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**Statewide Organic Dairy Discussion Series to Honor the Late Jerry Brunetti**

The New York Organic Dairy Initiative, in collaboration with the New York Farm Viability Institute and host farmers across New York State, will hold discussion meetings for dairy farmers titled “Lunch with Jerry” to honor the late Jerry Brunetti, worldwide lecturer on biological farming systems.

Cornell Cooperative Extension organic dairy extension educator Fay Benson will show video trainings produced by Jerry Brunetti for the NY Organic Dairy Initiative.

The discussions are an opportunity for farmers to share what they have tried and learned in the past year, and to make plans and identify goals for 2015. Farmers who are currently certified as well as those thinking of transitioning to organic production are welcome.

Benson notes that these meetings are an excellent place for farmers who are considering whether organic production is a good fit for their farm to ask questions.

The free, 11am to 2pm meetings, include lunch, and are scheduled at local farm sites between March 19 and April 1 as follows:

March 19, 2015; Alfred State College Farm, 1315 New York 244, Alfred, NY 14803

Host: Virginia Chamberlain—Alfred State Farm Manager

March 20th, Dave Hardy Farm Shop, 718 Aney Hill Rd, Mohawk, NY 13407

Host: Dave Hardy

March 26, 2015, Hooper Farm, 7197 River Road, Memphis, NY 13112

Hosts: Mike and Karen Hooper

Special focus: Transitioning farmer with robotic milkers

March 31, 2015, Hammond Village Hall, 24 S. Main St. Hammond, NY 13646

Host: Farmers Liz Bawden

April 1, 2015, Malone Courthouse, 355 West Main Street #456 Malone, NY 12953

Host: Farmers Fred and Gwen Tuttle.

To register for any site, please contact Ellen Fagan at etf22@cornell.edu or 607-753-5078 or visit <http://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu> online. Lunch will be provided.