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Dear Friend:

The need for local, viable and sustainable agriculture has become more evident than ever over the course of the 2020 growing season. Throughout our communities, farmers have risen to the challenge by overcoming unforeseen obstacles in order to supply the highest quality produce regionally and beyond. Farms remain an integral component of food security. As we approach 2021, **Hudson Valley Research Laboratory (HRVL)** looks forward to partnering with you to provide scientific research and extension outreach for the sustainability, viability and success of local agricultural.

Since 1963, our Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences research scientists and support staff have worked directly with the farmers to address challenges and create solutions for regional agricultural production. Through the generous support and commitment of our growers and community members HVRL has maintained its commitment to success and excellence in the research fields of entomology, plant pathology and horticulture. In order to continue our mission, we ask that you show your support by **renewing your membership or joining us as a new member for 2021.**

HVRL has focused scientific research on controlling invasive species, preventing and managing plant diseases, and evaluating plant varieties and agricultural practices for success in our climate. Some of the highlights from 2020 include:

- NYS distribution of “Samurai Wasp” as a natural biological control for Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)
- Evaluation of a new experimental product for Bitter Pit control
- Sunburn management of Honeycrisp apples in New York
- Cabernet Franc and Pinot Noir clone and rootstock selection suitable for the Hudson Valley viticulture
- Use of Drape Net for insect pest control and management in combination with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and split IPM/ organic management
- Employing ZeroFly Net and LED lighting to reduce BMSB along orchard edge

(Please use the QR code provided below to link to the website for more information on specific projects and research.)

Regionally farmers face significant pressures from environmental and regulatory constraints. The research and extension teams at HVRL seek long-term solutions to the current and evolving issues that challenge agricultural sustainability. **Your support is vital to our success and through it, the success of agriculture throughout the Hudson Valley and Eastern New York.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

**Board of Directors
Hudson Valley Research Lab, Inc.**

