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SULLIVAN FRESH PROGRAM

The Farmers Market program is in full swing. For this season, we are offering a number of incentive program allowing the market to be even more accessible, such as a Produce Prescription program, Sullivan Fresh Bucks and partnering with the Office for the Aging to distribute Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons. To date, we have offered 8 Wellness Program at the markets where attendees earn \$10 in Sullivan Fresh Bucks to spend at the market. CCE Sullivan has also received \$30k in funding from NYS to purchase local farm products for our Community Cupboard program.



BEGINNER FARMER PROGRAM

The new Beginner Farmer program has been officially launched. As part of the program, we have created a Beginner Farmer Advisory Committee that have been busy meeting and planning farmer meet ups, on farm workshops and educational workshops. Staff have been busy visiting farms or soon to be farms providing guidance and technical assistance. We are in the process of developing our new Beginner Farmer Mentor program, which will pair beginner farmers with experienced farmers. Both farmers will receive stipends for participating in the program.

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PROGRAM

The Final Report for the Agricultural District #4 Eight Year Review has been completed and will be submitted to NYS Ag and Markets after an August approval. Overall, we saw an increase in viablae agricultural land in Ag District #4.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Farm Visits: 7 Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 75 **Soil Tests: 5 Hay Tests: 0** Business and Marketing Plans, Sales Channels, Ag Districts, beginning farmer, soil tests, field crops, poultry production, plant pests, disease, and ID, vegetable production, whole farm planning, farmers markets, Farm to School, Grant and Funding sources, manure management, H2A employees, livestock density, Farm employee wages, advertising farm jobs, beginner farmer and live poultry sales.

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BEGINNER FARMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

August 11th 3:30 PM - 7 PM: Farmer Mixer at Bashakill Vineyards

August 29th 5 PM - 7 PM: Growing Healthy Soil with Cover Crops on Small Farms & Market Gardens at Bobolink Farm

September 13th 5 PM - 7 PM: Farmer Mixer at Majestic Farm

September 20th 5 PM - 7 PM: The Nuts & Bolts of High Tunnels at Sprouting Dreams Farm

October 11th 5 PM - 7 PM: Farmer Mixer at Sprouting Dreams Farm

October (date TBD): Hog Production at ALL Family Farm

MORE EVENTS TO COME IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER!

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Register Here: sullivancce.org/events

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