



## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Thirty-three Herkimer County 4-H members exhibited their animals at the 67th Annual Farmers Museum Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown along with other 4-H members from the nine-county region.



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Twenty-three 4-Hers attended the rabbit and poultry clinic held at the 4-H Office to teach youth the proper way to care for and prepare their rabbits and chickens for show.

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Forty-two 4-H members from Herkimer and Oneida Counties participated in the 1st Annual Mohawk Valley 4-H Dairy & Livestock Sale at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. Seven youth then sold a total of three hogs, three dairy steers and two beef steers in the auction that culminated the event.

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Sixty-three Herkimer County 4-H youth participated in various animal shows while 40 youth exhibited their 4-H projects in the youth building at the Herkimer County Fair. Twenty two youth also participated in the Livestock Skillathon/Dairy Challenge Contest.



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At the NYS Fair, youth exhibited 4-H projects in the youth building, worked as Teen Leaders and participated in the robotics challenge, dairy challenge and dairy judging contests.

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4-H members participated in a nine week Shooting Sports safety course at the Ilion Fish & Game Club.

## AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The CNYDFC team is working with a NY Farm Viability grant for selecting malting barley varieties. A field day was held at a farm currently growing variety trials. All plots have now been harvested for yields and samples have been sent to a lab for malting quality analysis.



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Sixty people participated in an "open house/drive yourself tour" of twelve dairy farms that have transitioned from tie to free stall facilities. Many stopped at multiple farms.

## HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM

Creating Healthy Places (CHP) summer intern, Shae-Leigh Paparella-Voorhees interviewed farmers market managers and farmers to prepare a report to summarize farmers' market accomplishments; identify gaps; and plan sustainability projects after the CHP grant ends in 2015.



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"Rethink Your Drink" presentations were shared at eight Summer Feeding Programs in Cold Brook, Poland, Ilion, Mohawk, Herkimer, Little Falls, and West Winfield reaching 279 youth and staff.



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Eighteen "Enjoy Local Produce" tasting demonstrations were presented at nine Farmers' Markets in Herkimer County reaching over 1585 consumers.