trying in 2013.
* Questions and answers at the end of class