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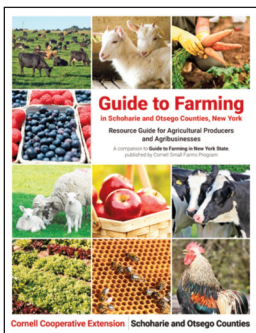
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The Farm Guide, developed by CCE for Family Farm Day 2021, is a great resource, providing readers with product listings, mapping of farm locations, and contact information for area farmers' markets and local farms to visit, even after the Family Farm Day event. www.cceschoharie-otsego.org/2021FarmGuide.



CCE developed an updated resource for area farms and agribusinesses, the **Guide to Farming in Schoharie and Otsego Counties, New York**. This guide provides farmers, food producers and processors, and agribusinesses in Schoharie and Otsego Counties with contact information and brief descriptions of services provided by local, regional, and national organizations and agencies.



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November 2021

On behalf of the Board of Directors and association staff, I am proud to present the 2021 Annual Report. In the short time I have been here, I have seen CCE Schoharie and Otsego counties (CCE SO) continue to provide research-based information in those areas of expertise we excel at. The work that has been accomplished in this report is a testament to the professional skills and perseverance our staff has shown this past year.

In spite of the challenges that COVID-19 presented, our programs adapted and negotiated a range of strategies in our responses. Logistics for COVID-19 have to be considered when organizing public events from a health and safety perspective. Some programs continue to rely on remote learning when most appropriate. But through all that, CCE Schoharie and Otsego functioned effectively, remained on track, and stayed true to our mission to enable people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work.

This year also saw the retirement of Don Smyers, who, for many years, provided the leadership and guidance to CCE SO through some of the most challenging times we have faced as a community. His efforts to establish CCE in Action: Key Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic, ensured we provided our communities with the best resources to meet their needs.

Some 2021 highlights include:

2021 Family Farm Day. This year it was an in-person event, as last year FFD was virtual because of COVID-19. Through a new marketing campaign on Facebook and CCE's interactive website, approximately 3,000 people visited our regional farms to learn more about the important role they play in our local foodshed.

"Food, Water and Climate" Farm Tour. This farm tour brought state legislators to our region and focused on the common interests among both farmers and legislators, which is the need for clean water, a secure food system, and a desire to work together to combat climate change.

Nutrition Education's Budget Bites. This nutrition education series focuses on recipes incorporating fruits and vegetables into budget-friendly recipes. Participants meet in a group setting or gather ingredients and meet on Zoom!

4-H County Fairs. While still facing challenges, the 4-H program was back at the Fair in full force and provided support to the youth programs that happened during these important county events.

Thank you for your support and interest in CCE during this past year. Should you have any questions, please contact me at either the Cobleskill or Cooperstown office.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Wyman

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The mission of this extension team is to provide high-quality educational programs that address the needs of dairy, livestock, and field crop producers in Chenango, Fulton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Otsego, Saratoga and Schoharie Counties. The team consists of a Dairy Specialist, a Livestock Specialist, and a Field Crop Specialist, working the eight-county region. They focus on, Dairy Modernization, Forage Quality, Precision Feeding, Pests, and Soil.

2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Evaluation of sheep or goat deworming.
- Ventilation & Heat Abatement for Dairy Operations
- No-Till Cover Crop Interseeding for Soil Health
- To Market, To Market: A program focused on marketing products wholesale
- Hemp Grain and Fiber: Production, Pests, Processing, and Policy 2 part zoom series
- Vegetable and Field Crop IPM
- Central NY Corn Silage Pre-Harvest Resources and Webinar

2022 FOCUS WILL INCLUDE

- Improving Forage Quality
- Dairy Advancement Program (DAP)
- Dairy Modernization, Expansion, and Cow Comfort
- Dairy Nutrition and Precision Feeding
- Beef Cattle Nutrition and Precision Feeding
- Crop and Soil Management
- Animal Handling
- Pasture Awareness
- Starting up a Successful Livestock Operation
- Marketing
- Managing the Agricultural Workforce
- Basic Farm Accounting and Financial Management for Livestock Producers
- Land Valuation/Leasing Rates/Custom Harvest Survey
- Succession Planning for Transition of the Family Farm

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EASTERN NEW YORK COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

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Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program

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The Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Team serves the educational and research needs of the commercial vegetable, tree fruit, grape, and berry industries in Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Dutchess, Essex, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Orange, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schenectady, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, and Washington Counties.

The team's Specialists work together with Cornell faculty and extension educators statewide to address the issues that impact the vegetable, tree fruit, small fruit, and grape industries. The Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program provides educational programs and information to growers and agri-business professionals, equipping them with the knowledge to profitably produce and market safe and healthful horticultural crops, and contributing to the viability of farms and the economic well-being of New York State through many educational offerings including a newsletter, direct mailings, and pest alerts.

SOME 2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Changing it Up** – Using “Laser Scarecrows” in Sweet Corn to Reduce Bird Damage Chuck Bornt CCE ENYCHP Vegetable Specialist has been working with University of Rhode Island researcher Dr. Rebecca Brown and former Cornell University Extension Specialist Ali Nafchi to develop and evaluate the use of specialized, low cost “laser scarecrows” to deter birds from sweet corn and reduce damage.
- **Robust Berry Research and Outreach Provides Important Support to Industry**
The anaerobic soil disinfestation (ASD) project is investigating the efficacy of more sustainable approaches to soil fumigation in perennial strawberry production systems. Winter coverings, plasticulture and low tunnel utility are being examined through another Northeast SARE sponsored grant. Exclusion netting and Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) monitoring are ongoing efforts to help growers manage a devastating pest of small fruit
- **ENYCHP Provides Virtual Food Safety Training During Pandemic**
Prior to the pandemic, growers subject to federal food safety regulations were required to attend an in-person, day-long Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training course. As of March 2020, this course is now available remotely, via Zoom or other platforms. In FY2021, ENYCHP educators have led three PSA Grower Training Courses in which 66 participants earned certificates from the comfort and safety of their own homes or offices



The ENYCHP cover topics relating to greenhouses and tunnels, organics, food safety, ag pest, and farm businesses as they relate to issues impacting vegetables, small fruit tree fruits and the grape industries.

MASTER GARDENERS & INVASIVE SPECIES

By Jessica Holmes



The Schoharie and Otsego Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener programs have been working side by side providing information about invasive species throughout the year. The program has received calls, emails and in-person visits about various species including jumping worms, wild parsnip, spotted lanternfly, emerald ash borer and Japanese knotweed. There have been a number of Master Gardeners who learned a great deal of information about invasive species between Master Gardener meeting discussions and webinars they have attended. Thirty Master Gardeners also use a platform called Moodle, where invasive species information can be found and additional posts made in the future.

We also had events during the year which displayed the Master Gardener Program along with invasive species information. The Otsego County Fair reached an estimated six hundred people and the Schoharie County

Fair reached an estimated twelve hundred people with CCE's display and handouts. We used a similar display and handouts at the Cobleskill County Home and Living show in early October which reached about two-hundred and fifty people. There was information on giant hogweed, wild parsnip, emerald ash borer, spotted lantern fly, Asian longhorn beetle, hemlock woolly adelgid, the DEC native plant factsheets and more! CRISP as a partner and Connection's article.

The Master Gardeners have been a great resource in CCE's invasive species outreach and will continue to spread the word about such potentially destructive invasive species. Special thanks to the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership, which provides funding to support this important work.



This spring 40 Master Gardeners completed their training. An expectation of the training is 50 hours of Master Gardener Volunteer service within a 12 month time period. That translates into 2000 hours of community benefit in a range of gardening-related topics.

PLANT SALE SUCCESS

By Pati Grady & Carol Phelps, Plant Sale co-chairs



In May 2021, Master Gardeners of Otsego & Schoharie Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) hosted our best attended and financially most successful plant sale ever. The annual, daylong event is the Master Gardeners' largest fundraiser and features native and hard to find, annual and perennial species that thrive in our region. Thirteen MGVs started plants from seeds during the winter months of 2021, which comprised the majority of plants sold.



Beyond selling plants, the sale brings our core of association-trained Master Gardener volunteers, who share local experience and evidence-based knowledge, face to face with an ever-growing audience eager to learn the value and benefits of gardening, particular in a post-Covid world.



This year's sale could be the result of improved efficiencies on many fronts: early planning, a large turnout by Master

Gardener volunteers (both before and on sale day), delegating more tasks to committee sub-chairs, an expanded plant inventory, better plant and directional signage, the efficient layout of the parking lot, (plants arranged on center raised railroad tie beds – west lot used for plant displays & east lot for cars); parking assistance from volunteers; one-way traffic, two registration tables where customers were required to provide contact information, and a more streamlined check out.

We were also fortunate to receive extensive publicity thanks to an expanded presence on social media and complements of Five Star Subaru. We ran two \$10 ads on Facebook reaching 2,161 views for the ads alone. Both ads were videos that generated 257 minutes of viewing time at a cost of \$.03 per view. In addition, FB generated over 4,000 views for the unpaid posts in May alone which doesn't take into account the posts in the months prior. Bottom line, we spend \$20 and generated over 257 minutes of viewing time and over 4,000 views in May alone.

Five Star Subaru created powerful messaging which helped us reach a large, new audience. Many of the 200+ visitors were first-time attendees, who came from a wider demographic beyond the primarily local audience we usually draw from. Besides promoting the plant sale, ads highlighted Cooperative Extension's role as a valuable community resource, and, in particular, our current fundraising campaign, Grow With CCE, which will redevelop the grounds of the organization's Education and Outreach center into teaching and education gardens.

Planning for the 2022 Master Gardener Plant Sale has already begun, and we expect to leverage the success of 2021 to create an even better event next year. Stay tuned for coming attractions.

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS WORK

By Kim Ferstler



Katy (not her real name), a woman living at Nader Towers in Oneonta, requested to work one on one with



the nutrition educator. Her doctor had asked her to lose some weight before he would consider her for a procedure she needed. She had been to a dietician, but hadn't made many changes—and hadn't lost any weight—because she wasn't sure how to put the recommendations into place in a day-to-day way.

Early in our first meeting, Katy described herself as a picky eater, and that she would have a hard time making half her plate vegetables and fruits. Despite that, as we went through a list of vegetables in one

of the information sheets, she listed more than a dozen vegetables she liked. When I pointed out that assortment didn't seem like a picky eater to me, she smiled, clearly delighted to have that label taken from her. Towards the end of that class, we reviewed the printed recipes I brought for her—most featured vegetables—and she said she would give at least one a try before we met again in a week.

At our second meeting, Katy was happy to report that she had spent time looking at the recipes on the CCE website and the MyPlate.gov website, in addition to the printed ones. She had found two that she and her boyfriend had tried and enjoyed, and they liked one well enough to definitely make again.

Before our classes, Katy cooked a limited number of dishes at home. She was excited about having a lot of new recipes to try. Confident that the dishes would be healthy if she followed the portion recommendations, Katy and her boyfriend purchased a set of spices and a spice rack. She hoped to be able to budget the next month for a food scale so she could easily portion out meats for freezing when she bought in bulk.

Katy also reported she had visited her family and had brought her signature pasta salad . . . but this time with an ingredient swap: whole wheat pasta instead of regular pasta. She thought it tasted just as good. Her niece, upon learning about the “healthy swap,” said she thought it would taste disgusting; despite her prediction, the niece ended up eating a whole bowlful.



When **teachable moments** occurred, **EFNEP lessons** led to these **outcomes** for participants: **89%** showed *improvement in overall diet quality*, **82%** showed *improvements in food safety practices*, and **57%** are *eating more vegetables daily*, **adding to** the **42%** who already were.

EFNEP, RETHINKING LEARNED BEHAVIOR

By Michelle Leveski



One thing I have learned from the past year and a half is to adapt to ever-changing circumstances. While in-person education is the preferred method, circumstances have provided us the opportunity to implement new ways to deliver the same quality education that Cornell Cooperative Extension is known for. Technology has offered another venue to maintain that important connection with our participants, as well as our family, friends, and coworkers. Along the way, EFNEP has been able to continue to share our message with income-eligible families and youth to shop smarter, feel better, improve their health, and learn new recipes by cooking along with peers, by either joining our nutrition education lessons virtually or in person. EFNEP participants have shown that they are really motivated to improve, to become better, and to grow. An illustration of



this was from an EFNEP participant Nancy (not her real name), who is a Head Start mom with young children. She wanted to learn new ways to prepare healthier meals for her family. Our lessons focused on preparing recipes together through virtual learning (Zoom) and learning the “why” behind eating from My Plate. Nancy said “I grew up in a household where we were really poor, and we focused more on having food to eat rather than proper nutrition. As a result, as I got older, I never put nutrition first when preparing meals. One change I have made is, instead of buying junk food, I have been including fresh vegetables in my budget and now I offer salads with most meals.”

Thank you so much for these classes because I feel more motivated, and I really want to do better for myself and my family. I am excited to start eating the rainbow way and sharing what I have learned with my family!



EFNEP total families for 2020-2021
26 families (23 virtual and 3 in-person)
Total lessons: 128

Middleburgh School (virtual)
Total Students: 76 with 6 lessons
Youth participation in other classes: 16

The population reached through indirect contacts (flyers, events, etc.) 4,286

FAMILY FARM DAY A SUCCESS!

By Jessica Holmes



On August 28th, Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties held the 9th annual Family Farm Day (FFD) in collaboration with Delaware County. This year it was an in-person event, as the year prior FFD was virtual because of COVID-19. Due to not having a true FFD in 2020, people were excited to get out and about, attend events, get off zoom and join CCE for the day at the local farms throughout the three counties. The pandemic brought attention to local farmers all over New York State, as grocery stores weren't stocked. There were shortages for many products, including food, and people were turning to where their food came from directly-the farms. This made having FFD essential this year to continue enhance the connection between the public and farms. This event is crucial not only for public education and awareness but for the farmers too.



Farmers were able to showcase their products, explain and show how they are made, all while seeing behind the scenes of their operation. The public was able to come to these farms, talk to the owners and employees, ask questions and see where their food comes. Visitors also learned about the important role that farms play in their communities. There were about three thousand visitors, many as a result of an expanded marketing campaign through Facebook and CCE's website, three-hundred road signs, and about twenty-thousand farm guides. FFD attendees were able to pick and choose where they wanted to go based on descriptions of the farm on our interactive website and Facebook, along with the new Farm Guide. The Farm Guide was a great addition as it helped attendees navigate their way to the farms as cell phone service can be very limited in all three of the rural counties. Not only was it used for navigating and giving a description of the farms, but it is a good tool for people to hold on to in case there were farms they didn't reach or may want to visit or contact in the future. CCE helped all the farms prepare by providing them with sign-in sheets, surveys, protocols, safety regulations, masks, and hand sanitizer from NYS Clean. We also advised them to have signs and farm rules up in regard for COVID-19 safety.

Overall, FFD was a success due to the number of positive survey feedback we received, high interaction through the FFD marketing campaign, and being able to host an in-person, on-farm event, for the public. Collaborators with FFD include, CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties, CCE Delaware County, the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Great Western Catskills, Destination Marketing for Otsego County Tourism and Schoharie County Tourism, Otsego County Government, and our participating sponsors. And of course, our farms!

Family Farm Day 2021 featured a wide range of local and regional products including vegetables, fruits, meats, maple, and honey. The public interacted with alpaca, pigs, goats, beef cows, lamb, and chickens. Forty-two farms participated with attractions at apiaries, wineries, breweries, cow and goat dairies, greenhouses, horse, and solar farms.

FARM TOUR CONNECTS FARMERS AND LEGISLATORS



On October 4 and 5, The Otsego County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Committee and Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego County came together to host the Food, Water, and Climate farm tour. State legislators spent two days meeting farmers in our area to hear their commitment to farming and the challenges confronting them day to day and generation to generation. “The common interests we all share is the need for clean water and a secure food supply, and a desire to work together in combating climate change” stated Jim Barber, Ag & Farmland Implementation Specialist, from CCE Schoharie and Otsego County who coordinated the event. The tour brought all those interests together by showcasing the diversity of agriculture in the New York City and Upper Susquehanna watersheds, and the role our farms play in fulfilling those interests. Stops on the tour included: Lucky Dog Organic Farm, Hamden, Chicory Creek Farm (Mt. Vision), Brick House Road Farm (Richfield Springs), and Middlefield Orchard (Middlefield), The Magic Kitchen—Patricia Reller, as well as The 607 CSA food hub and Cooperstown Distillery.

Everyone came away with a sincere appreciation for the commitment and hard work of our farmers in building a healthier future for our communities, our economies, and our environment. The Food, Water, and Climate Tour couldn’t have been made possible without the commitment of the Otsego County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Committee, Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego County, and financial support from Farm Credit East, and Otsego County. Other partners include Hamden Inn, Cooperstown Distillery, Mel’s at 22, and the Watershed Agricultural Council.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM SHORT- AND LONG-TERM RESULTS

By Susan Salisbury



Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie, in partnership with Schoharie Central School, provides an after-school program that serve



students in grades K-6. The goals of the afterschool program (ASP) are to enhance a child's desire to learn, to provide experiences for all aspects of the child's development, and to provide an environment that is relaxed and enjoyable. The afterschool program includes 4-H projects, indoor/outdoor recreation, arts, crafts, games, homework helper, and a nutritious snack. The 4-H afterschool program also emphasize STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) content, and the 4-H skills of leadership, public speaking, problem solving, and listening and following directions. This is accomplished while working with hands-on activities such as arts and crafts, and other areas of youth interest.

Because the 4-H ASP follows the 4-H philosophy of learning by doing, many of these experiences have both short- and long-term impacts. For instance, recently a parent told me that her child loves the program and is learning so much from her experiences. Her child is now able to master skills such as cutting along a line and is so excited to show the family the projects she has done and talks about what she did in the program that day. But the impact goes beyond the immediate school year. This is illustrated by a former participant, who was in high school and stopped to see me. She said "I didn't know you were teaching us public speaking in the afterschool program. Part of my English class required us to do public speaking and I wasn't sure if I could do it, But as I was preparing, I realized I had been doing this in your 4-H ASP. I was able to get in front of the class with no fears and make my presentation. And I got an 'A' for my class!" I have also had many former participants who have asked to work with the ASP as interns. Nothing says success like older youth participants wanting to help with a program they participated in when they were younger.



Research shows that high-quality afterschool programs improve students' educational outcomes, school attendance, and social and emotional learning.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED VALUE

By Catherine Roberts



4-H Public Presentations is the signature event for both our youth members and adult volunteers. Alumni of 4-H will tell you that this experience allowed them to stand head and shoulders above their colleagues in every realm – school, career and personal life. Schoharie-Otsego County 4-H was determined to

provide Public Presentations for our youth in 2021, especially in light of the pandemic. Educators, leaders, and youth were wonderfully flexible and embraced these temporary changes, overcoming technological and communication obstacles. It has been a true testament to the skills and strengths 4-H develops in individuals.

Our two-county cooperative worked closely to formulate plans to host Public Presentations in ways that best suited the needs of our 4-H youth and their families. While some families chose to participate in presentations that were in-person, virtual options were made available in the form of live Zoom events and through prerecorded video submissions.

Leaders enthusiastically encouraged their youth to choose a topic and sign up, and the response was overwhelming. More than 70 4-H members gave presentations, with the majority of these youth choosing to participate virtually. Presenting as a virtual event was a significant adjustment from the traditional venue. Our youth were innovative in selecting topics that could be clearly communicated while being physically separated from their audience and created alternatives to the traditional poster board that would be visually appealing via a computer screen. These skills will translate beautifully as they move into the adult world. 4-H youth have always risen to the top, especially in the public speaking arena, and this was just another opportunity for them to be creative and develop new skills.

We certainly lived up to our motto of, “Learn by Doing!”



More than 500 youth & volunteers in Schoharie and Otsego Counties 4-H Programs are enrolled in over 70 Project Areas from Animal Science and Horticulture to Robotics and Environmental Sciences, and everything in between!

COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS

Thank you all for saying yes to making a difference. Your time, talents, and dedication enable us to offer more to the communities we serve. You have our appreciation. Our board and advisory committee members are listed in a separate section. If we have missed your name, please know we value your effort as well.

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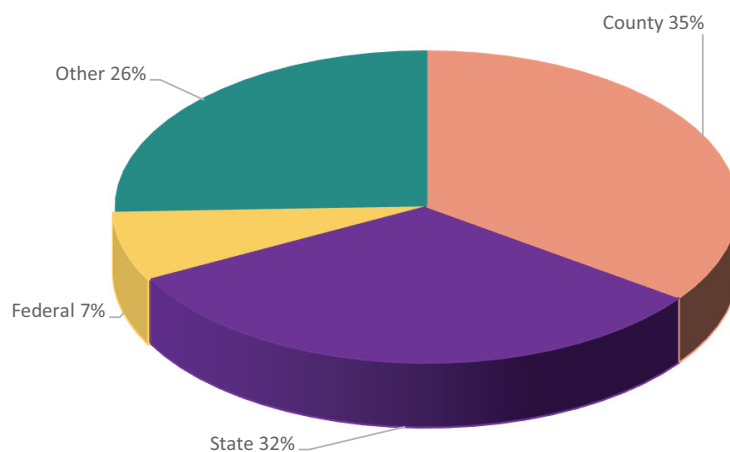
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<i>2021 Financial Support for 10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021</i>	
<i>County</i>	
Funding Appropriation	396,715
County Contracts	29,664
Total County Support	426,379
<i>State</i>	
County Law 224 Funds	71,254
NYS Ag & Markets	-
Direct Aid, University Resources, Fringe Benefits	323,990
Total State Support	395,244
<i>Federal</i>	
Smith-Lever	32,006
EFNEP (<i>nutrition education program</i>)	52,182
CACFP (<i>free & reduced reimbursements</i>)	3,006
Total Federal Support	87,194
<i>Other Sources</i>	
Program Participation Fees	39,392
Grants, Contracts, Special Projects	29,392
Contributions, Fundraising	215,376
Interest Income, Rental Income, Misc Income	27,717
Total Other Sources of Support	311,877
Total Support to Association	\$1,220,694



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