Cornell Cooperative Extension Presents NNY Spring Beef Week March 18-21
in Canton, Copenhagen, Malone, Ticonderoga

Cornell Cooperative Extension will present NNY Spring Beef Week programs in four communities March 18-21. Beef industry representatives and educators will share the latest practices for designing cattle handling and the use of artificial insemination.

Artificial insemination (AI) is common in dairy cows but has as much potential in beef cows to improve production genetics. Good handling facilities are required to handle the cattle during the AI process and are lacking on many beef operations. The presentation on handling equipment will give producers many ideas on how to set up a handling facility, which components should be the priority, and how to encourage the cattle to use the facilities.

The program includes presentations by Cornell University Beef Extension Specialist Dr. Mike Baker, local Extension Educators, and farmers who are using artificial insemination with their cattle. Farmers interested in a visit by Dr. Baker may contact their Extension office to schedule.

Programs will be held:

**March 18 - Copenhagen**, Grace Episcopal Church, 7pm, register with Ron Kuck, CCE Jefferson County, 315-788-8450, rak76@cornell.edu

**March 19 – Ticonderoga**, Adirondack Meat Company, 6-9pm, includes plant tour; presentations by Dr. Baker on AI and Peter Hagar on handing facilities; pizza; register with Anita Deming, CCE Essex County, 518-962-4810 x409, ald6@cornell.edu; for farm visit by Dr. Baker, contact Peter Hagar, CCE Clinton County, 518-561-7450, phh7@cornell.edu

**March 20 – Malone**, Courthouse, 7pm, register with Diane Dumont, CCE Franklin County, 518-483-7403, drd9@cornell.edu

**March 21 – Canton**, CCE St. Lawrence Extension Learning Farm, 7pm, register with Betsy Hodge, CCE St. Lawrence County, 315-379-9192, bmf9@cornell.edu.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 14,200 beef cows on farms in the six northernmost counties of New York State in 2012. Find more information about livestock production online at [www.ccenny.com](http://www.ccenny.com). Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities. -30-