

# Cornell Cooperative Extension Yates County



2018 Calendar







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# President's Report

## Season's Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are proud to present the Annual Report Calendar for 2017. The Board of Directors is extremely grateful to Cornell Cooperative Extension's educators, staff, and volunteers for their continued dedication to delivering educational programs to our community. Extension is something I truly believe in, and I am very pleased to be a part of it.

The year has been extremely busy and has flown by quickly. Despite the haste, everything seemed to go quite smoothly. I credit the fantastic staff and educators who keep the Board on track, and continue to help the Board understand what is going on with Extension and the things we need to work on together.

Upon reflecting on my first year as President, one highlight I want to address is the collaboration between myself and Arlene Wilson in continuing to bring CCE-Yates County down a path of compliance and updating our policies and procedures. Understanding the "Cornell Way" can be challenging, so being able to effectively work with Arlene to tackle these updates has been a good accomplishment for 2017. Additionally, the work of the Finance Committee has been extraordinary, in giving us a strong financial position that we can understand and process.

A third highlight is CCE-Yates County's outreach efforts. This year, CCE-Yates County made great strides in looking at new opportunities to be that engaging force, which helps support and spread the message and our mission to all corners of Yates County, and beyond. This effort will no doubt continue into 2018, as our two newly elected board members will help us continue to cover not only our county's miles but the perspectives that our county regionally represents. Our board of directors share this mission with all of the CCE-Yates County employees as well. And last June we brought two new educators into the fold: Caroline Boutard-Hunt (Agricultural Educator) and Tammi Jo Swearingen (4-H Educator). We welcome them both.

As we say hello to new perspectives, it, unfortunately, means we have to say goodbye as well. I would like to give special thanks to Secretary Jill Henderson, Extension Specialist Charles Fausold, and Board member Carol Oswald for their invaluable service. Their efforts have been integral to the continued growth and success of Yates CCE. They have helped develop and maintain a good foundation and I am confident our new members can build upon their legacy.

I would also like to give special thanks to Skip Jensen. When I was asked to replace Skip as Board President, my initial reaction was "Are you sure?" But, thanks to his support and reassurance, I am hopeful that I can live up to his success. I also want to offer my sincerest thanks to Arlene Wilson. Two years after being hired, Arlene continues to uphold her commitment to her position in the county. I am looking forward to working further with her to grow and enhance the services of CCE- Yates County.

Finally, I would like to thank the CCE-Yates County educators and staff for their continued dedication and expertise, the Finger Lakes Shared Business Network for its support, the Keuka Lake Association, Yates County Workforce Development, and the Penn Yan/Dundee Extended Day program for their collaborative efforts, and a special thank you to our Board of Directors for their continued support of the mission of CCE-Yates County.

In closing, I am happy to report that 2017 has been a resounding success. And again, I am very grateful to have the support and contributions of so many dedicated people. Here's to doing it all again (and more) in 2018!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Disbrow".

Wendy Disbrow, President  
Board of Directors



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**Mission Statement**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County puts knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being.  
We bring local experience and research based solutions together, helping local Yates County families and communities thrive in our rapidly changing world.



## Finger Lakes Shared Business Network

We are now heading into our fifth year of having Regional Lead positions in Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology. The leads continue to provide high level strategic guidance, best practices, advice and problem-solving to the seven Associations in the Finger Lakes Shared Business Network: Livingston, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates.

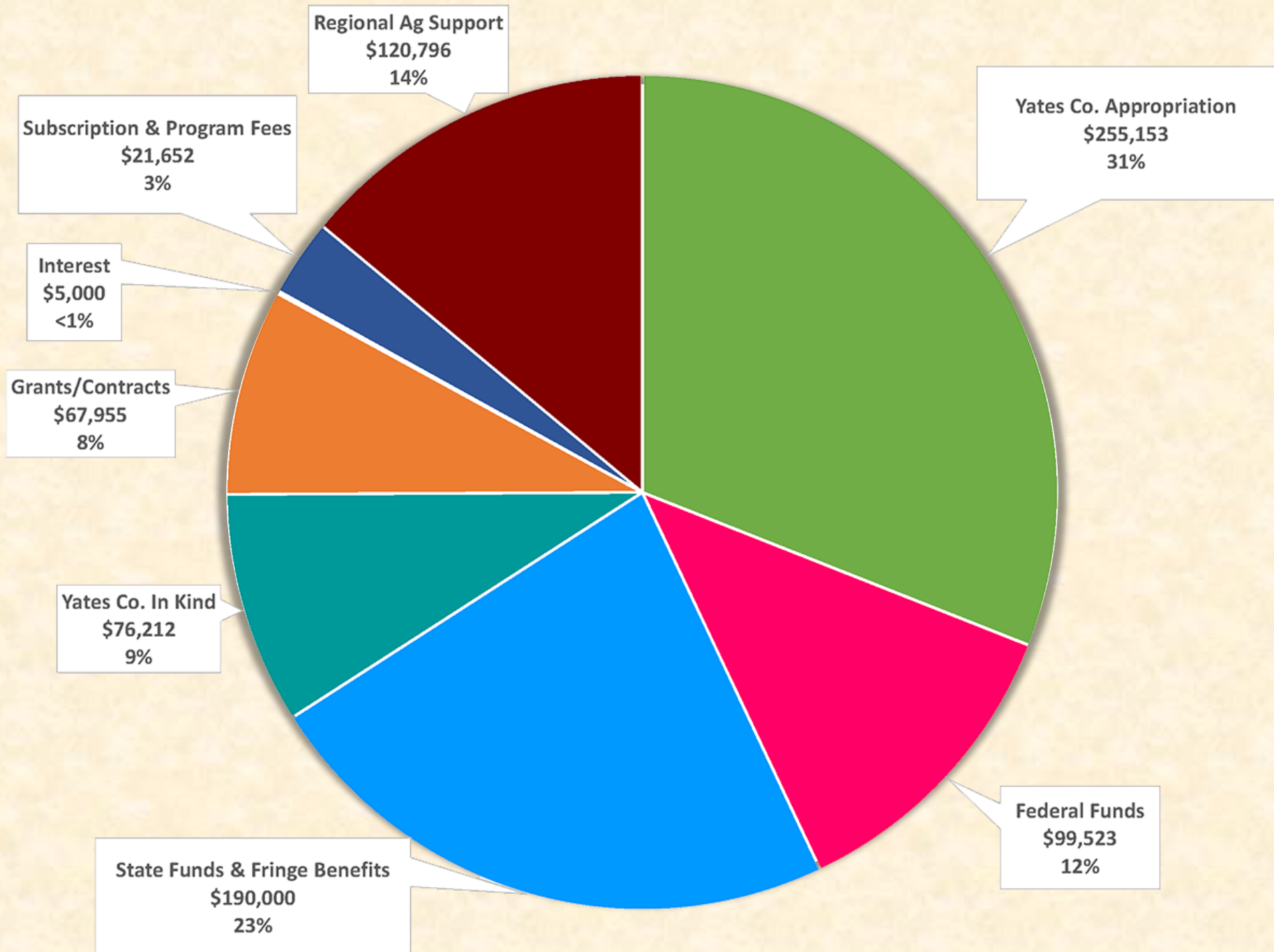
### Highlights of 2017 include:

- CCE Associations will be moving from the AccPac accounting software to Blackbaud Financial NXT. The design stage started in August 2017, with the training and go live date set for October 2018.
- Encryption of all Association Computers and new two-step login requirements, which provides additional security for equipment and staff.
- Assisted all Associations in the preparation, submission, review, and approval of all position descriptions to align with the new classification structure by the amnesty deadline of April 30th, 2017. The new classification structure design aligns with the FLSA (Fair Labor Standard Act) proposed regulations of 2016.





## 2017 CCE Revenue Sources





# Executive Director's Corner

**From the Desk of Arlene A. Wilson,  
Executive Director**

## **Partnerships: the results of Patience, Persistence and Perseverance**

In reviewing the activities and accomplishments of 2017, partnership was the underlying theme.

The process of staff recruitment and selection requires patience [as it takes several months] and persistence [in onboarding to the nuances of working for a University, County government and a not-for-profit] and perseverance [for staff to learn the job and let their creativity shine!] The investment in these "P's" have paid off in the work of our two new staff: Tammy Jo Swearingen [4-H Educator] and Caroline Hunt [Agriculture Educator]. Both have brought an infusion of new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to the Yates CCE family. New partnerships with the Yates County Humane Society, the Finger Lakes Produce Auction and Yates Economic Development have expanded the educational reach of CCE Yates in 2017.

Patience and perseverance have also been key to the positive outcomes of environmental steward in the Keuka Lake watershed. Through collaboration on invasive species research, best management practices, grant applications, DEC permits, and vendor contracts, CCE Yates has been part of starry stonewort harvests/removals. Volunteer recruitment and training have maintained continuous aquatic invasive species monitoring and watercraft stewardship education programming.

Through planning and persistence, the Master Gardener Program has developed partnerships with The Windmill, Yates County Probation, Yates County Workforce Development, Finger Lakes Eat Smart New York Program and Penn Yan Elementary School's Community Garden.

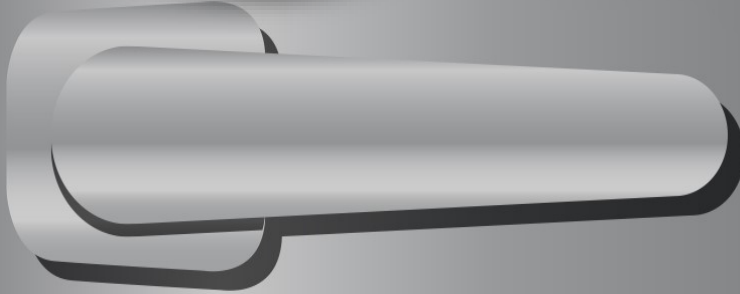
Partnerships between CCE Yates staff have resulted in increased participation and quality educational programming for our annual Conservation Field Day [ask about our activity/coloring book] and Biannual Legislative Agriculture Tour [highest social media views for CCE Yates]. Staff collaboration resulted in innovative programming to youth through after-school educational programs [insects, seed propagation, tie-dye, painting flower pots, making herb vinegar and planting flowers] as well as underserved populations in a variety of subject areas including: container gardening and nutrition education.

Thank you to Yates CCE staff, board members and program volunteers from whom I learn new things every day. From formal meetings and staff development [StrengthFinders 2.0], to hallway conversations and celebratory gatherings-- you provide ongoing challenges, and strategic opportunities to develop personally and expand partnerships!

Thanks in Advance,

*Arlene A. Wilson*

**Arlene A Wilson, Executive Director**







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# January 2018

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B.E.V. NY is a conference hosted by the Finger Lakes Grape Program, Cornell's Extension Enology Lab, and the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. This collaboration allows for cross-pollination of information and people involved in the different facets of the grape and wine industry: Business, Enology, and Viticulture.



*Pictured: Alan Lasko presenting on Viticulture Day.*

Conference participants learn from world-renowned researchers, experts and experienced peers on topics relevant to viticulture, business management, and enology in New York State. The conference also helps scientists focus their research on industry needs, providing valuable face-to-face time between growers, winemakers, business owners, and researchers.

## Drink Local. Learn Local.

B.E.V. NY is an important tool in helping to achieve the Finger Lakes Grape Program and Cornell Cooperative Extension's goals of bringing science-based information to those that can use it, and facilitating communication and education between Cornell University and the people putting agriculture research into practice.

*Pictured: Hans Walter-Peterson*



### B.E.V. NY 2017 Quick Stats:

- 360 participants in 2017
- 23 Tradeshow Vendors and Exhibitors
- 32 Expert Speakers Over Three Days

**Cornell Cooperative Extension**  
Finger Lakes Grape Program

### Save the Date!

B.E.V. 2018 is February 28-March 2.  
Viticulture topics will include:

- Grapevine Cold Hardiness
  - Vineyard Weed Management
  - Geospatial Imaging in Viticulture
- ...and much more!





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# Yard N' Garden Day



**John Hammer**  
**Mushroom Cultivation**



**Mickey Orr**  
**Beekeeping**




**Gillian Trimber**  
**Backyard Grapes**

The Yates County Building auditorium was abuzz as the CCE Master Gardeners held their annual Yard N' Garden Day on Saturday, March 11th. This year's topics included forest mushroom cultivation, growing grapes, and bee-keeping. John Hammer (Yates County Master Forest Owner) discussed the topic of growing mushrooms. Developing an interest in log-grown shiitake mushroom cultivation back in 2014, Mr. Hammer brought in inoculated logs to demonstrate what they would look like once the process was completed. Gillian Trimber (Finger Lakes Grape Program) presented on how to grow and maintain grapes for the homeowner. Closing out the event, Mickey Orr discussed the topic of beekeeping, demonstrating with an actual hive, and gave participants samples of honeycomb to try. Feedback for the workshop was overwhelmingly positive, and the clear majority of those who attended plan on utilizing what they learned in their own backyards.

In 2018, Yard N' Garden Day will be on March 24th. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, Program is 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. Registration fee is \$15, which includes free vegetable seeds and refreshments.





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*April, tax time... but every month is a good month to review your spending habits*

- *Are you receiving a tax refund and what will you do with it? Set a goal and make your plan for financial success. You might consider:*
  - ♦ *Creating or adding savings to an emergency fund*
  - ♦ *Purchasing a big ticket item*
  - ♦ *Paying off debt*
  - ♦ *Putting money aside for children's education*
  - ♦ *Starting or adding to a retirement account*

*Setting specific goals and tracking your money is integral to developing your spending plan. Goals are short and long term (ex. saving for new tires for your vehicle and saving money for a security deposit and first month's rent). Knowing your monthly income and expenses (including flexible spending) will help determine the amount of money you can save monthly for your goals and how long it will take to achieve your goals.*

### *My Financial Goals:*

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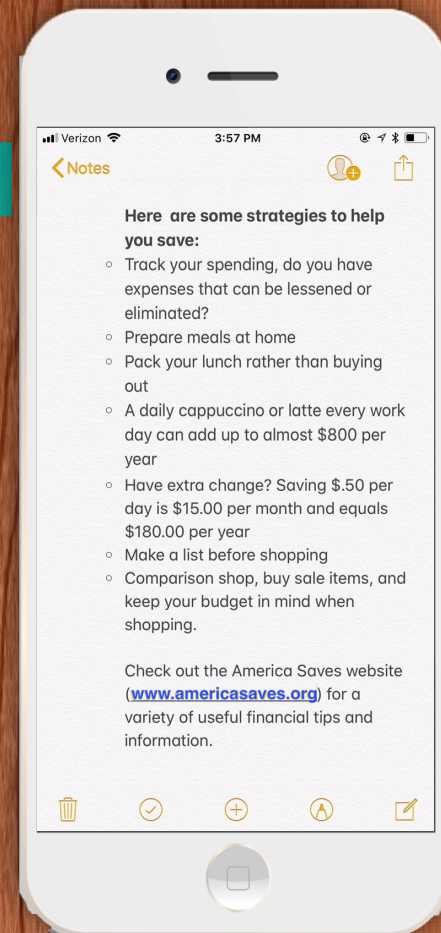
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If you haven't completed your tax information, consider contacting the Yates County Office for the Aging for a tax appointment. This office and the AARP Taxaide Program offer free income tax services to taxpayers with an emphasis for taxpayers aged 60 and older. Call the 211 helpline, 1-800-346-2211 to make an appointment.





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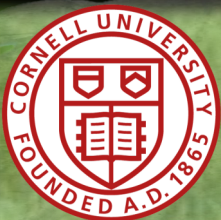
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# CCE YATES WORKS WITH PARTNERS TO PROTECT KEUKA LAKE FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES!



## TRIPLE FEATURE:

### KEUKA LAKE ASSOCIATION'S WATERCRAFT STEWARD PROGRAM



CCE-Yates has supported the KLA's watercraft steward program since 2015 by providing technical expertise, training, and program management support. In 2016, CCE Yates assisted the KLA in applying for a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation that was awarded in the full amount of \$100,000 to help fund the watercraft steward program for three years (2016-2018). Watercraft stewards work at boat launches and offer voluntary inspections of watercrafts and trailers to remove unwanted invasive hitchhikers. From March 25 through September 30, 2017, the KLA watercraft stewards inspected 6,739 watercrafts and interacted with 15,592 individuals.

### AQUATIC INVASIVES SPECIES MONITORING PROGRAM



CCE-Yates trains volunteers to monitor for known and new infestations of AIS. The sooner we know about a new AIS infestation the better our chances for managing and possibly eradicating it. CCE Yates works with the Keuka Lake Association and the Finger Lakes Museum & Aquarium to recruit and train volunteers.

### KEUKA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE AND STARRY STONEWORT MANAGEMENT



In 2017, CCE-Yates and the KLA assisted the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative (KWIC) in securing a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to fund three years of management of the highly invasive infestation of Starry Stonewort in the Keuka Lake Outlet, between the Penn Yan Village boat launch and the marshlands. In August 2017, KWIC contracted an aquatic mechanical weed harvester to cut the infestation in order to prevent it from getting caught on boat motors and spreading into Keuka Lake. In September and October watercraft stewards at the Penn Yan launch reported a dramatic decline in starry stonewort removed from boats. Success!



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# On-Farm Corn Education Program

This year's Corn Education Program worked with a group of eight young Mennonite growers that had between two and five years of experience running their own farm in the Finger Lakes Plain Community. All of these farms were small dairies and grew corn for silage and grain.

Participants completed twelve hours of in-field and classroom training covering crop production and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices with a focus on weed, disease, and insect pest sampling and management. Participating producers benefitted from the educational materials and timely sampling techniques to make the most economical crop and pest management decisions to maximize their corn production. Participants learned how to correctly identify, sample, assess and apply different management tools on potential corn pests and make management decisions based on economic thresholds.



*Pictured: NWNV Team Leader Mike Stanyard*

Pre-and post-tests were given at the first and last meetings of the season. Collectively, participants increased their general knowledge of corn management from 39% to 86%; an increase of 47%.

**All participants highly recommended this program to other local farmers.**

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Northwest NY Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Program



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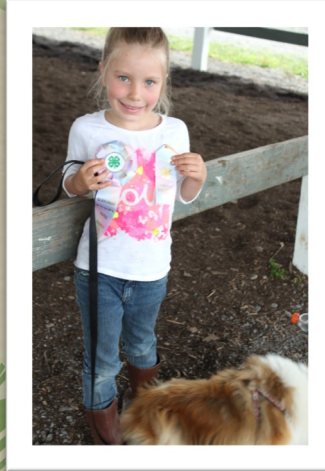
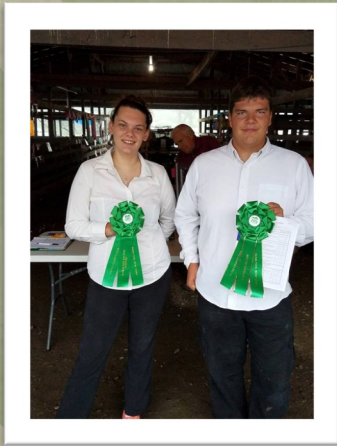
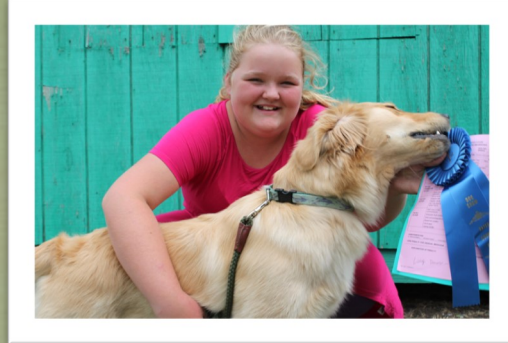
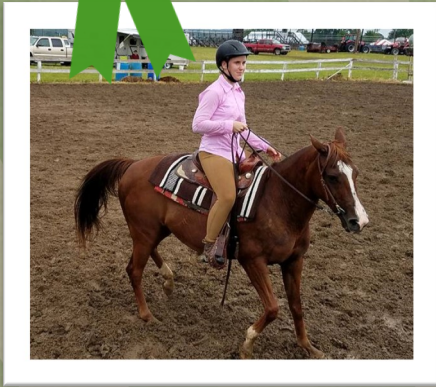
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# YATES COUNTY FAIR



## In 2017 there were...

- 24 animal science exhibitors with 108 4-H animals on display
- 27 youth showcasing 108 4-H Exhibit Hall projects
- 16 teens learning job readiness skills by working shifts in the 4-H Dairy Bar, resulting in over \$1500 raised to support scholarships for graduating 4-H seniors
- 13 youth increasing leadership skills by serving as Junior Superintendents, Teen Assistants, and volunteers at our 4-H Meet and Greet table



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# 2017 Friend of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County

CCE of Yates County continues to serve all residents, businesses, and communities. CCE's programs touch the lives of many in our community. We would like to thank the individuals, families, businesses listed below that support us through the Friend of Cornell Cooperative Extension fundraising efforts. We would also like to acknowledge our gratitude of the grants received from the organizations and foundations. To date, we have raised nearly \$4,000 through this campaign. Our gratitude goes out to the following contributors\*

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# Legislative Agricultural Tour

On September 11th, 2017, Cornell Cooperative Extension- Yates County hosted the biannual Legislative Agricultural Tour. This year, the event had a central theme: value-added dairy production. This provided an opportunity for County Legislators, elected officials, media, and cooperating organizations to go behind the scenes of three local businesses that encompass the theme. This also allowed guests the opportunity to learn about agriculture-based businesses, industry, agritourism and its impact on Yates County employment, and economy from CCE-Yates County extension staff and CCE Extension Researchers.

## Tour Stops Included:





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# CCE AND GARDEN BASED LEARNING

2017 marked the first full year of the Penn Yan Elementary School Garden. Over the course of the year, 149 kids participated in activities involving the garden through participation in after-school garden club, special events and summer pop-up programming. Kids involved in garden club helped build and fill the raised beds with soil, planted fruits, flowers and vegetables and maintained the garden. Pop-up programming in the summer kept enthusiasm high and provided garden-based education throughout the summer session. Special events such as the garden harvest party allowed students to explore the garden and learn more about growing plants as well as eating fresh and local food. At the start of the 2017 Fall Session, 21 kids were regularly involved in garden club after-school activities provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension. The clubs have harvested vegetables and flowers, made garden-based crafts such as herbal vinegar, built composters, planted bulbs, garlic and spinach for harvest in the spring, food-web activities and generally enjoying this open space for learning and growing both plants and people.





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# Extending Soil Sustainability in Season Extension: Yates County and the Cornell Vegetable Program Lead the way

In 2017 the Cornell Vegetable Program continued to research Best Management Practices in high tunnel greenhouse fertility and soil management; attracting competitive funding from multiple sources and helping farmers achieve higher profitability. Our research is taking a sharp look at how improving nitrogen management can lead to more sustainable levels of other soil nutrients and optimize crop yield relative to input costs. Yates County, with greatest number of high tunnels in the state, is the hub of this research.



High tunnels (soil based greenhouses) have been adopted by New York vegetable farmers to increase yields, quality and market window of crops such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and greens. However, meeting the nitrogen demand of these high yielding crops requires high input levels of compost and fertilizer. Without crop rotation or precipitation inside the structure, soil levels of nutrients such as phosphorus, calcium, magnesium and pH become excessive and decrease yields.

A collaboration between CVP and the Cornell Student Organic Farm resulted in a \$10,000 award from the Towards Sustainability Foundation. The project team worked closely with 10 high tunnel operators across Central and Western NYS, educated farmers and students, and provided technical assistance in managing soil health in high tunnels for long term productivity. At these farms a total of 20 soil tests and 80 foliar tests were performed, and it was documented that 7 of the 10 farms regularly exceeded recommended soil nutrient levels, often by more than 150%. These excess levels not only indicated a challenge in environmental, but also financial sustainability. The CVP worked closely with growers to analyze and respond to the results, focusing on reducing phosphorus and calcium inputs and better supplying the crop with sufficient nutrition. After participating in this project, net high tunnel income increased by an average of \$1556.61, for an average increase of 26.9%.



In collaboration with a Yates County farm, Judson Reid and Cordelia Machanoff successfully developed a NESARE pre-proposal to research winter cover crops in high tunnel tomato production. The integration of winter cover crops into warm season high tunnel systems can potentially decrease nitrogen demand of the summer crop, thereby decreasing excess calcium magnesium and phosphorus and increasing profitability.

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# Master Forest Owner Program

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- The Master Forest Owner (MFO) Program volunteers are trained by faculty and staff from Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension and offer free visits to private woodlands to offer information and resources for forest management.
- Most counties have MFO volunteers who are coordinated by MFO Program Regional Directors. CCE Yates educator Emily Staychock coordinates the program for 11 counties in the Finger Lakes and WNY.
- Yates County MFO volunteers are unique in that they meet monthly with CCE staff and NYS DEC foresters to discuss their visits and general private forest management in Yates County.
- Yates County MFO volunteers host a workshop and a woods walk every spring. In 2017, they hosted a “Resources for Private Forest Owners” workshop on March 4th, and a woods walk on June 10th at MFO volunteer Del Allen’s property that highlighted invasive species, birds and wildlife, and forest restoration benefits of timber harvests, .



If you would like to arrange for a MFO visit to your property, or if you would like to become a MFO, contact Emily Staychock at [ecs268@cornell.edu](mailto:ecs268@cornell.edu) or 315-536-5123 x4127.





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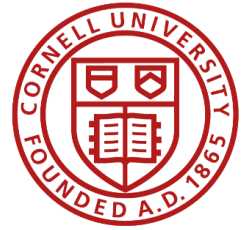
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