# Agriculture News for the North Country

## February 2016

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Food from the Farm:
Eating Local in the North Country
Saturday March 5, 2016
2:00 to 5:00 pm
Plattsburgh City Gym
52 U.S. Oval

Meet the farmers and sample tasty dishes
New this year: 4 local restaurant chefs will be preparing samples
Latitude 44 Bistro, Blue Collar Bistro, The Hungry Trout, The Pepper

Admission price is all inclusive:
- Lots to sample, even more food this year
- Door prizes
- Meet your farmers
- Farm products for sale, CSA sign-ups
- Information on gardening and nutrition
- Family friendly fun, kid’s table
- Recipes for cooking with local products
- Mingle with local food enthusiasts

Admission: $5/adult, ages 5 & under free, $20 maximum per family
Tickets available in advance on-line, at our office, or at the door
https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/FoodFarm16_209
For more information contact Cornell Cooperative Extension
561-7450 or email Amy Ivy at adi2@cornell.edu
DAIRY OF DISTINCTION
New York Application
DairyofDistinction.com

Purpose of Program
Attractive dairy farms give the consumer greater confidence in the wholesomeness of milk and stimulate milk sales which encourages public support of the dairy industry. The award gives recognition to the dairy farmer for maintaining a well-kept farmstead.

Eligibility
All Northeast dairy farms producing milk for sale are invited to submit an application for the award. Applicant farms must receive a score of 90 or higher to receive an 18"x24" Dairy of Distinction sign. The sign is to be displayed in front of the farm. Winners need not reapply but will be rejudged each year.

Application

Name__________________________ Farm Name_______________________
Mailing address_________________ Town________________ Zip_______
Phone number _________________ Email ___________________________
Milk Cooperative or Handler _______________________________________
Location (driving directions for judging team)_________________________

County where farm is located_______________________________________

I hereby apply to the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Committee to have my dairy scored in accordance with the rules of the program for the purpose of obtaining a Dairy of Distinction sign to be displayed on my premises (No producer will be charged for scoring or sign expense).

________________________________________ Date_____________________

Signature of owner/operator

____ Please check if farm is rented or leased

Application must be postmarked by April 15 to:
Nancy Putman
80 Chipman Corners Road
Lisbon, NY 13658
Farming in the Basin
Saturday, February 27th
10:00 - Noon
Miner Institute Farm Horse Barn
*Matching your hay to your horse*

Calling all horse enthusiasts!
Do you struggle to figure out what type of hay is best for those long winter days when your horses are out in the cold or stuck in the stall? Enhance your knowledge of hay feeding and how to keep good hay coming during the long months of winter.

Learn these 3 things in order to save money on feed and cut down on hay waste.

• Identify the hay types you could be feeding
• Understand forage test reports and how to submit a sample
• Tips on how to grow better hay on your farm.

Participate in a hands on event to identify hay types and earn a 4-H point. Representatives from Cornell, Miner Institute, CCSWCD, LCBP, and others with backgrounds in forage selection will be providing information for this meeting.

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**Beginning Farmer Series**
**January 28th-March 3rd**
**Cornell Cooperative Extension Meeting Room**

January 28th 7-9pm, Introduction to Business Planning (Anita Deming, CCE Essex County)
February 2nd 7-9pm, Introduction to Livestock Production (Sara Bull, CCE Clinton County)
February 4th 7-9pm, Introduction to Maple Production (Mike Farrell, Cornell University)
February 9th 7-9pm, Introduction to Small Berries and Vegetables (Amy Ivy, CCE Clinton County)
February 25th 7-9pm, Introduction to Soil Health and Maintenance (Peter Hagar, S&W Clinton County)
March 3rd 7-9pm, Introduction to Poultry Production (Linda Gilliland, CCE Essex County)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Clinton County is excited to be offering these classes in the office meeting room on the dates listed above. If you would like to attend any or all of these classes, please register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/BeginningFarmerSeries_209. The cost is $25 for one class, and any additional class attended will be $5 each (to be paid at the door). There is a $5 cost per additional family member per class. Registration is encouraged; the class will be canceled if less than five registrations are submitted. The registration will include a beginning farmer packet, “Farming Alternatives, A guide to evaluating the feasibility of new farm based enterprises,” and other resource material.

If you have questions or for more information, contact Sara Bull, agriculture educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension Clinton County, at 561-7450 or slk95@cornell.edu.
Corn Congress
at Miner Institute
Thursday, February 4, 2016
BERC Auditorium, 586 Ridge Road, Chazy, NY

10:00 AM  Dr. Eric Young, Miner Institute, “Evaluating Yield and Quality of BMR and non-BMR Corn Hybrids.”

10:45 AM  Dr. Margaret Smith, Cornell University, “GMOs, Stacks, Traited Hybrids, Frankenfoods — What Does it All Mean?”

12:00 PM  Hot Lunch available for $5.00

12:45 PM  Anita Deming, CCE Essex County, “Crop Insurance – newest options.”

1:00 PM  Dr. Francis Glenn, President, Glenn Seed, Ltd., “Breeding for corn silage yield and economics.”

2:15 PM  Dr. Rick Grant, Miner Institute, “Making Milk with Corn Silage.”

Free Admission!

Corn Congress is organized in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Pesticide applicator credits will be available. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information contact: Wanda Emerich, 518-846-7121 x117 or Emerich@whminer.com

Managing Today and Tomorrow:
Annie’s Project 2
Wednesdays March 16th- April 20th (excluding April 13th)

We are looking for mothers and daughters, daughter-in-laws, and female farm managers interested in ways to better manage agricultural businesses today, successfully retire, and pass a successful farm business on to a child or the next owner. The time to plan is now so you are prepared to meet your goal. The course includes 15 hours of instruction on business, estate and retirement planning, managing current issues on the farm, and preparing to sell the farm. Also included will be the role of insurance in physical and financial protection measures for farm families, including options for dairy, livestock, field crop, and direct markets. The program is very in-depth and will prepare you to work quickly and efficiently with a lawyer to set up the plan that will best take care of your family. This is part of the National Annie’s Project and is supported by: Northeast Extension Risk Management Education Center, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, CoBANK, Farm Credit East, New York FarmNet, NYS Agricultural Mediation Center, NYS Workforce Development Institute and New York Agri-Women, Inc. The program costs $100 and scholarships are available. Please contact Kim Morrill at (603) 568-1404 or Sara Bull at (518) 578-4976 with questions or to sign up.

USDA Farm Service Agency
March 15th Deadline for 2016 NAP Coverage on Spring Seeded Crops

The Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to the weather and other natural disasters. Basic NAP coverage costs $250 per crop, but not more than $750 per producer per county, or not more than $1875 total per producer for all counties. Higher levels of coverage are available for an additional premium. Basic NAP Fees are waived and there are premium reductions for producers meeting the beginning farmer, under-served or limited resource income criteria.

NAP applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and basic fee must be filed by the crop sales closing date. Coverage for a variety of spring seeded vegetables, hops, melon, pumpkins and sunflowers can be purchased until March 15, 2016.

For more information on NAP and other FSA programs, be sure to contact the Clinton-Essex FSA office located at 6064 Route22, Plattsburgh or by phone at 518-561-4616, option 2. Program information is also available online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider and lender.
THE FOOD ARMOR® PROGRAM
Reducing the Risk of Antibiotic Residues on your Dairy Operation

Tuesday February 16, 2016
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Ramada Inn
Watertown, NY

-OR-

Wednesday February 17, 2016
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Mo’s Pub n Grill
Malone, NY

Food Armor® addresses food safety and long-term proper drug use on farms. Topics covered include:

- Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship
- Drug list
- Protocols
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Records
- Veterinary oversight

The objective of the Food Armor® program is to identify potential hazards and to identify critical control points to limit these hazards. Many residue issues result from poor communication and understanding by farm workers using legally approved drugs improperly. The dairy industry will face increasing pressure to reduce or eliminate antibiotic uses. Programs such as this provide a means to get our house in order without mandates from regulatory agencies. Be proactive—plan to join us for this great program!

More information on the Food Armor program can be found at: http://www.foodarmor.org/.

Registration
$50.00 pre-registered by 02/01/16 - $75.00 at the door
"FSA Borrower Credits Available"
Contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension if in need of further assistance with payment.
Registration includes lunch, materials and drawings for door prizes.

Watertown: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/reduceriskWatertown_10512
Malone: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/reduceriskMalone_10512

For more information contact:
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Hay School
March 22nd 10am-3pm
Miner Institute Auditorium

9:30  Doors open

10:00-11:00  Making and Feeding Baleage – Tom Kilcer, Advanced Ag Systems

11:00-11:45  Hay Quality Versus Yield – Dispelling the Myths – Kitty O’Neil, Regional Field Crops Educator

11:45-12:00  Crop insurance – Kitty O’Neil

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00  Hay in a Day - Wide Swathing - Tom Kilcer, Advanced Ag Systems

2:00 -2:30  Making Hay while the Sun Shines – Gib Brown, Meteorologist at WPTZ News Channel 5

2:30-3:00  Buying or Selling Hay

   Ron Kuck, Regional Livestock Educator– selling standing, custom, etc. Rules of thumb, PA Custom rates

   Betsy Hodge, Regional Livestock Educator – by the ton and by the bale

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The Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District is currently taking applications for 2 programs for implementation in 2016.

Both opportunities involve utilizing the District’s No Till Drill to reduce tillage, erosion and potential for nutrient losses into tributaries of Lake Champlain. Would you like to participate in a Cover Crop program that will provide you with seed and assistance towards planting as well as soil testing and nutrient management planning? Or would you like to improve your tired hayfields or pastures without plowing and picking rocks? Priority will be given to farms that haven’t used Cover Crops, fields in close proximity to water courses and certain watersheds throughout the County. For more details and an application, visit the office, call us at 561-4616 ext 3, or visit our website at www.clintoncountyswcd.org

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Webinar Training- Nutrition Programs at Farmers Markets and Farm Stands

The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets has posted their schedule for the webinar training session for the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Vegetables and Fruits Check Program (WIC VF) and the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). Farmers that complete a training session will: (1) satisfy the annual training requirement for the WIC VF program and (2) satisfy the training requirement for new farmers in the FMNP.

The free online farmer training program will be shown at Cornell Cooperative Extension Clinton County on the following dates:

- Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 12 Noon
- Friday, February 5, 2016 at 12 Noon

If you would like to attend a webinar at the office, please call (518) 561-7450 or email Sara Bull at slk95@cornell.edu by Feb 1st
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