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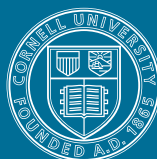
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100TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

Did you know that Cooperative Extension helped teach farmers how to drive the first tractors in 1917? Or that the purchase of the large amounts of state lands in Chenango County in the 1930s was influenced by Cornell Extension research? Did you know that in 1934 Cooperative Extension of Chenango County had the largest 4-H program in the state with more than 1,400 members? And that we wrote the first how-to book on microwave ovens for NY State Extension. We hope you will learn about all these things and a lot more as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

For 100 years Cooperative Extension has been working to help improve the lives of families in Chenango County, and this year we are celebrating all the work that volunteers, staff and 4-H members have done over the past century.

The major event of this year's 100th Anniversary celebration will be a banquet to be held on October 21, at noon at the Canasawacta Country Club. Please save the date; we would love to see you there. The banquet will be a sit-down lunch and will feature several short talks by former employees and dignitaries. Not to mention great food and historical slides showing the past 100 years of work.



Beyond the banquet we have many other activities planned to celebrate our 100th anniversary and to educate people about our century of work in Chenango County. To kick off the major activities we will have two floats in the Dairy Day parade; one to celebrate Cooperative Extension as a whole and one to Celebrate the 4-H program. Also at Dairy Day will be displays of important Cooperative Extension efforts in the



The war demands dairy products—Foods to Fight for Freedom. The Nation's farmers can get more milk by following practical ways of stepping up production.

The National 8-Point Milk Production Program for '44...

1. Grow more legume hay, pasturage, and grain.
2. Fertilize to increase quantity and quality of feed.
3. Feed to avoid summer milk slump.
4. Feed cows liberally during their dry period
5. Keep as many cows as feed and labor permit
6. Market more whole milk whenever possible.
7. Produce good-quality milk and avoid waste.
8. Breed for better herd replacements.

history of Chenango County including a pictorial timeline of past programs in Chenango County. We will also have floats in the Chenango County Fair parade and displays in our fair buildings, Chapman Hall and the Harry L. Case Building.

This fall we will also have a special open house with displays from all branches of our Extension programming. 100 years of work by volunteers, staff and 4-H members is a lot to celebrate and we hope you will join us as we recognize this century of service.



**INTERESTED IN
HISTORY?
WANT TO
VOLUNTEER?**

Join our 100 Year Committee. Volunteers are needed to help us with planning and organizing the celebration of 100 years of CCE in Chenango County!

Call Ken Smith at CCE to find out more.
607-334-5841 ext. 19 or kas294@cornell.edu

The Chenango County Farm & Home Bureau News

A Monthly Review of Progress in Agriculture and Rural Life

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"HUGH" RHODES

"ART" DURFEE

"Hugh" and "Art" are working full time on farm problems, but they can always tackle one more. Call or write the office if they can be of assistance to you.

MOWER TIPS

You can check the clearance between knife clips and knife sections by using a strip of 26 or 28 gauge sheet metal.

Be sure knives center guards at each end of the pitman stroke.

Points of old guards can be sharpened so they will not be so apt to bother by collecting material on the points when cutting wet, fine hay.

Do the guards on your mower keep getting loose? Try tapping the bold head with a hammer at the same time use a heavy socket wrench or box-end wrench for tightening.

The inner and outer shoes on mowers are often set so that the cutter bar rides too close to the ground. This results in the knives hitting more stones and may injure the crowns on alfalfa. It also causes wearing of burrs. Each shoe can be dropped in short order so as to raise the cutter bar an inch or so.

If the knives have been hitting the top of the guards, it indicates worn wear plates. Much smoother operation and better cutting will often result if new wear plates are put on.

Use plenty of oil, especially on the cutter bar - Oil is cheaper than machinery.

Teacher: "Who can tell me what agriculture is?"

Thomas: "Well, it's just about the same as farming, only in farming you really do it."

ON-JOB TIRE SERVICE

Rubber tires on farm equipment in the field have a way of getting soft especially when they get as much wear and tear as they do this time of year. Sometimes they even go flat, which usually means taking the time off the equipment and getting it back to the barn somehow, or even to town, for repairs.

Well, Mr. W. F. Farrett, Farm Superintendent of the New York State College of Agriculture, isn't bothered with soft tires while his equipment is at work. He loses little time when he has a sudden flat. He has a hot water tank fitted with a Schrader valve and with a hose having an air chuck on the end. He keeps the tank in his pickup truck. At night, when near the garage, he pumps up the tank to about 150 pounds. Then in the morning, he drives the pickup out in the field and services his equipment. The portable compressor can be quickly moved to the tractor on the "back lot" if a tire goes flat during working hours.

Saves a lot of time and trouble, and prevents a lot of worry, too.

GET READY NOW FOR DECEMBER'S INCOME TAX

December is income-tax month for farmers this year. Ah yes... December is a long way off... but time has a way of slipping by all too fast. And in the time between now and December, you'll find there are several things you can do that will lessen the headache, when the deadline arrives.

For instance, keep those account books up to date. Once every week or so, have a clearing-house day... or maybe we should call it a Cleaning-pants-pockets day. Take out those feed bills and other money slips, and transfer the amounts to the farm account book.

MORE WOODCHUCK BOMBS

Well, we did it! Another 1,000 woodchuck bombs arrived in the office this week. First Come, First Served at 8 cents a piece or 14 for a \$1.00.

We also have Cynogas gun for rent at 10 per day for rat or woodchuck control.

The rat poison is getting big results. 30 cents a can.

SUMMER EGG QUALITY

While meeting the Farm Bureau committeemen in the township of Greene, we stopped at the G. L. F. egg storage in Greene. There we found Nelson Mills and Robert Hones hard at work.

While we were there Mr. Comstock, egg inspector, commented that most poultry men do a good job of packing eggs. Occasionally, however, an egg is packed with the small end up. In storage this causes greater movement of the yolk and in some cases the yolk may even stick fast. Experiments indicate that eggs keep better when packed small end down.

Mr. Comstock also mentioned that eggs should be gathered in wire baskets at least three times a day. Eggs should not be left in the feed room or kitchen. They should be cooled to 60 degrees F. or lower as soon as possible. During this time in a room with a humidity of 70% is desirable for cooling the eggs. Pack the eggs only after they have cooled for 12 hours or more.

In his inspection work Mr. Comstock disregards the top flats in a case. This being next to the outside of the case is more subject to loss of moisture through evaporation resulting in larger air cells as each egg is candled.

To sum it up, clean eggs, gathered often, cooled quickly and packed neatly should grade top quality.



FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES YEAR ROUND
SHOP THE VICTORY STORES FOR ECONOMY IN
YOUR MEATS AND GROCERIES NEEDS.

Grazing Strategies for Dry Times

By Rich Taber, Grazing and Ag Economic Development Specialist CCE Chenango,
607-334-5841 ext. 21 or email rbt44@cornell.edu

After that long, cold and brutal winter it's so nice to have our animals back out on grass grazing, as they were meant to be! However, as grazing is as much art, as science, we want to be planning ahead, as we just might be having ourselves a "situation" later this summer. It may be very dry, and grass growth will be slowed down, and how will we deal with this? As it is, our grass is getting off to a later start than normal this year due to the unending cold and cloudy weather early on. Additionally, this years early May, has been rather dry with little rainfall accumulation this spring. The late start and lack of moisture have put grass growth back somewhat from what we would normally expect at this time of year. This may all change at the drop of a hat, and we may be deluged with rain in due time. But what can we do if the rest of the summer is dry and the normal pasture growth is not available? How will we deal with this? We don't want to have to dip into our winter stores of hay and baleage too much, so what can we do?

Every farm and animal situation is different, and there is no "cookbook" answer to dealing with drought. However, there are several different strategies that one can consider in dealing with the lack of grass growth.

Early planning will enable you to carefully consider potential alternatives for your grazing plan this summer. Waiting to plan until June or July will leave fewer options available. From Dr. Jeff Mosley, Extension Range Management Specialist at Montana State University, come the following suggestions: *Graze Somewhere Else, Reduce the Amount of Forage Needed, and Adjust the Timing of Grazing.*

Graze Somewhere Else

- Lease additional pasture. There may be land in your neighborhood that has been underutilized and might be available. There is lots of good information available now on writing and securing lease and other rental arrangements.
- Graze areas this year that didn't get much or any grazing use last year. For example, consider areas near reservoirs and springs that went dry last year. These areas may have been grazed less than in a normal year when water is available. Herding, supplemental feeding, hauling or piping water, temporary fencing, or shutting off water in over-used areas can all be used to control where livestock graze. Be sure to carefully evaluate the costs and benefits of these practices versus the costs and benefits of reducing livestock numbers.



multiple species (sheep and beef) graze in the same plot before rotating to another plot.

Adjust the Timing of Grazing

- Delay turnout in spring so that forage plants can recover vigor. Delayed turnout will also lessen problems with poisonous plants and grass tetany. In rotational grazing systems, rotate more frequently, and extend your paddock intervals until grass has sufficiently regrown.
- Consider using any rested pastures and thereby spreading the use this year across all of your pastures.
- For early season grazing this year, try to graze any areas that were ungrazed last season.
- As always, be careful of overgrazing! This can make it exceedingly difficult for pastures to bounce back in growth.

Reduce the Amount of Forage Needed

- Cull animal numbers if good markets exist, and more heavily before the grazing season begins and before the market becomes glutted. Reduce the number of replacements if possible. Mature cows will survive and reproduce better than young cows or heifers that are still growing.
- Wean calves and lambs early. Dry cows consume about 35% less forage than lactating cows and 400-lb calves consume about one-third as much as mature cows. Dry ewes have similarly reduced nutritional needs.

Additional Grazing Strategies

- Consider planting some summer annuals such as sorghum, sorghum-sudan, millet, oats, or any of innumerable mixes cover crop recipes that are being touted today. Having these extra crops available for grazing during dry periods can be a savior to your bottom line. If it ends up being not so dry, these extra forages can be used as dry hay or baleage or plowed down for soil improvement and the increase of organic matter.
- Consider having a “stash” of extra stored feed from the year before on hand. Having a fallback store of feeds such as dry hay or baleage can make dealing with a drought more manageable. Later on in the season, after all of the current year’s crops have been harvested, then maybe you can sell some of your extra feed. There always seems to be a good market for feeds in our area as many people do not have the machinery or desire to be involved in the production of stored feed.

Good luck grazing this year! If you would like to talk more about grazing please feel free to contact Rich Taber at 607-334-5841 ext. 21 or rbt44@cornell.edu

ATTENTION CHENANGO BEEF CATTLE PRODUCERS! A NEW BEEF MARKETING INITIATIVE

New York Feeder Calf Marketing Program:

A great new opportunity is available for beef cattle producers in Chenango County and New York State. Research in New York and many states has consistently shown that large groups of uniform feeder cattle command a premium price. Yet, as most beef herds in New York have less than 25 cows, maximizing price is difficult unless they pool their cattle with other like-minded producers. A project patterned after successful marketing programs in West Virginia and Virginia is underway in New York that will combine cattle of similar weight, conformation, genetics and health management into larger lots. Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators throughout the state have been trained and certified to sort cattle based on USDA Feeder Calf Grades. This will assure buyers that the cattle are consistent in quality and type. They will be offered to buyers by auction through our premium sale barns in New York.

For additional information, contact Mike Baker, Cornell Beef Extension Specialist, 607-255-5923, email: mjb28@cornell.edu.





Master Gardener

Cornell Cooperative Extension



Home Garden Help Line is Open
May 5 to August 31
607-334-5841 x 13
Email: chenangomgs@cornell.edu

The Home Garden Help Line
is staffed by Volunteers
Thursday, 9 AM -1 PM
 Volunteers also staff the Help line on
 Tuesday Evenings
 5-6:30 PM for Phone Calls Only
 The Help Line is staffed other days
 as volunteers are available



Call anytime, leave a detailed message and
 a Master Gardener Volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.
 Samples can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:00PM
BUT Thursday 9AM—1 PM is BEST.

DAIRY DAY

June 20th

Chenango County Fairgrounds

9am: 5K Milk Run

(to support Relay for Life)

10:30 Parade

(from Tops to the Fairgrounds)

11am—3pm Events

(located at the fairgrounds)

Loomis Barn Exhibit

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Dairy Princess Sales

Face Painting

Lunch specials

Historical Exhibits

Frying Pan Toss

Hay Bale Maze

Ross Park Zoo Mobile

Farmer for a Day Relay

Farm Safety Information

Duck Derby

Pedal Tractor Pull





July 13 –July 23rd, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm
Norwich City School Complex,
Midland Dr. Norwich

What is Greater Chenango Cares?

It is a partnership with the Department of Defense to provide an opportunity for residents of Chenango County and our adjacent neighboring counties to participate in a no-cost military training program known as: Innovative Readiness Training (IRT).

For additional information contact:

Chenango County Planning: 607-337-1640 rmdoing@co.chenango.ny.us

Check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreaterChenangoCares

Why shop at a Farmers' Market?



Because that's where you'll find the freshest local vegetables, lamb, pork, berries, herbs, flowers, maple syrup, cheese, baked goods, crafts and much more! Chenango County residents have many great farmers' markets where they can buy fresh local produce and support local farmers.

BAINBRIDGE OPEN AIR MARKET

Location: Village Park, Bainbridge
Season: May-October
Times of Operation: Saturday 7 am- 1 pm
Offerings: antiques, maple, crafts, baked goods, garden decor, hand-made soaps, produce
Payment Options: cash
Contact: 607-967-7413

BULLTHISTLE FARMERS' MARKET

Location: East Side Park, Norwich,
Season: June through October
Times of Operation: Saturday 9 am- 1 pm
Offerings: produce, maple, crafts, baked goods, garden decor, herbs and vegetable plants, yarn and fiber, jewelry, flowers, hand-made soaps
Payment Options: SNAP benefits, FMNP checks, WIC, JSY, Fresh Connect and CNY Health Bucks
Contact: BID, 607-336-1811, bid@frontiernet.net
Facebook: "Bullthistle Farmers' Market"

COVENTRY FARMERS' MARKET

Location: Village Hall, Coventry
Season: June to early November
Times of Operation: Sunday noon- 6 pm and Thursday's 2:30 pm- 6 pm
Offerings: produce, baked goods, crafts, local yarn, maple, eggs, garden art, coffee
Payment Options: FMNP checks and cash
Contact: 607-656-7319
Facebook: "Coventry NY Farmers Market"

GREENE FLEA & FARMERS' MARKET

Location: 166 S. Chenango Street Extension, Greene
Season: May to the end of season
Times of Operation: Saturday 8 am- 3 pm
Offerings: produce, baked goods, crafts
Contact: 607-725-1446 or wally@ERAdecker.com
Facebook: "Greene Flea & Farmer's Market"

NORWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Location: East Side Park, Norwich, (spring, summer, fall months); Follett Hall, Morrisville
Norwich Campus (winter months)
Season: year round
Times of Operation: Wednesday's 10 am- 6 pm
Offerings: Year round and locally grown and produced: produce; baked goods; maple products; crafts (hand-made soap, shaving cream, lotions, wool, clothing, and household items); USDA inspected goat, lamb, and pork; chicken; goose; eggs; whole-grain flours and grains; free literature.
Payment Options: EBT/SNAP benefits (year round), FMNP checks, SFMNP checks, WIC
Vegetable & Fruit checks (year round), Fresh Connect coupons for SNAP recipients and veterans, and Health Bucks coupons all accepted at participating vendor booths
Contact: 607-345-1447 or 607-334-4928 or vitalvittlesinc@frontier.com
Facebook: "Norwich NY Farmers Market"

OXFORD FARMERS' MARKET

Location: LaFayette Park, Oxford
Season: Late April to October
Times of Operation: Saturday: 9 am to Noon
Offerings: locally grown produce, flowers, herbs, fruit, eggs, preserves, maple products, honey, baked goods, plants and hand crafted items
Contact: 607-843-5699 or freshfromyourneighbors@gmail.com

Eat Smart NY Staff are in 3 counties



If you are looking for Eat Smart NY in Chenango County it may be more difficult to spot them. Betty, Neisa and Whitney now are providing programming in Madison, Chenango and Cortland Counties. If you are intrested in catching a 6 week series of classes call and talk to one of their staff members to set up a site visit or series of classes.

Call 607-334-5841 ex. 32 or 33.

Find Eat Smart NY:

Saturday, June 13, 10:00am-4:00pm Smithville Days

Wednesday, June 17, 11:00am-12pm- Job Links, Oneida

Friday, June 19, 10:00-11:30am- Food Sense Pick up site at Cincinnatus

Cortland/Chenango Rural Services

or 2:30pm-3:30pm- Food Sense Pick up site at the South New Berlin Church

Saturday, June 20, 10:30am-3:00pm Dairy Day at the Chenango County Fairgrounds

Monday, June 22, 1:00pm-2:30pm Catholic Charities Food Pantry

or 3:00pm-4:15pm- Cortland County Fresh Food Giveaway at the Salvation Army

Thursday, June 25, 4:00pm-7:00pm- Annual Summer CAP Picnic at the Sullivan Park in Chittenango

Tuesday, July 14, 3:00-4:30pm- Caz Cares Fresh Food Distribution

Friday, July 24, 10:00am-11:30am- Food Sense, Cincinnatus at the Cortland/Chenango Rural Services

or 2:30-3:30pm- Food Sense Pick up site at the South New Berlin Church

Monday, July 27, 1:00pm-2:30pm- Catholic Charities Food Pantry

or 3:00pm-4:15pm- Cortland County Fresh Food Giveaway at the Salvation Army

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

2015 CHENANGO COUNTY PERMACULTURE TALKS AND TOURS: August 1-2

This weekend event showcases the beautiful Chenango County and the growing practice of permaculture evident in sites, systems, and people who farm, garden, teach, and live there. Permaculture is a method of ecological land design with the goal of living harmoniously in cooperation with nature. The result includes multi-faceted approaches which mimic natural ecosystems. Come learn about the principles and practices of permaculture in a day of short talks on Saturday, August 1 held at Cornell Cooperative Extension Offices in Norwich and then visit active sites on a wide range of scales, from city gardens to several acre farms/homesteads on Sunday, August 2. Connect and network with others who are interested in living more sustainably, and walk away with ideas for your own property. All talks and tours are free of charge.

Planned Talks (Saturday, August 1) include: Introduction to permaculture/ecological garden design; growing perennial vegetables and wild edibles; harvesting water in the landscape; growing nettles; hugelkultur (using woody debris to create garden beds and reclaim land); hops making a comeback in the northeast; the design process for a permaculture garden.

Planned Tours (Sunday, August 2) include: Growing hops; polycultures at the Norwich Community garden; raising chickens; terraced gardens; sequential planting in novel situations; homesteads in progress including solar; living structures in the landscape.

It is hoped that the Talks and Tours weekend will be offered every year. We hope to offer a CTED (Community Training in Ecological Design) course in the Fall 2015. A regional Permaculture Convergence is planned at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County on Sunday, August 23rd.

To be part of the mailing list for information on the Talks and Tours, please contact Bonnie Gale at 607-336-9031 or bonwillow@frontiernet.net. Registration will be necessary for the talks and tours. Tour maps will be available. If you would like to offer a tour or talk, please contact Bonnie soon.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

FOOD PRESERVATION CLASSES



These classes are taught by Cornell Certified Master Food Preserver Volunteers and/or Staff. To register please call 334-5841 ext 11 or 20.

Food Preservation Science & Safety:

Learn about the science of food preservation and safety measures to ensure healthy outcomes. Lecture and handouts. In CCE kitchen. **\$5 per person**

Tuesday, June 16 1-3 PM OR 6-8 PM

CCE Norwich, 99 N. Broad St. in the Kitchen

Jams & Jellies:

Learn to safely prepare jams and jellies from various fruits. All materials and ingredients provided. In CCE Kitchen **\$15 per person. Register by Friday, June 26.**

Tuesday, June 30 1-4 PM OR 6-9 PM

CCE Norwich, 99 N. Broad St. in the Kitchen

GARDENING CLASSES

These classes are taught by Cornell Certified Master Gardener Volunteers and/or Staff. To register please call 334-5841 ext 11 or 20.



Vegetable Pest ID

Learn how to identify the good, the bad and the ugly when it comes to vegetable pests and learn what to do about them. Register by **June 1, \$5 per person.**

Thursday, June 4; 1-3 PM OR 6 -8 PM

CCE Norwich, 99 N. Broad St. in the Satelight Room

Garden Weed Control

Learn several techniques for managing weeds in the garden including mulching, smothering and good old fashioned hand-weeding! This class will be held at the Norwich Community Gardens on Hale Street so dress appropriately for the weather and to keep your feet dry and warm! Register by **June 5, pay \$5 "at the door."** Leave your phone number for alternate location in case of extreme weather.

Tuesday, June 9; 1-3 PM OR 6 -8 PM

Community Gardens, Hale Street, Norwich, NY

Backyard Composting

Learn about several techniques for backyard composting, container design and how to create a well-balanced compost. This class will be held at the Norwich Community Gardens on Hale Street so dress appropriately for the weather and to keep your feet dry and warm! Register by **July 10, pay \$5 "at the door."** Leave your phone number for alternate location in case of extreme weather.

Tuesday, July 14; 1-3 PM OR 6-8 PM

Community Gardens, Hale Street, Norwich, NY









Making Milk on Grass

Join NOFA NY, Organic Valley CROPP Cooperative and David Stratton of Stone Mill Dairy, to learn more about managing a grass based dairy. David will share what makes his farm successful including pasture management, calf raising and milk quality in a no grain system. Karen Hoffman, NRCS Animal Scientist will discuss the intricacies of grass based nutrition while DVM, Guy Jodarski, expands on maintaining herd health. Learn from Troy Bishopp, Grazing Specialist for Madison County Soil and Water, on pasture planning and using a grazing chart to aid in pasture management. Registration Instructions: To pre-register and pay, go online or call Stephanie at 585-271-1979 ext. 509. The field day is **\$15/person** or \$25/2 or more people per farm. Pre-registration closes at 4pm on June 15th

June 17, 2015 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

5626 Reservoir Rd. Earlville, NY

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  4-H Enrollment & Project Animal Enrollment Deadline	2	3	4 Vegetable Pest ID 1-3 or 6-8pm Satellite Room, CCE	5	6
7	8 Pollorum Testing for County Fair and Showmanship Clinic, Fairgrounds, 6pm	9 Garden Weed Control 1-3 or 6-8pm Community Gardens	10	11	12	13  Dairy & Equine 101, SUNY Morrisville
14	15 Dairy & Equine 101, SUNY Morrisville 	16 Food Preservation Safety 1-3 or 6-8pm, CCE Kitchen	17 Making Milk on Grass 10am - 3pm Earville, NY	18	19	20 Dairy Day, Chenango County Fair Grounds
21  4-H Dairy Showman- ship Clinic	22	23	24	25  4-H Horse Riding Evaluations, Chenango County Fairgrounds, 6pm	26  4-H STEM Camp, Camp Shankitunk	27
28 4-H STEM Camp	29  CNY 4-H Dairy Judging Tour	30  Jr. Dairy Leaders' Applications Due Jam's and Jellies 1-4 or 6-9pm, CCE Kitchen				

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 CCE Office Closed	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 4-H State Fair Qualifying Horse Show, Fairgrounds 4-H Dairy Judging Practice, 7pm	11
				Afton Ag Days, Afton Driving Park		
12	13	14 Backyard Composting 1-3 or 6-8pm Community Gardens	15	16	17 4-H Dairy Judging Practice, 7pm	18
Cooperstown Junior Livestock Show						
19	20 4-H County Fair Entries Due, 4pm, CCE Office	21 Chenango County 4-H Leaders' Association Mtg, Fairgrounds	22	23	24 4-H Dairy Judging Practice, 7pm	25
26	27 4-H Fair Clean-up, 9am	28	29	30	31 4-H Dairy Judging Practice, 7pm	



4-H

Sewing Spectacular



Congratulations to all who participated in the 2015 4-H Sewing Spectacular! The following members exhibited their sewing projects and had one item evaluated by a distinguished panel of expert sewing enthusiasts!



Congratulations to our participants:

Grace Bookamer—Clutch Purse
 PJ Bookamer—Squirtle the Sea Turtle
 Talia Bookamer—Rag Blanket
 Fiora Breese —T-Shirt Dress
 Shea Breese —T-Shirt Dress
 Adrienne Hodge —T-Shirt Dress
 Morgan Hodge—Fleece Jacket
 Lily Marshman —T-Shirt Dress
 Ena Race —Pink Paisley Dress

Morgan Hodge was named top
 4-H Sewing Member and received
 the 2015 June B. Cooley Memorial
 Award.

Thank you to our judges: Evelyn Baker, Julie Ives, and Katha Root. Huge thanks to all of our sewing volunteers: Ms. Louise Butcher, Mrs. Marilyn Carley, Mrs. Della Ericksen, Mrs. Peggy Jeffrey, Mrs. Deb Nowalk, Mrs. Rhonda Turrell

Snapshots from Science Camp





GUERNSEY CALF WINNER:

Congratulations to Chenango County 4-H'er Will Rumovicz, who was recently awarded the 2015 NYS Guernsey Calf Scholarship!

4-H Dairy Rodeo

Sunday, June 21, 2015

8:30am-3pm

Chenango County Fair Grounds

Bring your heifer and learn how to fit her like a pro!

Fitting Pros will teach you: body clipping, topline, fitting, pre-show care, etc.

Dr. Rachel Fraser, DVM: How to Prevent Disease Spread

Hoof Trimming Basics

Leading Practice and Showmanship Tips

Showmanship Show with Awards

Lunch to be provided. Please make sure heifers are healthy, current health work & papers needed. Contact Janet, 607-334-5841 x12 or



CNY 4-H DAIRY JUDGING TOUR

June 29, 2015



Schedule:

9:30AM Registration

10:00AM Judging—4 classes
of Jerseys

12PM Lunch and Yogurt

1:00PM Judging—4 classes of
Holsteins

Official Judge: Greg Evans,
SunnyAcres Ayrshires

Farms to visit:

Holtmart Hill Dairy
The Gendron Family
5973 Holtmart Rd.
Willet, NY 13863

Mac-Mara Holsteins
The McEvoy Family
Rt 11
Marathon, NY 13803



To register, please contact Janet Pfromm, CCE Chenango,
jlp27@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 x 12

We are beginning promptly at 10am. Make rest stops before you
get there!

Registrations are due by June 25th.

4-H Junior Dairy Leaders Program

PRO-DAIRY

The Junior DAIRY LEADER program to youth who are interested in exploring dairy careers. Junior DAIRY LEADERS is a yearlong program for young people, 16 to 19 years, who have an interest in learning more about careers in the dairy field, leadership development, and career and college planning. Applications are due June 30th, 2015. The fee for youth selected into the program will be \$200. JDL has 9 programs throughout the year and the first one is a

week-long trip to Wisconsin to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference held in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo and touring the dairy industry in Wisconsin.

More information about the program can be found on the PRO-DAIRY website: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy/jdl/index.html>

Cooperstown Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show July 12-14, 2015



Get ready Chenango County 4-H - the 67th annual Junior Livestock Show is coming! This show is a celebration of youth in agriculture! The show is the second largest youth competition in the state and the

only one of its kind sponsored by a museum in the United States. A tradition in central New York, the event features the area's best livestock and youth exhibitors from a nine-county region. More than 300 youth handlers and 750 animals are expected to participate. The event tests the skills of participants (ages eight to eighteen) who present animals (dairy cows, beef, swine, goats, and sheep of various breeds) that they own, care for and have prepared for competition.

All enrolled 4-H'ers in Chenango County 4-H are eligible to compete at this show. Entries must be completed and returned to Janet at the 4-H Office no later than June 1.

4-H Animal Project Info

All 4-H members planning on exhibiting livestock at the Chenango County Fair must have an animal certificate on file with the 4-H Office on or before June 1, 2015. Certificates are required for all horse, market animal, or grade animal exhibits, including beef steers/heifers, market lambs, market goats, hogs, etc. Registered animals must have a copy of their registration papers on file as well. Any animals not on file will NOT be eligible to show in the 4-H shows at County or State Fair.

Also, please be aware that the ownership deadline for all 4-H Project Animals for 2015 is June 1st. All registration papers must show ownership by this date to be eligible for show.



4-H Dairy Judging Schedule

All youth interested in learning more about dairy cattle evaluation and competing against youth across the state in judging tours are invited to attend the following events:

- June 29th – CNY Dairy Judging Tour
- Dairy Judging Practices: July 10, 17, 24, 31

Dairy judging not only teaches youth how to select an animal but also hones skills in public speaking, critical thinking, reasoning, teamwork, and much more! For more information and to sign-up for tours, please contact Janet, 607-334-5841 x12 or jl27@cornell.edu.



4-H FAIR SCHEDULE



**For more detailed and updated schedule of 4-H activities and events
– contact CCE/4-H Office, 607-334-5841 ext. 12**

July 20, 2015

4:00pm All entries due to the 4-H office CCE/4-H Office

Monday, August 3, 2015

4:00pm State Fair 4-H Animal Entries Due CCE/4-H Office

Saturday, August 8, 2015

10:00am-1:00pm 4-H Judging for Non-Perishable Exhibits HL Case Building
(Sections 2-7, 9-11, Section 1 Non- Perishable Cloverbud Exhibits)

Monday, August 10, 2015

12 noon Animal Barns open to Exhibitors
4:00pm - 7:00pm 4-H Judging for Perishable Exhibits HL Case Building
(Sections 8, 10, & 12; Cloverbud Perishable Exhibits)

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

9:00am 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show Follett Show Ring
12 Noon All Animal Exhibits must be in place
12 Noon 4-H Pet Show Follett Show Ring
2:00 pm 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest Follett Show Ring
4:15pm 4-H Animal Exhibitor Meeting Follett Show Ring
-Required for all 4-H animals Exhibiting
5:00pm Market Animal Weigh In Livestock Barns
6:15pm Fair Parade
7:30pm 4-H Bubble Gum Bubble Contest Follett Show Ring

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

8:30am 4-H & Open Poultry Judging Poultry Tent
1:00pm 4-H Dairy Goat Show Livestock Show Ring
7:00pm 4-H Dairy Showmanship Follett Show Ring

Thursday, August 13, 2015

8:30am 4-H & Open Dairy Show Follett Show Ring
9:00am 4-H & Open Livestock Show Livestock Show Ring
6:30pm 4-H Clothing Revue HL Case Building
7:00pm Dog Obedience Trial Follett Show Ring
8:00pm 4-H Fun Night Follett Show Ring Area

Friday, August 14, 2015

8:30am Open Youth Horse Show Horse Show Ring
1:00pm Open/4-H Youth Cashmere Goat Show Livestock Show Ring
7:00pm 4-H Livestock Auction Follett Show Ring

Saturday, August 15, 2015

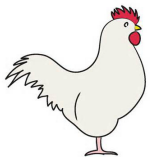
3:00pm Super Showmanship Contest Livestock Show Ring
5:30/6pm Livestock Fellowship Dinner Livestock Show Ring
7:00pm 4-H Fair Awards & Ice Cream Social Follett Show Ring

Sunday, August 16, 2015

11:00am 4-H Machine Building Challenge HL Case Building
3:00pm 4-H Dairy Cattle Released
4:00pm 4-H Poultry, Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats Released
4:00pm 4-H Premium Checks Available HL Case Building
5:00pm HL Case Building Exhibits Released

2015 4-H NYS Fair Info

- All animal entries are due **August 3rd**. Plan ahead!!! Register all animals that you think might go. It is easier to scratch than to add entries. Additional animal entries can be made by close of county fair but it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to get those entries to the NYS Fair Entry Office by closing of **August 17, 2015**.
- Animal entry forms and class lists can be obtained by calling the 4-H Office, 334-5841 x12.
- Dairy Cattle entries must be accompanied by registration papers and a signed code of conduct.
- All entries must have a 4-H Educator's signature to be official.
- All domestic exhibits will be selected at county fair prejudging.
- Items going to State Fair will be packed and stored at the CCE Office until State Fair, unless items need fixing before State Fair competition. Produce, baked goods, and flowers must be brought to the CCE Office before State Fair.
- Dorms for State Fair 4-H Animal Exhibitors Those parents, volunteers, and youth planning on staying in the Youth Building Dorms must complete a paper copy registration form by **August 1, 2015**. Each person must present this 4-H Educator-signed form upon move-in into the dorms. All adults staying in the dorms must be enrolled volunteers who have undergone a CCE background check within the last 3 years, per NYS Cornell Cooperative Extension Policy. Those exhibitors NOT staying in the dorms during State Fair must complete a "Dorm Exemption" form and have it on file with the 4-H Office.
- EXHIBITOR'S PASSES, DAILY PASSES, AND PARKING PERMITS for State Fair will not be mailed out ahead of time. State Fair exhibitors will meet on **August 18th** to pick up passes, 7pm, CCE Office.



4-H Poultry Exhibitor News

NYS Vet Tech Kathy Wright will be at the Chenango County Fair Grounds **June 8th from 6-7:15pm** to complete Pollorum Testing for all nonwaterfowl entering County and State Fair. All poultry must have a current year pollorum test or whole flock test in order to be allowed to compete. Birds that were purchased from a hatchery during the current year do not have to be tested if they are accompanied by a certificate showing that they came from a pollorum free facility. Jamie Matts will also be at the fairgrounds hosting a poultry showmanship clinic.



4-H Horse Exhibitor News

All youth intending to compete at the State Fair Qualifying Horse Show, County Fair Horse Show, or State Fair Horse Shows must complete a riding evaluation before being allowed to compete if:

- The youth or horse are new to the Chenango County 4-H Horse Program
- The youth has switched to a different project horse for the 2015 project year
- The youth is moving up a riding level
- The youth will be riding a different horse for Drill Team/Quadrille and has not been evaluated on the horse
- The youth is entering in Showmanship and has not been evaluated with the horse

In addition to regular members, Cloverbuds will also be evaluated. All decisions made by the evaluation team are final and will be held to by the Chenango County 4-H Program for all riding events.

Evaluations will be held at the Chenango County Fair Grounds on **June 25th, 6pm**. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Janet, 607-334-5841 x12 or jl27@cornell.edu.

4-H FAIR T-SHIRT CONTEST

Tell us how you know you belong in
Chenango County 4-H!



We are looking for the Top 10 reasons that you know YOU belong in Chenango County 4-H.

Example "My cow has more beauty products than I do!"

Small artwork, using the 4-H Clover also being accepted for the front.

Please submit entries by email to Janet, jlp27@cornell.edu

Submissions due May 31st.



Voting on the Chenango County 4-H Facebook Page June 1-15, 2015

*A Special Thank You to Our
April 2015 - May 2015 Contributors:*

Dan Pedersen
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Paul King

Rockdale Rod and Gun Club, Inc. in memory of John Hayes

Chenango County Pheasant Release Program



Thank you to all who participated in the 2015 Pheasant Rearing and Release Program. While numbers of reared pheasant chicks were down this year, hunters and residents of Chenango County will be able to enjoy 1200 new pheasants released into the area. Thank you very much to the Reynolds Game Farm in Ithaca for delivering the pheasants and providing this program.

4-H Incubation and Embryology Program

The 2015 4-H Incubation and Embryology Program provided eggs and educational resources to over 300 youth in Chenango County. Thank you very much to all teachers who use this program to enrich classroom teaching!



4-H Senior Dairy Scholarship Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to the Hosking Family and Hosking Sales and all pie buyers! \$450 was raised for the 4-H Senior Dairy Scholarship. Thanks to bakers: Erin Brooks, Julie Ives, and Janet Pfromm.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

The CCE Staff would like to say thank you to all of our many volunteers who help and support the programming we do throughout the year. Thank you to our Board of Directors, 4-H Volunteers, Master Clothing and Textile Volunteers, Master Gardeners, and Master Preservers. Your knowledge and support is greatly appreciated! This past month Master Gardeners have cleaned up the gardens and started to answer questions on the hotline. Soon, many more of our 4-H volunteers will be assisting with fair clean up and judging. Our 100 year anniversary volunteers have been performing research into the past and diligently planning for the 100 year celebration.

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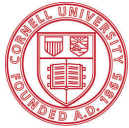
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