Two new Herkimer County residents attended the ten-week Master Gardener training course. Herkimer County now has eight active Master Gardener volunteers.

Over 50 area farm families from five counties attended the “Farm Transfer and Succession Workshop” organized by CCE of Herkimer County and made possible by a grant from Herkimer County Mental Health Services through the Farm Family Assistance Program.

**Human Ecology Program**

During 2012, 317 adults, representing 1045 family members, participated in nutrition programs in Herkimer County. 100% of graduates improved their nutrition practices (i.e. making healthy food choices, reading nutrition facts labels, etc.); and 95% improved their food resource management skills (i.e. planning meals, comparing prices, etc.). Comments from a graduate include: “I’ve started comparing prices and making healthier food choices.”

Over 170 customers were surveyed at The Country Store in Salisbury, Havers’ Nice-n-Easy in Poland, Melrose Market in Frankfort, and Big M in Dolgeville as part of a pilot project to increase access and promote using more fresh vegetables in Herkimer County. The project is part of the Creating Healthy Places grant from Herkimer County HealthNet working with CCE of Herkimer County. Promotion of vegetables in the store displays has resulted in an increase in vegetable sales.