An all-day Connecting with Kids workshop was held in May with 50 youth workers in attendance. Ten speakers held morning & afternoon sessions and there was activity sharing time at lunch.

The Team continued work on a Bunker Silo Study which is now being coordinated by Dr. Larry Chase at Cornell. Additional data was collected on one dairy farm participating in this study.

Staff was requested by the Town of Russia to inspect invasive plants in the Military Rd. area. The plants turned out to be Cow parsnip instead of Hogweed, a common case of mistaken identity.

"Food Safety Update" was the topic of the April Health and Nutrition Forum held in Herkimer and taught by Donald S. MacMaster, Area General Manager, Sodexho Senior Services. Fourteen professionals and interested consumers attended the program.

Nutrition staff made 344 home visits to 85 families; 25 recruitment visits to 8 food pantries (259 contacts); and 7 visits to 5 WIC clinic locations (30 contacts). Seventy-six home visits were made to 23 Even Start families; and 28 Even Start Center programs were presented (136 contacts).

Cameron Miller, summer nutrition assistant, and Erin Murphy, summer program assistant, began working for CCE through the Herkimer County College Corps.

During June, Cameron worked in 20 WIC clinics, reaching 435 WIC participants; referring 63 families for CCE staff to make home visits. She is shown here at Herkimer WIC promoting the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program.