CCE hosted an Open House in July for Herkimer County Legislators.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Approximately 7,000 people attended the CNY Farm Progress Show in September, stopping at the CCE booth for information on our programs.

The CNY Dairy and Field Crops Team held a NoTill Tour and Demonstration to show that no-till planting of crops can minimize soil loss, improve soil health and reduce machinery costs and labor. Sixty-nine people attended.

The CNYDFC had a very busy summer consulting with area farmers on subjects ranging from the dry weather, potato leafhoppers, feed budgeting, determining the cost of corn silage, and much more.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has awarded the CNYDFC Team a NY State IPM program grant to look at the use of and reduce the production of mycotoxins when corn is harvested for corn silage.

Robotics Camp for school-age youth was held in collaboration with HCCC. 4-H interest has exploded in this area as well as geospatial sciences. Interactive GPS demonstrations at the CNY Farm Progress Show garnished a lot of interest. Though new to 4-H in Herkimer County, this interest reminds us that NY State 4-H offers over 100 diverse curriculum in 16 subject areas.

Over 75 4-H youth participated in the Herkimer County Fair either by showing their animals or entering exhibits in the youth building. Fifty-two went on to participate in the New York State Fair.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Andy Chlus placed first in the New York State 4-H Dairy Judging contest held at the NY State Fair earning him a spot on the New York State 4-H Dairy Judging Team that competed in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest in Madison, WI.

Over 300 exhibitors and 650 animals participated in the 65th Annual Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show. Below are many of the Herkimer County 4-H'ers that participated.

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HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM

Nearly 10,000 “Herkimer County Local Foods Maps” were distributed this summer funded through the “Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work & Play” initiative through Herkimer County HealthNet. Sixty-three farms are listed on the map.

“Food Preservation 101” workshops were held in Herkimer and Dolgeville reaching over 40 participants.

Tiffany McConn (in picture), Summer Nutrition Intern and Jill Turner, Creating Healthy Places Program Educator, shared recipes and tasting samples twice at nine farmers markets this summer reaching over 1800 people giving them information on using local foods.