*I'VE LEARNED* *...... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult. — Andy Rooney

Announcements
Tuesday, August 11, 10:00am - 3:00pm, Grazing Assistance Workshop and Pasture Walk - Cool Whisper Farm at 1011 CR 21, Ghent, NY. Free, registration required, (lunch provided). The 150 acre Cool Whisper Farm, Matt and Lisa Schober, raise grass-fed beef, chickens, and swine. Darrell Emmick will share his tremendous wealth of grazing knowledge and research. Morgan Hartman of the Black Queen Angus Farm will lead discussion on how producers may incorporate silvopasture principles in their forested land. Tom Gallagher of the regional CCE Capital Area Agriculture and Horticulture Program, and Mick Bessire of Columbia-Greene CCE will discuss soil health and fertility as affected by grazing management, and present the new Cornell Soil Health Assessment Program for comprehensive soil management. Tom and Donna Murray of the H-M RC&D will present information about the new Beef Cattle Business Summary program now underway in the region. (Cont.)

To register, or for more information, please call Columbia-Greene CCE at 518-828-3346, or 518-622-9820. To register online: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/grazingworkshop_210

Thursday, August 20, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 pm - Hay Making Workshop to be held at CNY Farm Supply in Cortland - located at 3865 US Route 11, Cortland, NY.
Weather Data—August 4, 2015

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Sponsored by the South Central NY Ag Team and the South Central NY Dairy & Field Crops Team of Cornell Cooperative Extension. The workshop will focus on: Machinery Overview for making Dry Hay; Proper Adjustments for Equipment; Small Square Bales & Large Round Bales; Acid application & calibration; Proper Storage of Dry Hay; Caring for your Hay Stand. Cost for the event is $10 per person; additional members from the same farm are $5 each. To register, call Jen Atkinson at 607.753.5078 or email jma358@cornell.edu. For any questions, contact Betsy Hicks at 607.753.5213 or email at bjh246@cornell.edu.

Tuesday, August 25 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm - Farm Lease Workshop: Understanding and Writing a Good Farm Lease – at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 232 Plaza Road in Kingston, NY 12401. Are you looking to rent farm land or do you have land that you are thinking about renting to a farmer? Do you want to know how farm land leases differ from home or other real estate leases? Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County and Jerry Cosgrove for an evening workshop where we will go over farm rental lease best practices. Bring a copy of your current lease or a draft of a lease to discuss. This program is free, and refreshments will be served, but space is limited, so register early! Please RSVP to Carrie Anne at 845-340-3990 ext. 311 or email cad266@cornell.edu with the names of attendees and an e-mail to contact them (in case the program is changed or cancelled). The last day to register is August 21.

Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 9:30 am – 3 pm – Soil Health Field Day – Building Better Soil With Cover Crops – at Fox Creek Park, 495 N Main St. (State Rte 30), Schoharie, NY. Hosted by Schoharie Valley Farms and sponsored by CCE, USDA-NRCS, NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee and the Watershed Ag Council. For all farmers. Program in-
cludes speakers (Ray Archuleta, NRCS; Emily Reiss, Cornell University; Kitty O’Neil, CCE), cover crop plots, conservation till and no-till equipment, and soil health demonstrations. Cost: $15: Pre-register by August 26th by calling 315-866-7920 or visit www.cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu. SEE FLYER AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

I am trying (and getting closer) to organize one or two tile drainage field meetings. It will be short notice— “stay tuned.”

FYI

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation recently approved the following 2(ee) Recommendations (variation from the use directions specified on the pesticide label):

- Propizol (EPA Reg. No. 74578-8) – for numerous unlabeled fungi on trees.
- Accord XRT II (EPA Reg. No. 62719-556) – for the unlabeled pest Japanese angelica tree.
- Rodeo (EPA Reg. No. 62719-324) – for the unlabeled pest Japanese angelica tree.
- Roundup Custom for Aquatic & Terrestrial Use (EPA Reg. No. 524-343) – for the unlabeled pest Japanese angelica tree.
- Pathfinder II (EPA Reg. No. 62719-176) – for the unlabeled pests common buckthorn, glossy buckthorn, honeysuckle, Japanese angelica tree, and oriental bittersweet.

Copies of the approved 2(ee) recommendations are currently available on our website. Copies will also be posted to PIMS shortly.

Please remember that applicators must have a copy of the appropriate 2(ee) recommendation in their possession at the time of use.

Mike Helms, Pesticide Management Education Program (PMEP)

Aaron’s Comments

Corn: Corn rootworm beetles continue to emerge. A **Corn Rootworm Decision Tree** is posted on our blog under “Capital Area Ag Report”. It will help you decide when you need to scout for CRW. To prevent **CRW resistance to Bt-rootworm hybrids**, it is important to only use these hybrids on year 4 corn and continuous corn (alternating with soil-applied insecticides). To prevent resistance, we need to limit how often the rootworms are exposed to the Bt-toxin. For year 2 and year 3 corn, seed-applied insecticides (1250 dose) and soil-applied insecticides are effective. The pictures below show the three species of rootworm beetle you may find, and some other beetles that do not cause damage.

Western bean cutworm moths are at or near their peak numbers. Egg laying and hatch

![Western Corn Rootworm Beetles](image1)

![Picnic (Sap) beetle](image2)

![Lady Beetle](image3)

Around the corner. The foliar diseases eyespot and northern corn leaf blight are present. NCLB especially has caused us problems in the past. Disease progress will depend on weather and if your hybrids are resistant.
**Soybeans:** Soybeans need August to fill the pods. The number of pods (per foot of row) and the number of seeds per pod will determine yield. Plants are too large to apply fungicides or insecticides, so hopefully they are in good shape. The beans I have seen have not pest problems. Some are lacking development due to early season weather issues. You can also check for nodule number and health. Nodules should be pink/red inside. One rule of thumb is to have two active nodules per node.

**Alfalfa:** Keep an eye out for potato leafhopper. Some areas are dry and this pest may still be a problem. Plan your harvest so that there are seven good weeks of growing between the last two cuttings.

**Barley:** Gary Bergstrom is looking for samples of malting barley from across New York. If you are harvesting any malting barley, please give me a call. I need a one-gallon sample, and to soil sample the field where it was grown.

*See the flyer on the next two pages.*
Soil Health Field Day
Building Better Soils with Cover Crops

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (registration begins at 9:30 am)
Where: Fox Creek Park, Route 30, Schoharie (Use 495 N Main St for GPS)
Cost: $15 per person - includes lunch
Hosted by: The Carrot Barn
Featuring: Roy Archuleta, NRCS National Soil Health Expert

Something for Everyone - Dairy, Livestock, Field Crop and Vegetable Farmers

Presentations Include:
- Understanding Soil Health
- How Cover Crops Affect Soil Health
- Strip Tillage & No Till
- Fitting Cover Crops into Rotations
- Forage Value of Cover Crops
- Industry Raps and Farmers Experience with Cover Crops

Over 35 Cover Crop Plots to View

Additional speaker and topic information will be available at http://cnydfc.coa.cornell.edu/ closer to meeting date.

Registration is $15 per person: Pre-registration is required!
Pay online with credit card at http://cnydfc.coa.cornell.edu/
Or fill out the registration form below and return it along with payment to:
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350.
Make checks payable to: Cornell Cooperative Extension
Please call 315.866.7920 if you have any questions.
Registration must be received by August 27, 2015

Name__________________________________________________________

Number attending: _______ @ $15.00/person Total: $_____

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Soil Health Field Day
Building Better Soils with Cover Crops

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (registration begins at 9:30 am)
Where: Fox Creek Park, Route 30, Schenectady (use exit 11 off N Main St for GPS)
Cost: $35 per person – includes lunch

Central New York Dairy and Field Crops Team