The National Milk Producers Federation has released the 2016 Residue Prevention manual for dairy producers. This manual gives an update of some best management practices to lower the risk if antibiotic residues in meat or milk. It also contains a list of FDA approved drugs for use in dairy cattle. This manual is available free online at: www.nationaldairyfarm.com/sites/default/files/2016-Residue-Manual.pdf

Now is the time to review your agricultural land parcels to determine if any are outside of a Certified Agricultural District. Your right to farm privileges may be at risk otherwise.

Maple is one of the sweetest ways to represent the goodness of New York State. See Page 2 to help promote your maple products in the early spring of 2016.

Many pesticide applicator’s appreciate being able to obtain a number of re-certification credits in one setting. The 2016 Pesticide Recertification Meetings on Page 3 allow you to receive up to 4 credits. Topics this year are related to 2015 difficulties and resistance building potential of popular pest control mechanisms. This event is co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension and CaroVail, Inc.

Join the NYSDEC, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Cornell's Human Dimensions Research Unit from the comfort of your own home via webinar as they discuss Deer and Deer Management in New York State. This pair of 1.25 hour meetings will give a perspective on the white tail deer in your neighborhood, how they have been managed and an opportunity for you to weigh in. Page 4 offers details on how to join the meeting from home or view the webinar at locations in Cayuga, Seneca and Tompkins County.

Sincerely,

Keith Seversen
Agriculture Resource Educator

Judy Wright
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New Farmers Grant Fund Supporting Agribusiness Across NYS

New York State announced $1 million for the 2nd round of the New Farmers Grant Fund. The grants will help beginning farmers improve profitability through one of more of the following program goals:

- Expanding agricultural production, diversifying agricultural production and/or extending the agricultural season;
- Advancing innovative agricultural techniques that increase sustainable practices such as organic farming, food safety, reduction of farm waste and/or water use;
- Creating or expanding partnerships with other entities such as farms, institutions or regional food-hubs for processing, selling and/or distributing agricultural products.

Grants may provide a minimum of $15,000 and a maximum of $50,000 for up to 50% of total project costs. The remaining 50% must be matched by the recipient. Eligible sources of recipient match are limited to cash, lines of credit and loans.

Eligibility

- A farm operation of one hundred fifty acres or less located wholly within NYS which produces an agricultural product as defined by the Guidelines;
- The farm operation must have a minimum of $10,000 in sales from products grown or derived from the farm as reflected in either personal or business 2014 or 2015 tax returns;
- All owners must be NYS residents of at least 18 years of age;
- All owners must be in the first ten years of having an ownership interest in any farm operation as of April 1, 2015;
- All owners must materially and substantially participate in the day-to-day production of an agricultural product grown or raised on the farm operation.

Eligible costs include the purchase of machinery and equipment, supplies, and/or construction or improvement of physical structures used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

Application and Guidelines

Program application and guidelines can be found at: www.esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/NewFarmersGrantFund.html Applications must be postmarked by January 22, 2016.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Below is a list of upcoming events that we thought might be important to you! If you ever have further questions or need to clarify any information, you can always check out our website [http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccccayuga](http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccccayuga), go to the Ag Calendar under the Agriculture tab on top. We try our best to keep information as up-to-date as possible so that you have a quick, easy reference available 24/7. Of course, you can always call our office with any questions or concerns you might have at 315-255-1183.

**JANUARY**

**January 7 Ag Society Meeting.** More information can be found on the New York State Ag Society web page at [http://www.nysagsoociety.org](http://www.nysagsoociety.org).

**January 13 & 14 Recertification Classes.** Two identical recertification meetings that have 4 recertification credits available have been scheduled. Information and how to register can be found on page 3.

**January 14 Corn Congress.** Held at the Holiday Inn, 2468 NYS Route 4114, Waterloo, NY. From 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information or to register contact Cathy Wallace (cfw6@cornell.edu) at 585-343-3040 ext. 138.

**January 19-21 Empire State Producers Expo.** Held at the Oncenter Convention Center, Syracuse, NY. This show combines the major fruit, flower, vegetable, and direct marketing association of New York State in order to provide a comprehensive trade show and educational conference for the fruit and vegetable growers of this state, as well as the surrounding states and Eastern Canada. Registration will open later this year on the NYS Vegetable Growers Association website [nysvga.org/expo](http://nysvga.org/expo).

**January 20 Agricultural and Food Business Outlook Conference.** Held at Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. New York agricultural leaders learn about the short- and long-term outlook for agriculture and agricultural products. Breakout sessions concentrate on dairy, grains and feed, and horticultural products. By attending, you will: Better understand critical issues facing agriculture in New York and the Northeast; Learn about the near-term outlook for major New York commodities; Interact with fellow leaders of the vibrant New York agricultural industry. To register or for more information contact Gretchen Gilbert, gcg4@cornell.edu, 607-254-1281.

**January 22—24 2016 NOFA-NY Winter Conference** Held at the Saratoga Hilton and City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY. For more information or to register online go to [www.nofanyconference.org](http://www.nofanyconference.org) or call 585-271-1979 Ext. 509 or email register@nofany.org.

**February**

**February 25—27 New York Farm Show** Held at the New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. Stay tuned for more information.

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**Intending to Add Property to the Ag District in Cayuga County?**

Cayuga County Request to Add Agricultural Land into a Certified Agricultural District runs from March 1st through March 30th, 2016. Agricultural Districts are intended to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. Enrollment of viable agricultural lands into a certified Agricultural District provides protection of accepted agricultural practices through New York State Agricultural Districts Law. Viable agricultural land is land highly suitable for or currently used for agricultural production. Property owners can request that their property be added to an Agricultural District in Cayuga County by completing the appropriate form—available at the website below and returning it to: Kari Terwilliger, Planner, Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development 160 Genesee Street, 5th Floor Auburn, NY 13021. For additional information visit: [http://www.cayugacounty.us/Departments/PlanningandEconomicDevelopment/AgriculturalFarmlandProtection/AgriculturalDistricts.aspx](http://www.cayugacounty.us/Departments/PlanningandEconomicDevelopment/AgriculturalFarmlandProtection/AgriculturalDistricts.aspx) or contact Kari Terwilliger at (315) 253-1485 or kterwilliger@cayugacounty.us

**Interested in Promoting Your Maple Products?**

Every spring, the New York State Maple Producers Association invites families from across the Empire State and neighboring areas into their "sugar houses" to learn all about the production of maple syrup and other related products. The goal is to provide an educational demonstration with a maple producer where visitors can experience many aspects of pure maple production. Maple Weekend is scheduled for March 26th & 27th and April 2nd & 3rd, 2016.

If you are interested in promoting your maple products and connecting with consumers, you can advertise in the 2016 Central NY Maple Producers and Maple Weekend Booklet. Information will be provided on your maple site, location, and include maple related articles of interest to participants. The booklet will cover 9 counties: Oneida, Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Schuyler, Tompkins, Chenango, Tioga, and Broome.

For more information on Maple Weekend you can go to [http://www.nyismaple.com/](http://www.nyismaple.com/). To advertise, contact CR Custom Publishing, P.O. Box 621, Richfield Springs, NY 13149 or E-mail rchristian@stny.rr.com 315-858-2193.
Cost: **$20.00 per person includes lunch!**

Register: Please plan on pre-registering. You can fill out the form below and mail it in, E-mail Peggy Lillie at psb4@cornell.edu or call 315-255-1183 ext. 238. You can also register online! [http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccceayuga](http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccceayuga) and click on the registration link!

Time: On-Site registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

Questions: Call CCE Cayuga County Ag Resource Educator Keith Severson (kvs5@cornell.edu) at 315-255-1183 ext. 225.

**Agenda***:  
**10:00 a.m.** Keith Severson and Kate Wheeler (*BASF*) will talk on how resistance develops with Fungicides, Insecticides, and Herbicides and the circumstances which lead to increase chances of a pest becoming resistant.  
**10:30 a.m.** Jeff Phillips (*Monsanto*) and Kate Wheeler will talk about potential increasing resistance of some broadleaf weeds and diseases.  
**11:15 a.m.** Shawn Beam (*Syngenta*) will talk about a new herbicide *Accuron* as a method of reducing the increasing population of resistant weeds.  
**11:45 a.m.** Lunch  
**12:45 p.m.** Judith Kolkman (*Cornell*) will review Cornell's investigative techniques to develop a plant that can withstand the diseases that commonly occur here in central New York.  
**1:30 p.m.** Jaime Cummings (*Cornell*) will highlight important disease rates in 2015 on corn, soybean, and small grain crops and what to watch for in 2016.  
**2:15 p.m.** Don Nelson (*NYSDEC*) will speak about some of the recent changes in pesticide law, regulations and updates for certified applicators.

* Please allow extra time for inclement weather. You must attend the full meeting to receive Pesticide Recertification Credits.

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### 2016 PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION MEETINGS

**Same Agenda – Two Different Sites!**  
9:30 a.m. sign in. Program runs from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.  

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| At the CCE Cayuga Education Center  
248 Grant Avenue, Auburn, NY | At the Red Brick Pub  
224 W. First Street, Fulton, NY |

Questions regarding registration? Call Peggy @ 315-255-1183 ext. 238 or email: psb4@cornell.edu

If you are a person planning to participate in this program with a disability and require any auxiliary aids, services, or other accommodations, please contact us at least two weeks prior to the class.
Deer and Deer Management in New York State Webinar Series

“Deer and Deer Management in New York State” will include a pair of 1.25-hour, evening webinars. You may participate in the webinars from the comfort of your own home, or participate on-site at one of the 3 following locations, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension:

**Cayuga County** - Wells College, Room 212
Zabriskie Hall, Aurora, NY.

**Seneca County** - Seneca County CCE Office - 308 Main Street Shop Centre, Aurora, NY.

**Tompkins County** - Village of Trumansburg Office, 56 E. Main St, Trumansburg, NY.

**Note:** A high-speed internet connection such as LAN, DSL, satellite, or cable is needed to view the webinars. Phone modems cannot effectively transmit data.

You can register online at [https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_89fgXa76slhgehv](https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_89fgXa76slhgehv) by January 15th, 2016.

**WEBINAR SCHEDULE**

**Session 1** (Overview of deer, deer management)
Wednesday, January 20th, 2016 – 7:00 pm

7:00 pm Welcome and Introduction
7:05 Overview of Pilot Initiative, Aggregate Wildlife Management Units
7:20 Deer Natural History
8:05 Questions and Answers
8:15 Adjourn

**Session 2** (Deer impacts and public survey results)
Wednesday, January 27th, 2016 – 7:00 pm

7:00 pm Welcome and Introduction
7:05 The Positives and Negatives Associated with Deer
7:30 Participant Poll – Deer Impacts Experienced and Actions Taken
7:35 Results, survey of residents in Central Finger Lakes WMU Aggregate
7:50 Summary, next steps
8:05 Questions and Answers
8:15 Adjourn

**Sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Cornell’s Human Dimensions Research Unit.**