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COVER PHOTO: Agriculture program supporters, Colleen and Derek Yerico invited Agriculture staff for a behind the scenes tour. Pictured are beautiful petunias ready for Yerico Farms' Opening Day. You can visit the greenhouse at 3186 East Main Street, Dunkirk, NY 14048 Monday through Sunday 9am - 7pm.

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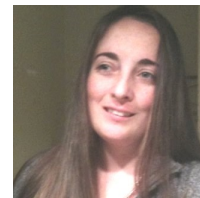
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From the Office of the Executive Director

We can all agree that we need April showers, maybe not snow showers, but here is hoping May brings us enough sun and subtle breeze to get the fields prepped, seeds sowed, and animals grazing. Even if you are not a farmer anxiously awaiting to get the spring routine underway, I am sure sunshine and fresh air will be great for all of us. I know that CCE Chautauqua is blossoming this spring with programs, and new faces.



Be sure to check out our website, Facebook page and this publication to see all the upcoming program opportunities. 4-H is rolling along rather busily towards the much-anticipated County Fair. Nutrition education classes are happening weekly and looking forward to local product availability. L.E.A.F. classes are planned for the next month with lots of opportunities for learning and growing. Speaking of growing, be sure to check out what our Master Gardner Volunteers are planting and teaching through the summer. The helpline is now open for all your gardening questions too! And if you are growing your own garden or enjoy house plants, be sure to visit our plant sale.

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Chautauqua County Agricultural News



e-Alert April 11,
2023

\$28.5 Million in State Grants to Help NY Farms Combat Climate Change and Protect Water Quality

Jason Oliver and Kirsten Workman

On March 27, New York State announced \$28.5 million in funding through the Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement and Control (Ag Non-Point) and the Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) Grant programs. This is a substantial increase in funding from previous years. Program goals, eligible best management practices (BMPs), project deadlines and other details are below.

Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement and Control

The goal of the Ag Non-Point program is to protect water quality and reduce or prevent non-point source pollution from agricultural activities. This year's program (Round 29) has \$13.5 million available. Cost-share funds up to 75 percent of total eligible costs of the planning or BMP implementation is available for proposals with no contribution (cash and/or in-kind services) from the owner or operator of the agricultural land, and up to 87.5 percent for projects with landowner or operator contributions. Proposals must be submitted to the State through Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A wide range of BMPs are eligible across the various land uses and management areas on farms and are based the farm's conservation plan (for examples, see the [Agricultural Best Management Practice Systems Catalogue](#)). Reach out to your local [Soil and Water Conservation District](#) to discuss options and possibilities for the current or future funding rounds. Project proposals are due at 4:30 p.m. on June 26, 2023.

Climate Resilient Farming

The goal of the CRF grant program is to help farms mitigate their impact on climate change and adapt and increase resilience to the extreme weather events associated with climate change. Funding has nearly doubled to \$15 million in the current (Round 7) request for proposals. Proposals must originate through the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) framework. Cost-share funds up to 80 percent of total eligible costs of the BMP implementation is available. Proposals must be submitted to the State through Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Reach out to your local [Soil and Water Conservation District](#) to discuss options and possibilities for the current or future funding rounds. Round 7 includes an emphasis on BMPs identified in the [New York State Climate Action Council's Scoping Plan](#) including manure storage cover and flare, precision feed management and agroforestry.

Applicants must apply under ONE of the tracks outlined below. Project proposals are due at 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2023.

Track 1: Livestock Management: Alternative Waste Management and Precision Feed Management

(previously Agricultural Waste Storage Cover and Flare Systems), \$5 million

Projects that mitigate methane emissions and increase resiliency to major precipitation events including:

- Waste storage and transfer systems, including cover and flare systems
- Composting systems and composted bedded packs
- Solid-liquid separation systems
- Innovative manure treatment technologies
- Prescribed rotational grazing systems
- Nutrient management systems
- Feed management systems

Track 2: Adaptation and Resiliency

(Previously Water Management systems), \$6 million

Projects that prepare farms for the impacts of a changing climate including floods and droughts:

- Riparian buffer systems
- Stream corridor and shoreline management systems
- Structural erosion control systems
- Green infrastructure systems (NYS stormwater management design)
- Irrigation water management systems
- Access control systems
- Prescribed rotational grazing systems
- Integrated pest management systems
- Weather monitoring systems to facilitate the above mentioned

Track 3: Healthy Soils NY

Projects that improve soil health, enhance resiliency to climate impacts, increase soil carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from crop lands including: Soil health systems, including weather monitoring systems and equipment to prevent or reduce soil compaction (note: cover crop practices will be awarded on a per acre basis for a three-year term). Erosion control and riparian buffer systems. Nutrient management systems, including application equipment for manure incorporation or injection; crop yield monitor systems; and weather monitoring systems and tools, all to advance implementation of existing Nutrient Management Plans; Prescribed rotational grazing system; Agroforestry and silvopasture systems

For more information reach out to any of the SWNY team members, your local SWCD, or NYS Ag and Markets.

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Date/Time	Workshop	Location
May 3, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm	Katelyn Saves You Money	JCC Carnahan Building Room 123
May 6, 2023 10:00am-12:00pm	Goat and Sheep Super Saturday	Cornell Lake Erie Research & Extension Lab 6592 W. Main Road, Portland, NY 14769
May 10, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm	Composting 101	Green Heron Growers 2361 Wait Corners Rd, Sherman, NY 14781
May 11, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm	Part 3 of 4 Wool Series: Wool Spinning	JCC Carnahan Building Room 123
May 23, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm	Mushroom Inoculation Day	Green Heron Growers 2361 Wait Corners Rd, Sherman, NY 14781
May 25, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm	Part 4 of 4 Wool Series: Wool Marketing	JCC Carnahan Building Room 123
May 27, 2023 10:00am-12:00pm	Backyard Pigs	JCC Carnahan Building
May 30, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm	Agribusiness & The Chamber of Commerce	JCC Carnahan Building Room 123

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming LEAF (Learn. Empower. Achieve. Farm.) Workshops.

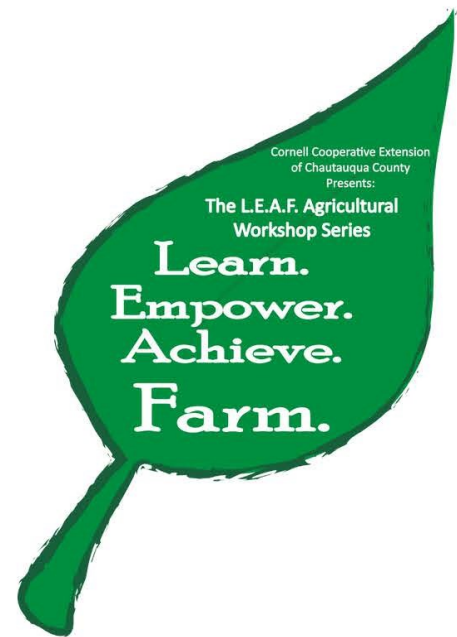
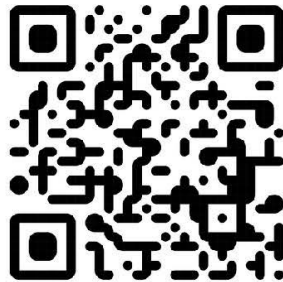
Key Information about this 2023 Spring LEAF Workshops

- Workshops are \$5/workshop/person; unless otherwise noted.
- Pre-registration is required at least 3 days prior. This is needed to give our staff adequate time to prepare workshop materials.
- Please pay attention to location of events, they are not all in the same location.
- Light Refreshments will be offered at each workshop.
- The LEAF Workshops are designed to be interactive - bring your questions and ideas!
- Please contact Cassandra Skal, 716-664-9502 ext. 202 or cks83@cornell.edu for more information.

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Pasa set up a dedicated website to administer the Farm and Food Workers Relief Program. NY employers should direct employees to this website farmworkers.com to access this payment if they are eligible. All details about eligibility and other matters can be found at the Pasa site, but it is minimal, consisting of photo identification and proof of employment.

Pasa also developed a flyer about the program in English and Spanish. Contact Pasa at (833) 469-3397 or by email at support@pasafarming.org. The flyer can also be requested from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County office at (716) 664-9502 Ext. 203.



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How to Manage Invasive Plant Species

When walking about Chautauqua County, it is extremely likely that you will encounter an invasive plant species. You might even be misfortunate enough to have an unwanted, invasive species growing on your property. If this sounds like your circumstance, you are probably aware of the fact that these plants can be extremely difficult to eradicate. Let's discuss some options for those who suffer with these populations.

The best way to prevent the spread of an invasive species is early detection. It is easier to remove a small patch of unwanted plants than to try to remove a well-established infestation. With early detection, eradication can be more achievable. If eradication is not possible, the next best thing is to attempt to manage the species population. The best management practices for invasive species control are as follows: mechanical control, chemical control, physical control, and biological control.

Mechanical control is referring to removal of the plants using tools or machinery. This could include mowing, chopping, tilling, and girdling. Similar in nature is physical control. This would be removal efforts carried out by hand, like mulching, flooding, hand-pulling, and digging. Both are great options for smaller patches of invasives as they can be a lot of physical work and time consuming.

Biological control is a unique way to control invasive species. Essentially, you introduce a biological factor into the environment that is known to kill the invasive species. Animals, fungi, and disease are all possible biologics that can be utilized to target an invasive species, and hopefully, reduce the population. It is likely that the selected biological factor used to control an invasive species will be from its native lands. Cornell University has some excellent material on biological control methods that can be found at <https://biocontrol.entomology.cornell.edu/ag.php>.

Chemical control would be the use of herbicides to eradicate the invasive species. While this option can be extremely effective, they are not to be used without proper preparation. Often, people use herbicide without knowledge of what to use, how to use it, and when to use it. Each plant species is different and may require a different herbicide than the plant right next to it. Also, plants can be more effectively treated during specific life stages. It is best to contact a professional to get recommendations on what herbicide to use, when to use it on the plant, and how best to use it to prevent environmental impacts. For instance, if you know it's going to rain the day you were planning to spray your plants, wait until a day it isn't going to. Otherwise, the herbicide that was just applied will easily wash off and be minimally absorbed by the plant. These are some things that a professional would help advise you on. They also might suggest that no herbicide is needed to control the species in question.

There are many options when it comes to deciding how to best manage your invasive species population. Again, early detection is the best way to control the population, but it can also allow for total eradication. Be sure to discuss your population species with a professional if you are uncertain of how to best handle the situation, and they can help you determine a management plan that works best for the species and yourself.



Invasive Plant: Knotweed

References


USDA. (2021). *Control Mechanisms*. Retrieved May 23, 2022, from National Invasive Species Information Center:

<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/subject/control-mechanisms>

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Wants & Needs Meeting @ Fairgrounds 6:30 PM Goat Committee 6:45 PM	2 Program Committee 6:30 PM	3 Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins @ Fairgrounds 5:30 PM Horse Committee Work Day at 4-H Acres 5:30 PM	4	5	6 Beef Classic @ Fairgrounds Sheep Weigh-Ins @ Fairgrounds Eggstravaganza 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
7 Horse Practice Day 4-H Acres 10:00AM	8	9 Rabbit Committee 7:00 PM	10 Exhibition Poultry Committee 6:30 PM Dog Committee 7:00 PM LEAF Jr. Composting 101 6:00-8:00 PM	11	12	13 Super Goat Saturday Dairybud Showmanship Clinic 10:00 AM @ R&D Crowell Farms Standardbred Day @ Hamburg Raceway
14	15	16 Rabbit Project 6:30 PM Organizational Leaders Meeting 6:30 PM	17 Hog Project 6:30 PM Dog Project 6:30 PM	18	19	20 Horse Gaming Show 4-H Acres 9:00AM Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Clinic Country Ayre Farms 10:00 AM
21	22	23	24 Beef Committee 6:30 PM <u>Conservation Field Days at LCLC..... out of office</u>	25	26	27 LEAF Jr. Backyard Pigs 10:00 AM
28	29 	30	31			

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Horse Show Western/Driving/Mini 9:00 AM
4 Dog Show 4-H Acres 10:00 AM	5 Rabbit Committee 6:30 PM	6 Goat Project/Committee 6:45 PM	7	8 Hog Committee 6:30 PM	9	10 Horse Show English/Dressage 9:00 AM
11 Sheep Barn Set-Up 10:00 AM Dog Show 4-H Acres 10:00 AM	12	13 Rabbit Project 6:30 PM	14 VOUCHERS DUE! Horse Committee 6:30 PM	15	16	17 Market Poultry Barn Set-up 10:30 AM Horse Show Western/Driving/Mini
18 Market Poultry Show 1:30 pm Weigh-ins	19 Market Poultry Project at Ricky's  Holiday	20	21	22 Hog Project 6:30 PM	23	24 Hog Barn Set-up Stockton 7:30 AM 10:00 AM Fairgrounds Goat Barn Set-Up Horse Show English/Dressage 9:00 AM
25	26	27 Rabbit Barn Set up At Fairgrounds	28 Exhibition Poultry Pullorum Testing at Fairgrounds 5:30 PM 13	29 Dog Show 4-H Acres 5:30 PM	30	

It's coming soon!

What's coming?

The **Fun Show** at Chautauqua County Fair!!!

Get your creative juices going and come up with imaginative costumes for you and your animal.

No themes this year. Just seniors (14+) and junior (13 and under) divisions. Go wild with any ideas your brain can imagine. There will be prizes and lots of fun! Get started with your costume now!



4-H Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Clinic – Register Today!

4-H Dairy Fitting & Showmanship Clinic
Saturday, May 20, 2023
10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Country Ayre Farms, The Woodis and
Kimball Families, 5644 Meadows Rd,
Dewittville, NY



All 4-H Dairy Youth are encouraged to participate (regular 4-H members) in this 4-H Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Clinic. Older youth are needed to help younger participants. This clinic will count as a 4-H dairy meeting (Youth are required to participate in 2 meetings during the current 4-H year to show at the county fair in July 2023).

Our instructor will present a demonstration on how to clip a dairy calf, youth will clip a dairy calf provided at the farm, and we will have a practice dairy show to teach youth how to exhibit a dairy animal. All participants will receive a prize for their efforts.

Lunch will be served provided by the 4-H dairy committee funds. Please bring your clippers and fitting supplies, and a bucket & a brush (Be sure your supplies are all marked with your name!)

Registration is REQUIRED by May 15th by sending an e-mail with name(s) of 4-H members & number of years you have shown 4-H dairy AND name of adults planning to attend, to Lisa Kempisty at ljk4@cornell.edu or by leaving a message at 716-664-9502 Ext 203.

Beef Classic Show

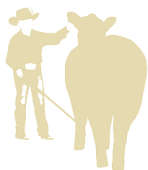
Saturday, May 6th, 2023
Chautauqua County Fairgrounds.

Judge: Adam Wise

This show is open to all Junior exhibitors

The Classic benefits:

Chautauqua County 4-H Beef Program



Market Poultry Clinic

Monday, June 19th at 8:00 AM
Ricky's 4790 Rt 474 Asheville



Spring Organizational Leader's Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th

6:30 pm @ JCC Carnahan Center



Barn Set-Ups at the Fairgrounds

- ◆ Sheep: Sunday, June 11th 10:00 AM
- ◆ Market Poultry: Saturday, June 17th 10:30 AM
- ◆ Hog: Saturday, June 24th 7:30 4-H Acres for pens and fairgrounds around 10:0 AM
- ◆ Goat: Saturday, June 24th

4-H Meat Animal Sale Bios Due June 9th

4-H youth that are participating in the Meat Animal Sale are asked to provide a brief biography for the sale book. Each bio should be approximately 50 words or less. Each member should submit only one bio, no matter how many projects they participate in. The bios can be emailed to Lindsey lc832@cornell.edu. Please have these turned in by Friday, June 9th for inclusion in the Meat Animal Sale Book.

2023 4-H Snack Bar News

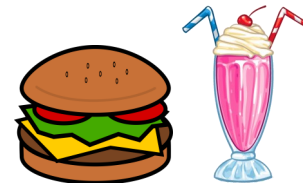
Thank you again to all 4-H youth and adults who helped to make the re-opening of the snack bar a success in 2022!! Every runner, lemonade server, brownie cutter, milkshake maker, grill cook, cashier, and food preparer made for a super week!!! Thank you ALL!! 2023 Fair Week is drawing closer and once again your hands for greater service are needed!!

Would you like to be a **Jr. Superintendent** in the **4-H snack bar** at the fair? **Apply now!** You know who you are! :) Come be part of the snack bar crew! **Parent and other adult volunteers** are also needed!!!

- Help with milkshake making
- Grill cooks every shift daily
- Positive help and encouragement for the 4-H youth
- Prepare and serve food alongside the youth
- Willing hands

Three adult shift managers are needed daily for the duration of the week. If you are interested in a reimbursed 'managing' position, working with young people and maintaining a positive, encouraging and enjoyable work environment please contact the 4-H office or Nannette Knappenberger, 2023 Snack Bar Superintendent at: bright@fairpoint.net OR call/text: 716-753-6524.

THANK YOU AHEAD OF TIME TO ALL WHO WILL BE ASSISTING IN THE 4-H SNACK BAR!!!





4-H MEAT ANIMAL SALE PROGRAM POLICY



MISSION STATEMENT: *Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today to raise the best quality animal by teaching the 4-Her decision making, herdsmanship, ethical behavior, marketing and communication skills while utilizing parents and leaders for guidance.*

1. The only animals sold at fair are raised by a 4-Her as their market animal project. The 4-Her must sell the highest ribbon animal in that species. If a 4-H'er has two animals of the same ribbon color they must choose and declare which animal of that species will sell at the draw for sale order. If a 4-Her is not present at selection of sale order and has 2 animals of the same ribbon color the heaviest animal will sell with the exception of the hog project who will submit their final sale animal declaration to the 4-H Office following their show. All animals that go through the sale become the property of the buyer. No animals may be swapped.

2. Only one animal per species may be sold in the Meat Animal Sale unless the 4-Her has both the grand and reserve champion in the same species-they both must sell in the Meat Animal Sale. Market Poultry will be sold as a pen of 2 birds. Market goats will sell by the head. If the 4-H'er brings an animal to the fair as a project market animal, it must be sold provided it meets all the requirements of the program it is in. For 4-H'ers with more than one animal per species, see rule #6.

3. Commissions will be determined by Meat Animal Sale Committee to reflect market, economic and sale expenses. For year 2022, commission on all animals sold in the Meat Animal Sale is 6 percent.

4. Ribbons will be awarded in all market animal classes (beef, sheep, swine, poultry and goats) by the designated judge for each species. Ribbons will be awarded based on quality and proper finish at the time of the show.

Blue - Excellent:

Red - Good:

White- Possible No Sale

⇒ Youth who receive a white ribbon for the meat animal that they may be selling in the Meat Animal Sale will receive a warning for their first offense. The youth and their family will meet with the Meat Animal Sale committee and the respective animal project committee to discuss better methods for raising an animal that is properly finished.

If a youth receives a second white ribbon for an animal of the same species the next consecutive year on the animal that was intended to go through the Meat Animal Sale they will not be eligible to sell their animal at the Sale.

Example: Jimmy Smith Raises a market hog in the 2021-2022 4-H year. The judge gives Jimmy's hog a white ribbon based on the finish of his hog on show day. Jimmy is allowed to sell his hog this year. Jimmy joins the hog project the next year and again receives a white ribbon. He is not eligible to sell his animal in the meat animal sale but may sell it at the conclusion of the Meat Animal Sale and arrange slaughter and trucking for that animal if necessary. Jimmy tries to raise a hog for the third year and again receives a white ribbon. The cycle begins again and he may sell his animal in the sale.

5. Youth are encouraged to be present for both their show and sale day. If a youth is not present for show day and/or sale day their animal will be sold at the conclusion of the entire sale. The youth may choose to sell their animal outside of 4-H and arrange their own slaughter and trucking arrangements.

6. Market animals not sold in the Meat Animal Sale may be released following their show. Youth must **make their own** slaughter and trucking arrangements for these animals.

7. Animals purchased through the Meat Animal Sale and donated back for resale will be sold at the end of that species. **The original buyer must state that they donate the animal back for resale to benefit an animal species, 4-H Meat Animal Sale, 4-H General fund, endowment etc. The resale buyer's money goes to where the original buyer designates. The resale buyer gets the animal.**

8. 4-H Committees must select sale order immediately following their show and submit the sale order to the 4-H Office.

9. All market animals are to be weighed in once for their qualifying weight. See species handbook for qualifying weights on each species. The animals will be sold at this weight.

10. With all 4-H Animal Science Projects, there is an inherent risk involved. Cornell Cooperative Extension, its employees, and volunteers assume no responsibility for any loss or damage. Animals left on premises by the buyer after closing of the barn are done so at the sole risk of the buyer.

11. The possibility exists that health issues or other concerns may arise after the sale and before the slaughter of the animal. If this happens, the buyer(s) are at risk and will have the authority to make decisions regarding the treatment of the animal. The Meat Animal Sale Committee will make every effort to protect the well-being of animals sold through the Meat Animal Sale Auction.

12. Once the gavel falls, the bidder becomes the owner, and the seller becomes the caregiver until the animal leaves the fairgrounds on Sunday following the sale. The buyer is responsible for the trucking of the animal from the fairground as based upon the directions on the sale receipt. The price per pound paid that is above the current market price is considered to be a charitable donation and is tax deductible.

13. Any situation that does not meet above criteria (1-12) must be brought to the attention of Meat Animal Sale Committee, and will be dealt with on a case-by- case basis and voted on by secret ballot.

MEAT ANIMAL SALE PARTICIPANTS

If you plan to donate proceeds from the sale of your market animal-you must get a "**Charitable Donation Form**" from your adult barn superintendent at the Fair. **This form must be turned into the 4-H Office prior to the sale-WHEN SALE ORDER IS DRAWN.** You must bring the following information with you to fair to complete form: percent of donation, name of charitable organization, and the complete address of charity. **If form is not completely filled out- the donation will not be deducted from your check-you will be responsible to send it on your own.**

2023 Sale Order

Hogs, Goats, Chickens, Dairy, Lambs, Steers

Animal Project News



Exhibition Poultry Project

Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 10th
Wednesday, June 14th
7:00 pm

Project Meetings

Saturday, May 6th
10:00 am– 2:00 pm
Wednesday, June 28th
Pullorum Testing Fairgrounds 5:30 PM

Committee Chair: Jamie Smith
smith_jamie@mac.com

4-H Program Committee

Tuesday, May 2nd

*ALL meeting are at 6:30 PM
unless otherwise noted



**FAIR VOUCHERS DUE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH**



Dog Project

Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 10th
7:00PM

Project Meetings

Wednesday, May 17th
Sunday June 4th 10:00 am
AM - Obedience / Grooming & Handling
PM – Agility / Rally Obedience
Sunday June 11th 10:00 am
AM – Agility / Rally Obedience
PM – Obedience / Grooming & Handling
Thursday June 29th 5:30 pm
Obedience / Grooming & Handling
Thursday July 6th 5:30 pm
Agility / Rally Obedience
**Saturday July 22nd Fun Show at
Fairgrounds**

Any changes will be posted on
REMIND!



Horse Project

Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 3rd
4-H Acres 5:30 PM
Wednesday, June 14th

Project Meetings

Sunday, May 7th
4-H Acres 10:00 AM
Saturday, May 13th Standardbred Day
Hamburg Raceway

Committee Chair: Kasey Fanara
blondieshort24@yahoo.com



Beef Project

Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 24th

Project Meetings

Saturday, May 6th (Beef Classic Show)

*ALL meetings are at 6:30 unless
otherwise noted*

Committee Chair: Dave Schauman
janschauman@gmail.com

Market Poultry Project

Project Meetings

Sunday, April 30th
Chick Pickup 1-4 PM @
Runnings

Sunday, June 18th Show @ Fairgrounds
Monday, June 19th
Clinic at Ricky's

Committee Chair: Julie Covert
jcoverts@windstream.net



Sheep Project

Committee Meetings

Sunday, June 11th
Fairgrounds Barn Set-Up 10:00 AM

Project Meetings

Wednesday, May 3rd 5:30 PM
Saturday, May 6th 10:00 AM

*All committee meetings at 6pm and project
meetings at 7pm unless otherwise noted*

Committee Chair: Shawn Huntington
shuntington@randolphcsd.org



Rabbit Project

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th
Monday, June 5th
7:00 pm

Project Meetings

Tuesday, May 16th
Tuesday, June 13th

Tuesday, June 27th Barn Setup

*ALL project meetings at 6:30 unless
otherwise noted*

*Committees at 7:00 PM *

Committee Chair: Kim Chapman
kchapman4574@gmail.com



Goat Project

Committee Meeting

Monday, May 1st
Tuesday, June 6th

Project Meetings

Saturday, May 13th (Super Goat
Sunday)

Tuesday, June 6th

*ALL meetings are at 6:45 PM unless
otherwise noted*

Watch our Facebook page!

Contact: Keith LaRoy
716-485-1537



Hog Project

Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 8th

Project Meeting

Wednesday, May 17th
Thursday, June 22nd

*ALL meetings are at 6:30 PM unless
otherwise noted

Please note: One parent/guardian MUST
attend meetings with their 1st and 2nd year
members.

Committee Chair: Ken Styers
styersk@yahoo.com

Dairy Project

Committee Meetings

TBA

Project Meetings

Saturday, May 13th @ R&D Crowell Farm
10:00 AM (Dairybuds)

Committee Chair: Dan Crowell
Annam@acct-solutions.com



The Basics of Home Composting

Submitted by Nick Stupiansky, CCE Master Gardener Volunteer

The secret to great soil and spectacular plants is amending your soil with **compost**. “**Composting**” means the controlled decomposition (decay) of organic material such as yard trimmings, kitchen scraps, wood shavings, cardboard, and paper. “**Compost**” is the humus-rich material that results from composting.

With a little time and effort, anyone can learn to make soil-enriching compost. The rewards are numerous including free plant-feeding fertilizer, free weed-preventing mulch, free clay- and sandy-soil improver, and free plant-disease prevention.

The process of Composting converts organic waste such as leaves, kitchen scraps, and garden wastes into a valuable product which, when added to garden soil, results in healthier plant growth. Just adding two to four inches of compost a year will feed every single one of your outdoor and indoor plants, including your lawn. Compost will feed your plants better than any chemical or organic fertilizer. Compost suppresses weeds and keeps moisture in the soil. Compost improves soil structure. Compost fights plant diseases better than any chemical fungicide. Compost enhances the soils’ ability to hold water and air. Soil amended with compost warms up more quickly in the spring. It releases its nutrients slowly as plants need them. And compost puts your kitchen and garden scraps to good use.

Composting requires the following basics: green and brown materials, oxygen, moisture, surface areas, and temperature.

Air is needed for aerobic decomposition. Aerobic organisms require oxygen to live. If oxygen-starved, the process can become “anaerobic” and smell like rotten eggs. Frequent turning of compost pile or bin will help with need aeration. The frequencies of turning are governed primarily by moisture content and type of materials in the compost pile or bin. Large particles (woodchips) result in better aeration and less labor but take longer to breakdown. Small particles (sawdust) provide more surface area, less space to circulate air, and more labor to aerate.

Organisms need moisture. Decomposition will slow with too much or too little moisture. The optimum moisture content for compost is 40-60%; damp enough so that a handful feels moist to the touch, but dry enough that a hard squeeze produces no more than a drop of two of liquid.

Heat will give off as organisms feed on waste and break it down into less complex molecules. Ideal temperatures for composting are between 90-150 degrees F. High temperatures can help kill weed seeds and disease organisms, but temperatures above 150 degrees will also kill the decomposers and slow the process. A compost thermometer will help measure the temperature.

Composting can be done in a pile, a bin (garbage can or 5-gallon bucket), or a special composter available for purchase. Composters come in many different sizes from kitchen composters to large garden composters.

Compost requires a 30:1 Carbon: Nitrogen ratio or mixture of browns & greens. Alternating layers of greens and browns in a compost pile or bin is the ideal combination. A good rule is to add 1 part Green to 2-3 parts Brown.

Brown materials are high in Carbon and are usually dry. These are used by shredders/decomposers and other microorganisms for food. Brown materials consist of the following: (woodchips), cardboard, sawdust), newspaper), pine needles), straw, corn stalks, leaves, fruit waste, and peanut shells.

Green materials are high in Nitrogen and are usually wet. These are used by shredders/decomposers and other microorganisms for growth /reproduction. Green materials consist of the following: garden waste, weeds, hay, vegetable scraps, clover, coffee grounds, food waste, grass clippings, seaweed, and manure.

The biology of a healthy compost pile is a microbial farm teeming with interdependent organisms. Decomposing microorganisms such as fungi, bacteria, and mold start the process. Shredders and grazer macro-organisms such as protozoa and nematodes join the mix. Invertebrate predators such as sow bugs & earthworms eat decomposers & shredders. The end result is “Black Gold” – rich organic compost!

How do you know when your compost is done? A simple check of compost maturity is that the compost should be dark, crumbly, with no recognizable food or other material. Compost should have an earthy smell.

The “Jar Test” might prove to be useful in checking the readiness of compost. Put some compost in a jar, add water to make it soggy, and seal the jar tightly. Leave it alone for a week, then open the jar (carefully!) and check for odor. If it smells like nice wet earth, then the compost is done. If you notice bad odors, then it means that the materials in the compost were not

sufficiently decomposed, and anaerobic organisms have gone to work on the nutrients that remain. These anaerobes produce unpleasant odors as a by-product, so bad smells are the indicator!

Once your compost is ready, these are some uses for finished compost:

- Soil Amendment: create healthy soil by incorporating ½ - 1" layer of compost into top 6-8" of soil.
- Mulch: retain moisture & suppress disease by spreading 2-3" of compost without contacting plant stems or trunks.
- Potting Mixture: improve potting medium by adding up to 50% compost.
- Top-dressing: boost established lawns with ¼ inch of fine material.

Finally, the following is a list of "What NOT to Compost?"

- Seedy Weeds
- Invasive plants
- Diseased plants
- Diseased potatoes or tomatoes
- Dog & cat manure
- Dairy products
- Grease and fats
- Meats and fish
- Bones
- Wood ash
- Coated or treated paper

Now you know the basics of composting. Happy Composting!

Celebrate International Compost Week, May 7 – 13, 2023

"For Healthier Soil, Healthier Food...Compost!"

"The chosen 2023 theme best reflects the goal of focusing on how compost can have a role in helping feed the world, by making our soil healthier which produces healthier food. How does compost help? By recycling organics into compost and using it on our farmlands we create healthy soils that produce healthier food and higher yields. It also reduces the need for fertilizer and pesticides, improves water quality and conserves water, as well as stores carbon in soil - helping to reduce climate change. Compost not only helps the environment but also helps to decrease food shortages experienced around the world..."

<https://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home>



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Master Gardener Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13, 2023

10:00am-1:00pm

Rain or Shine

Cash or Check Only

at the JCC Science Center

525 Falconer Street

Jamestown, NY 14701

GPS address: 241 James Ave

Perennials, Annuals, Vegetables & Herbs

Gently used Gardening Books & Equipment!

Free soil pH testing

(Just drop off your soil sample in a small plastic baggie. We will test while you shop!)

For more information call the CCE
Office at (716) 664-9502

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E-mail: msd263@cornell.edu to receive the monthly newsletter!

Welcome to SNAP-Ed!

Upcoming Classes

5/17 - 11:00-12:00

Lakewood Library - 12
W. Summit St.
Lakewood, NY
Adult Class

5/23 - 10:30-11:30-

Myers Memorial Library
-6 Falconer St.
Frewsburg, NY
Adult Class

5/31- 11:00-12:00-

Mayville Library - 92 S.
Erie St. Mayville, NY -
Youth Class

SNAP Benefits Can Grow Gardens!

Gardening is a great way to grow healthy food and SNAP benefits can be used to buy food producing seeds and plants. This allows for families to increase the fruit and vegetables that are available to them.



Did you know?

Certain non-food items are eligible to be purchased with SNAP benefits?

Purchase at any location that accepts SNAP benefits, and sells food-producing plants or seeds. Many Farmer's Markets also accept SNAP benefits.

Eligible Items:

- Seeds for producing edible plants and edible plants (tomatoes, peppers, corn, and fruit trees)
- Edible food producing roots, bushes, and bulbs (e.g., asparagus crowns and onion bulbs); and
- Seeds and plants used to produce spices for use in cooking (basil, sage, parsley, etc.)

Gardening soil, fertilizer, peat moss, and other gardening supplies are **NOT** eligible items.

(Food Determinations - Eligible Food (Excluding Meal Services) | Food and Nutrition Service (usda.gov))

Benefits to Home Gardening:

Growing your own fruits and vegetables saves you money in the grocery store, increases physical activity for all family involved, builds a sense of responsibility for children, and it can even be an opportunity to give back to your community if you have an abundant garden.

Limited space? Consider container gardening. You can still grow your favorite, nutritious, homegrown vegetables in containers that require minimal space like a window sill, patio, balcony or doorstep. It is surprising the number of vegetables that can be produced in a very small area.

Cooperative Extension is here to help!

Regardless if you are a beginner or experienced gardener, there are many resources for all your gardening needs. Your local Cornell Cooperative Extension staff and website has an immense amount of resources to help with all your gardening needs, from when to plant your seeds to how to handle garden pests and disease. More information on the back.



Remember, being healthy includes healthy eating and physical activity!

Spring Green Salad

Brighten up your salad with spinach and strawberries straight from the farmer's market or your garden!

Makes 10 servings
Prep time 10 minutes

Ingredients

Salad

- 6 ounces spinach (about 7 cups)
- 3 oranges
- 1 1/2 cups strawberries, halved
- 1 cup walnut pieces (toasted if desired)

Dressing

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 2 tablespoons orange juice (juice from 1/4 orange)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons salad oil

Nutrition Information

Serving size: 1 Cup	
Calories	100
Total Fat	6 g
Saturated Fat	0.5 g
Cholesterol	0 mg
Sodium	30 mg
Total Carbohydrate	11 g
Dietary Fiber	3 g
Total Sugars	7 g
Added Sugar included	7 g
Protein	2 g



Spring Green Salad - SNAP-Ed New York (snapedny.org)

Directions

Salad

1. Wash and dry spinach, tear into pieces, and chill.
2. To prepare orange: Cut off peel and membrane of outer part of the sections.
3. Using a paring knife gently cut out sections from membrane edges. You end up with orange sections with no outer membrane.

Dressing

1. Combine all ingredients in a jar and shake well or blend in a blender.
2. Right before serving, toss orange and strawberries with walnuts and spinach.
3. Add dressing to coat salad.
4. Serve immediately.
5. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

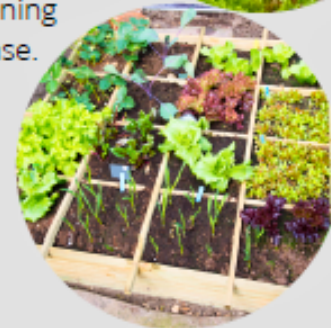
Cornell Cooperative Extension has the resources for you to start your own gardens!

Master Gardener Volunteer or CCE Educator are eager and ready to help you with your questions!

Cornell Cooperative Extension is your one stop place for information on general gardening and container gardening and much more including dealing with pests and disease.

For recipe ideas on what to cook with those homegrown veggies and fruits visit <https://snapedny.org/snap-ed-ny-recipes/>.

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For more information about this and other CCE of Chautauqua County programs, call (716) 664-9502 Ext. 221

Save Money and Decrease Food Waste

It's estimated that 30-40% of food in the United States goes to waste. Throwing away spoiled food wastes time, resources and money. Let's talk about ways you can decrease food waste at home.

1. Plan your meals and make a shopping list before grocery shopping. Check your cupboards, refrigerator and freezer when planning so you do not buy food you already have at home.
2. Stick to your list while shopping and only buy what you need.
3. When buying fruits and vegetables, consider buying some with a longer shelf life so they will stay fresh until you shop again.
4. Check the 'ugly' or discount display of fruits and vegetables and see what is on your list that you can buy. Buying this produces saves you money and helps decrease food waste.
5. Is your refrigerator and freezer set at the correct temperature? Your refrigerator should be set at 40 degrees or lower and your freezer should be set at 0 degrees. Use a refrigerator or freezer thermometer to monitor temperatures. Storing fresh or frozen food at the correct temperature helps keep food fresh longer.
6. Use the [Food Keeper](#) app, developed by the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service with Cornell University and the Food Marketing Institute. The app helps you maximize the freshness of a wide variety of food. Find the app in the Google Play Store and Apple Store.



Cleanliness is a major factor in preventing foodborne illness.

Wash your hands

- before and after handling food
- after using the bathroom
- after changing a diaper
- after handling pets
- after tending to a sick person
- after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- after handling uncooked eggs or raw meat, poultry, or fish and their juices

99%

PEOPLE DO NOT WASH THEIR HANDS CORRECTLY

1/3

INDIVIDUALS USE PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE COOKING AND DO NOT WASH THEIR HANDS AFTER TOUCHING THE DEVICE

EFNEP provides FREE nutrition education to income eligible families with children.

Are you eligible? Do you:

- have children who attend Early Head Start and/or Head Start?
- use your SNAP EBT-card to buy food?
- receive WIC?
- have children who eat free meals at school ?

EFNEP helps you make healthy food choices while saving money at the store.

Learn to:

- eat more fruits and vegetables and how to afford them
- drink fewer sugar sweetened beverages
- take control of your weight
- be more physically active

EFNEP offers a FREE series of hands-on, interactive, and supportive classes. Join us in-person for group classes or one-on-one visits, virtually by Zoom or by phone. Call to schedule your sessions today!

If you or your organization are interested in scheduling classes, please call your local nutrition educator:

Wendy Alexander
Cornell Cooperative
Extension of Chautauqua
County
716-664-9502 ext 221
wa66@cornell.edu

KORNER IDS

Visit your local library with your child and borrow “Please, Please the Bees” by Gerald Kelly or watch Rashida Jones read it [here](#).

After reading the book together, make Cranberry Oatmeal Balls and serve them as a snack or add them to lunches.

Cranberry Oatmeal Balls

Makes 8—2 balls servings

Ingredients

1 cup oats (old fashioned or quick-cooking)
1/3 cup of chopped nuts or seeds
1/3 cup peanut butter or other nut butter
3 tablespoons honey
1/3 cup dried cranberries or other dried fruit

Directions

1. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. In a medium bowl, combine oats, nuts, peanut butter, honey and dried cranberries.
3. Form about 2 tablespoons of the mixture into a ball. Place on a baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining mixture.
4. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Tips: Do not serve honey to children younger than 1 year old.
Keep balls refrigerated to avoid sticky fingers.

Nutrition Facts for 2 balls: 180 calories, 7g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 65mg sodium, 24g total carbohydrates, 3g dietary fiber, 12g total sugars, 6g added sugars, 6g protein, 0mcg Vitamin D, 23mg calcium, 1mg iron, 84mg potassium, 0mcg Vitamin A, 0mg Vitamin C, 30% calories from fat

Source: Oregon State University www.foodhero.org



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