4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Thirty-six 4-H members from Herkimer and Oneida Counties participated in the Second Annual Mohawk Valley 4-H Dairy & Livestock Sale at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. Eight youth sold a total of nine head of livestock including beef steers, market lambs and hogs in the auction.

Sixty-seven Herkimer County 4-H youth participated in various animal shows while 60 youth exhibited their 4-H projects in the youth building at the Herkimer County Fair. New this year was a “Smoothie Challenge” which NYS Senator James Seward and Herkimer Co. Legislator Ray Johnson took part in.

At the NYS Fair, youth exhibited 4-H projects in the youth building, worked as Teen Leaders, and participated in the NYS 4-H Youth Building Scavenger Hunt.

Thirty-nine Herkimer County 4-H members exhibited their animals at the 68th Annual Farmers Museum Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown along with other 4-H members from the nine-county region.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Soil Health Field Day was a huge success, with over 170 attending. Participants were able to have a guided tour of a demonstration of over 35 cover crops and see how a cover crop can aid in improving soil health. The featured speaker was NRCS National Soil Health Expert Ray Archuleta.

Staff were a part of the “Family Day at the Farm,” the “Mohawk Valley Garlic and Herb Festival,” the CNY Farm Progress Show, and the First Annual Little Falls Cheese Festival. These events showcased various aspects of agriculture.

HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM

Staff from CCE nutrition education programs worked together at the Herkimer County HealthNet “Family Fun Day” at Myers Park in Herkimer reaching over 200 participants promoting healthy eating and physical activity for families.

Summer intern, Emily LaLonde, worked at farmers markets promoting use of local produce; and prepared a presentation for Farmers Market Managers. She also encouraged redemption of Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks (FMNP) at Herkimer WIC clinics; and developed promotional materials for CCE nutrition programs.

“Veggie Bucks” ($4 value) were presented to Dolgeville School summer school students by the Dolgeville Rotary Club to be used for fresh produce at the Dolgeville Farmers Markets.