SKILL-A-THERON
Youth interested in animal science had the opportunity to participate in the 1st Annual 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon this year. The knowledge based contest provided 30 youth with a chance to test their abilities on stations related to: breeds of livestock, external parts of an animal, feedstuffs used in livestock diets, livestock equipment and cuts of meat. The skill-a-thon was just one event in an ongoing educational series for 4-H livestock participants during the year.

CLOTHING REVUE
This year, 85 Wyoming County 4-H members had clothing garments evaluated on all aspects of clothing construction including choice of fabric, sewing and finishing details, as well as fit on April 19th and 21st. Eighty-two members participated in the revue held Friday evening, May 4th at the Warsaw Central High School. This year’s theme was “Garden of Garments”. 4-H’ers modeled an array of garments including aprons, shirts, shorts, sweatshirts, blouses, and pajamas. Six 4-H’ers and two alternates where chosen to represent Wyoming County at the State Fair Clothing Revue in Syracuse. In addition, fifteen senior blue ribbon winners were selected to represent Wyoming County at the district level. Wyoming County 4-H hosted this year’s Western District 4-H Clothing Revue on July 6th at Epworth Hall (Silver Lake Institute), followed by a luncheon at the Charcoal Corral in Perry.

CHOICE HEALTH
The Wyoming County 4-H Program has yet another interactive curriculum to offer to clubs, called Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness (CHFFF). CHFFF supports the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and targets behaviors for preventing childhood obesity and chronic diseases. The content is geared for 8 – 12 year olds, and is presented through six lessons which include nutritional activities, food preparation, active games and newsletters for families. The six lessons include (1) Drink Low-Fat Milk and Water Instead of Sweetened Drinks, (2) Eat a Rainbow! Eat More Vegetables and Fruits, (3) Read it Before You Eat It! The Nutrition Facts Label, (4) Make Half Your Grains Whole! Eat More Whole Grains, (5) Healthier Food – Fast: Eat Fewer High-Fat, High-Sugar Foods, and (6) Power Up Your Day: Eat Breakfast!

SCHOOL GARDENING:
A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN 4-H AND THE ARCADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Through this fun and educational activity three classrooms at the Arcade Elementary School grew salad gardens. Youth were able to choose a garden location, make choices about what to grow, and plant, care for and harvest lettuce, swiss chard, beets, spinach and peas. CCE staff coordinated with classroom teachers to provide classroom education about gardening. Participating teachers were able to integrate the garden into their normal instruction. They were also responsible for daily watering and weeding.

4-H DOG SHOWING
The Wyoming County 4-H Dog Program had 45 youth who participated this year. The program consists of weekly dog training meetings, where the 4-H’ers work with their dogs on Obedience, Rally-O and Agility. Twelve youth from Wyoming County participated in the New York State Fair, where the Four-man Team won Grand Champion and two other 4-H’ers won Reserve Grand Champion. The 4-H Dog program sparks interest with new 4-H’ers each year and continues to grow!

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
This Year, Wyoming County 4-H enrolled:
918 YOUTH MEMBERS
231 ADULT VOLUNTEER LEADERS
AMERICORPS
For the fifth year we were fortunate to have six summer Americorps members on camp staff and one six month position. This partnership with Americorps and the Genesee County Youth Bureau allows college students to serve on camp staff taking leadership for a specific project or area. This year’s Americorps members worked on projects in a challenge course, hiking, outdoor living, and waterfront classes. One staff member developed a new leadership program for 13 year old campers called Leader-in-Training (LIT) and another counselor worked on a composting program to help camp go a little greener. The Americorps member works to develop their activity area and create a strong program for the future at Camp Wyomoco. The Americorps member receives an education allowance to help with college expenses through Americorps.

GALLERY
This summer Camp Wyomoco expanded the photography program to include an increased emphasis on digital photography. Campers learned about the elements of good digital photos and searched camp looking for great picture opportunities. The last afternoon of each camp session was dedicated to Gallery where campers were able to display the photos that they took.

ENERGY SMART CAMPS AND CAMPERs
This summer as part of our Energy $mart Camp$ and Camper$ program campers participated in a variety of energy awareness related activities. This summer campers utilized a small portable solar energy lab to harness the sun's energy and conduct a variety of experiments and activities. Camper activities included: the appliance challenge, mining ChoCOALate, energy over 4 generations, solar smoothies and the power of wind. A major highlight of our energy awareness program was the installation of a 92 panel solar power generating system on the dining hall roof. The system was installed in late fall and is now on and powering camp. We anticipate that our system will generate over 90% of the camp power needs resulting in approximately $30,000 in energy savings over the next 15 years.

CHALLENGE COURSE OFFERS NEW ADVENTURE FOR CAMPERs
In the summer of 2012 Camp Wyomoco increased the number of elements on our low ropes challenge course from 5 to 11 and offered this class to campers every day of the week. The challenge course helped campers and staff develop key life skills in leadership, trust, team building, cooperation, and problem solving all while having a fun and challenging experience. In addition to existing elements: island crossing, teepee shuffle and spider web new teambuilding elements were added including: Monkey Bridge, channel walk, floating ring and big foot.
AGRI-PALOOZA
The 2nd Annual Wyoming County Agri-Palooza attracted 2675 people to the Sondericker Family’s, Friendly Acres. Nearly 200 volunteers, 50 exhibitors and vendors, 6 presenting sponsors and 63 sponsors planned, manned and financed the event. Guided tours through the dairy barns led by farmers and agri-service reps and parlor tours with 4-H Teen Dairy Advocates headlined activities. Agri-Palooza was honored by the New York State Agricultural Society with the Ag Education and Promotion Award and with the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Agricultural Appreciation and Awareness Award.

HORTICULTURE AND ENTOMOLOGY
Extension Staff administered plant and insect identification, plant disease and pest diagnostics as well as soil nutrient analyses to over 300 private homeowners and commercial producers. Staff provided research proven recommendations on cultural control practices and integrated pest management. Insecticide, herbicide, fungicide, and nutrient management recommendations and resources to combat home and horticultural pests were also distributed.

NATURAL RESOURCES
Wyoming County Beekeepers group continues to grow with new members joining monthly. Each meeting attracts 20 to 30 attendees. 2012 workshops included a bee-yard visit and popular ‘Taste of Honey’. Packaged bees were purchased by 21 bee enthusiasts to establish 30 new hives that can pollinate 60 square miles of crops. The group offered pollinator and beekeeping information at Garden Day, Agri-Palooza and Wyoming County Fair.

POULTRY DISCUSSION GROUP
Started in 2012 to help local residents achieve their goal of becoming more sustainable by growing their own food. A Beginners Workshop in the spring covered care basics and a Poultry Walk in September focused on back-yard poultry housing in a village setting using found materials. Participating families are anxious to learn the skills needed grow their own eggs and meat.

EAT FRESH BUY LOCAL
New brochure developed including 70 farm stands representing every town in Wyoming County. Over 1500 copies of this Guide to Local Food and Agricultural Products have been distributed at 20 venues across the county, to each town board and at participating markets. GAPS – Generally Accepted Agricultural Practices training assists local producers with developing food handling processes that ensure food safety to their consumers.

MASTER GARDENERS
In 2012, the 16 active Master Gardeners provided technical support at the Perry Community Garden, helped to establish community gardens with the YMCA in Warsaw, and with a community consortium in Wyoming. Outreach also touched residents of the Silver Lake Institute and a native planting at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Agri-Palooza and Wyoming County Fair. In total, Master Gardeners contributed 480 hours, the equivalent of 12 weeks of professional time, to our program. We welcome 2 new Master Gardener Trainees this year.

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CDL CLASSES
Commercial Driver License Program provided instruction for 32 farm workers in 2012. 90% of the Spring 2012 CDL Class passed written and driving tests and received their Class A or Class B licenses already.

QUALITY FORAGE PRODUCTION
Twenty four farm employees participated in a 14 hour, 5 session training. Attendees learned about dairy cow nutrition, hybrid selection of forage crops, the ideal harvest window, principles of silage preservation, proper silage density and the value of inoculants and preservatives. New to the program was a forage chopper run-through by a veteran service person demonstrating key maintenance points and discussing proper settings.

GROUP-HOUSLED CALF SYSTEMS
In response to growing interest in housing and feeding baby calves in groups, the team became integrally involved in a statewide initiative with significant local involvement. 275 attended a day long symposium on the subject in Syracuse drawn from 19 states and 2 Canadian provinces. A NWNY regional tour of 3 calf facilities later attracted 115 people. The annual Winter Dairy Management series followed continuing on the same theme with 48 in attendance locally and 210 more at 5 other location around the state. The number of farms using this calf-friendly, labor saving system has increased to over 100 from 42 within a year. A second calf symposium featuring health considerations will be held in December 2012.

BQA IN A DAY, BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING
One of two days of trainings was hosted in Hermitage, NY. By attending one of the one-day events, a total of 51 participants became level 1 certified. The one-day format is an improved way to accommodate the many part-time operations. Participants that submit their veterinarian’s signature will be level 2 certified. Producers learned safe cattle handling techniques, ways to improve meat quality through proper vaccination techniques, as well as recordkeeping. These topics were readily applied on the participant’s operations. In both sessions, a test was taken after the morning presentation. A veterinarian assisted with the chute side portion that was held in the afternoon. Each participant administered an injection as a mandatory part of training.
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BUDGET TOTAL $1,364,629.91

STATE 21% 290,631.66
COUNTY 24% 333,395.25
FEDERAL 6% 82,210.00
OTHER 48% 658,393.00