

# Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County





### Welcome to our 2025 Annual Report!

We are eager to share with you how your Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Orange County has Harvested Hope Together! It has been a year of excellent programming, navigating federal funding losses and uncertainty, along with completed projects and new infrastructure funding for the Education Center & 4-H Park.

Master Food Preservation and Open House on the Farm made an impressive comeback with positive feedback from participants. Newer programs such as Community Resilience Builders and Climate Stewards have expanded and are starting their own local projects. 4-H Adventure Zone was launched resulting in growing 4-H enrollment by partnering with the Ramapo Catskill Library System. Interest in New Farmer and Food Safety programs increased and demand for Poultry Incubation and Embryology programs required three rounds of chick hatching. Master Gardener Volunteers promoted Keystone Native Plants to support wildlife populations.

Funding for SNAP-Education was eliminated from the federal budget, officially ending on September 30, 2025. However, NYS may use unspent funds from fiscal year 2025 to wind down programs and provide community support with remaining staff. In addition, we have received commitment from a generous donor to assist with this wind down while providing the foundation for a new nutrition education program vision.

The Education Center & 4-H Park cut the ribbon on the Livestock Wash Rack, delighting youth showing their animals at the Country Fair and the Rainwater Harvesting System was in full use for the first time this summer! During our 10th Anniversary Bountiful Harvest Celebration, Senator James Skoufis announced an \$800,000 award through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for multiple infrastructure projects, including facilities to support a 4-H Day Camp.

While we honor our Exceptional Volunteers, we are indebted to all our volunteers who glean and repack produce, teach in all our program initiatives, guide, lead, and judge youth projects, share knowledge, provide talented labor to gardens and the Park, guide programs, and serve in leadership roles.

We are grateful for our many donors, sponsors, partners, and collaborators for who this success would not be possible.

With Deep Appreciation,

Gordon L. Dean Board President

Lucy T. Joyce Executive Director

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# CCEOC Annual Meeting 2024 & Exceptional Volunteers 2025













### **2025 Exceptional Volunteers**

The work of Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County is only possible because of its volunteers. We appreciate each and every one of them for sharing their experience and knowledge with the people of Orange County. Some of them go above and beyond in their support of our organization and their service to our community. Every quarter we recognize one or more of these exceptional volunteers for their extraordinary dedication and standout efforts.

<u>Cecille Jones</u> (Fall 2024) for her dedication and enthusiasm as both a Master Gardener Volunteer and 4-H Project Evaluator.

<u>Gary Johnson</u> and <u>Bob Nywening</u> (Winter 2025) for their roles in bringing our Rainwater Harvester to completion.

Megan Wieboldt (Spring 2025) for her commitment to the 4-H Livestock Program including her instrumental role in the 4-H Calf & Livestock Sale.

<u>Doug Carter</u> (Summer 2025) for his outstanding efforts, hard work, and positive attitude as a member of the Glean Team.

<u>Wendy Nocar</u> (Summer 2025) for her devotion to the Relatives as Parents Program as a peer mentor and advocate as well as her new involvement with the Community Resilience Builder Program.

4-H Youth Development provides fun, experiential learning opportunities to help young people develop leadership, citizenship, responsibility, and life skills. The programs are offered under 4 Pillars: Agriculture & Food Systems, STEM, Healthy Living, & Civic Engagement.

### List of Programs Offered This Year:

- Archery
- Teen Council & Career Development Program (TCCD)
- 4-H Fun Nights
- County Club
- 4-H Achievement Celebration
- Community Service Opportunities
- Sewing Labs
- Public Presentations
- · Horse Program
- Dog Program
- Showcase at the Country Fair
- Career Explorations
- Capital Days

- Robotics
- STEM Club
- · Hour of Code
- Engineering Challenge
- · Cloverbud STEM Day
- Green Minds, Bright Future
- 4-H Afterschool Program
- Volunteer, Leader, & Member Resources
- Incubation & Embryology
- · 4-H Calf & Livestock Sale
- · Livestock Learning Nights
- Regional Dairy Bowl
- Dairy Explorers
- Tractor Safety
- Adventure Zone

### **The Harvest - What was Achieved Together?**

### 4-H Adventure Zone

Launched in March 2025, the 4-H Adventure Zone introduces youth in Orange County to the 4-H program, especially those who may be unfamiliar with it. Partnering with Ramapo Catskill Library System branches (Goshen, Middletown-Thrall, Newburgh Free, and Port Jervis), as well as the Newburgh Armory Unity Center and Washingtonville High School, the initiative has reached 235 new families in just 6 months. Many have since engaged in 4-H events, including the 2025 Country Fair, and enrolled in other 4-H programs.

### 2024-25 4-H STEM Program

This program successfully engaged youth in hands-on robotics, coding, and environmental science projects that fostered creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving. Participants gained confidence in STEM and a stronger interest in science and technology careers, reflecting 4-H's mission to empower young innovators. A mom of a participant exclaimed, "Luke and I both have thoroughly enjoyed and learned so much from every trip/hike/class we have taken with you."



This program launched in June 2025 with 25 youth eager to learn about the dairy industry. They were introduced to farm operations and milking processes at Stap Dairy and Sprucegate Farm, complete with ice cream-making fun. The program concluded at the Country Fair, where participants proudly exhibited dairy calves. The program fostered agricultural knowledge and responsibility among participants.



# 4-H Youth Development

CELEBRATING LEARNING BY DOING

### 4-H Afterschool and 2Gen Family Program

Grounded in the 4-H values of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, our afterschool programs provided young people with opportunities to explore new skills and build confidence through engaging projects. In Newburgh, sessions are part of the Liberty Partnership Program (LPP), featuring the Youth Climate Action Project. In Warwick, activities occur at the Alamo with the Young Outstanding Latinas and Love You Like a Sister clubs. The Two-Generation component supports parents through Spanish-language parenting workshops, focusing on communication, youth mental health, and family well-being.

### 4-H Fun Nights — Building Community Through Youth Leadership

The Orange County 4-H Teen Council continues to host monthly 4-H Fun Nights, creating a welcoming space for youth, families, and volunteers to connect. These gatherings go beyond typical youth events; they encourage intergenerational engagement, inviting parents and caregivers to participate, assist, or support young leaders. Teens led the planning of activities, community service projects, and interactive games such as Jeopardy, Family Feud, and BINGO, all while promoting teamwork and leadership in a fun atmosphere. Since November 2024, attendance has been steady, with at least 25 participants each month. Notably, 4-H Fun Nights have made a meaningful community impact, donating over 50 nosew blankets, 25 pet beds, and hundreds of handmade cards to local shelters and senior centers. These events illustrate how Orange County 4-H empowers youth, strengthens families, and builds lasting community connections.



### 4-H Calf and Livestock Sale

The Orange County 4-H Calf and Livestock Sale is a growing youth-led initiative that promotes agricultural education, animal welfare, and character development. In 2025, it drew hundreds of attendees and showcased a record-breaking sale with nearly triple the cattle consignments, including prized dairy calves from Reyncrest Holsteins (NY) and Spring Run Dairy (NJ). Featuring sheep, pigs, rabbits, goats, and beef calves, the sale generated strong public interest. Youth gained hands-on experience in animal preparation, marketing, and leadership roles such as washing, fitting, and sale coordination. This event was sponsored by Bellvale Farms and supported by Dave's Devil Dogs, Stap Dairy, Valley Brook Veterinary, Narrowburg Feed, Cochecton Mills, Rubin Livestock Services, Hoeffner Farms, Aden Brook, Tractor Supply, and others.

### 4-H Incubation and Embryology

The 4-H Incubation and Embryology Program engaged 64 classrooms and over 1,200 students from Kindergarten through 4th grade in activities that teach them about animal care, responsibility, and embryology. During Reading Week, volunteers shared "A Little Chicken" by Tammi Sauer, sparking excitement as students candled eggs to observe embryo development. Students connected deeply with the process, naming chicks, creating posters and artwork, and making chicken hats to celebrate hatch day. Teachers praised the hands-on approach for bringing science to life and supporting learning. The program continues to inspire curiosity and connect youth to agriculture and other 4-H opportunities.



# **Family & Consumer Sciences**

SUPPORTING FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS, & MENTAL HEALTH

The Family & Consumer Sciences team offers education and acts as a resource to support robust community programs, promote healthy and resilient individuals and families, and help communities thrive.

Family & Consumer Sciences

RAISING KIDS, EATING RIGHT, SPENDING SMAI

### List of Programs Offered This Year:

- Discipline is Not a Dirty Word
- Unpacking the Teen Years
- · Connection Series:
  - Connecting with your Child, Connecting with your Teen, Self Connection/Self Care and Adult/Adult Connection
- Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)
- Master Food Preserver Program
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)
- · Nutrition, Wellness, and Mindfulness Programming

- Parenting a Related Child (PaRC)
- Strengthening Families Program 10-14/ Familias Fuertes
- RAPP Coffee and Conversation Groups in Middletown and New Windsor
- RAPP Chats in Port Jervis and Newburgh
- RAPP 4-H Youth Development Programming
- RAPP Movie Night
- RAPP Summer Picnic
- RAPP Holiday Party
- Kinship Coalition

- Al Literacy Mentoring Program
- Creating Supportive Classrooms
- Mindfulness in the Classroom
- Building Resilient Communities
- · A Path Towards Regenerative Resilience: Climate, Public Health & Community Resilience
- Protective Factor Training
- · Handle with Care Training

### The Harvest - What was Achieved Together?

### Master Food Preserver's Program

2025 saw the return of the Master Food Preserver's (MFP) Program. Future volunteers completed the Master Food Preserver Certification Course, a three-day comprehensive training covering areas like economics and nutrition, freezing, drying, various canning procedures, pickling, gelling, fermentation, and more. The training was held at Lotuswood Organic Wellness Farm in Middletown, NY, and had 16 participants and 2 dedicated volunteers to offer support.

This certification training not only provides individuals with a comprehensive understanding of the many different aspects of food preservation but acted as a "Train the Trainer" opportunity to prepare these individuals to pass along their new knowledge and skills through community education. The training was very successful, with all participants eager to apply their new skills.



# Family & Consumer Sciences

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### **RAPP Summer Picnic**

The RAPP Summer Picnic was held at our Education Center & 4-H Park for the 1st time, bringing RAPP families together within our beautiful space. Alongside our RAPP mentors, caregivers, and youth we hosted volunteers from the Office of the Aging, youth and adult volunteers, and our Executive Director and Board President, all in the same space. It was a beautiful blending of our funders, staff, volunteers and program participants, and highlighted the best of what CCE Orange County and RAPP can offer our families.

### Strengthening Families Program

This program held in Warwick, was attended by a small but mighty group of four youths, aged 10-14, and their parents. Together they explored how to best support the youth during this important time in their lives and to help them reach their goals in school and life. Each family showed dedication and commitment to each other, which increased their awareness about each other's needs, how to show love, and how to set limits. One parent shared: "My son posted all the projects on the walls in his room that we worked on in the program." A beautiful example of harvesting hope as a family! This program is also a demonstration of a community partner collaboration as CCE Orange County co-facilitates it with the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council (ADAC) and the Orange County Youth Bureau.





### **Resilient Communities Initiative in Port Jervis**

Thanks to the generous support from Orange & Rockland Utilities, CCE Orange County was able to partner with the Open Space Institute (OSI) to launch a Resilient Communities Initiative in Port Jervis in March this year. Together, we gathered 17 members from the Port Jervis community to learn about issues related to flooding. Given its position between the Delaware and Neversink Rivers and its location near a major watershed, flooding poses a significant risk in Port Jervis. After listening to various speakers with expertise in water management and representatives from the emergency management team in Port Jervis, the group decided to propose a nature-based solution to help reduce flooding. The proposal of growing a Sunflower City will be funded by OSI and promises to make the soil more absorbent by planting flowers with roots that loosen the soil. While this project allows us to harvest much hope this year, we are looking forward to the beauty and efficacy of the flowers next year.

# **Agriculture Program**

### FOCUSING ON NATURAL RESOURCES & CONTINUED EDUCATION

The Agriculture Program Area is responsible for outreach to producers and consumers along the food, feed, fiber and ornamental production, processing and distribution chains. Assisting commercial producers to grow and sell more and homeowners to make the most of their landscape is our goal.

### **List of Programs Offered This Year:**

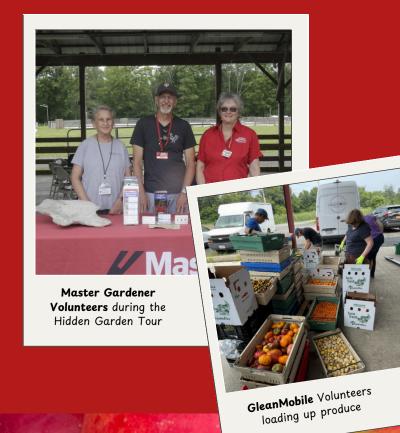
- 2025 Onion School
- Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training
- Cultivating Better Bookkeeping:
   Other Online Options
- Gardening Classes
- Philadelphia Flower Show Annual Bus Trip
- Mushroom Production as a Business
- 2025 Soil Sale
- Keystone Native Plant Series
- Cornell Climate Stewards
   Training Series
- Stormwater Management Training Series

- Kids' Gardening Classes
- Out In the Garden 30minute Garden Lessons
- Spring Flower Arranging Workshop
- 27th Annual Orange County
   4-H Calf & Livestock Sale
- Agroforestry Series
- Gardening Questions
   Answered Virtual Program
- Parasite Fecal Testing
- Creative Gardening Classes
- Onion Update Field Meeting
- 34th Annual Open House on the Farm
- Business & Estate Planning
- Ag Field Meeting: Pasture Walk & Talk

- Dairy, Equine, and Livestock
   Day & Tradeshow
- Accounting Services on Tax Preparation
- Bilingual Seminar on Land Access Resources
- Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training in Spanish
- Introduction to Produce Safety in Spanish
- Webinar on Microloan Programs
- Employee Health & Hygiene Training (English & Spanish)
- · Greenhouse Growers' School
- Small Engine Repair Training Series

### AT A GLANCE:

- Over <u>1,000</u> people attended
   Open House on the Farm in 2025
- The Speakers Bureau included <u>40 programs</u> and had over <u>600 participants</u>
- <u>17</u> farm workers received intensive integrated pest management training in Spanish
- Over 400,000 lbs. of produce was gleaned and donated to emergency feeding locations, including pantries across the Hudson Valley
- <u>100</u> Master Gardener volunteers contributed <u>7,282</u> hours of volunteer time in 2025



# **Agriculture Program**

### FOCUSING ON NATURAL RESOURCES & CONTINUED EDUCATION

### The Harvest - What was Achieved Together?

### Dairy, Equine, and Livestock Day & Tradeshow

On March 19th, farmers and agricultural professionals from across Orange County gathered at the Town of Wallkill Community Center for the annual Dairy, Equine, and Livestock Day and Trade Show. The event drew an impressive 150 attendees, including dairy farmers, livestock producers, crop farmers, and their families, creating a dynamic space for education, networking, and community connection. Educational opportunities were an important focus, including a Pesticide Credit talk presented by Maire Ullrich, which provided valuable continuing education for local producers.

### Open House on the Farm

On September 27th, we hosted the first Open House on the Farm in seven years at Sprucegate Farm in Walden, drawing an incredible 1,000+ attendees. The event offered a full day of family-friendly agricultural education and fall festivities, showcasing the best of Orange County's farming community. Visitors enjoyed guided dairy barn tours featuring educational displays on dairy history, along with opportunities to meet local farmers and explore modern farm operations.



Over the past year, support has been provided to farm managers, consultants, landowners, and new farmers in areas including grower training, land access, mushroom production, small engine repairs, and on-farm food safety. Efforts focused on preparing farms for Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) audits, implementing Food Defense Systems, following Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), and ensuring Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) compliance, improving product safety, quality, and marketability. Outreach has been especially impactful for landowners exploring commercial agriculture, new farmers seeking land, and producers integrating food safety systems. Educational programs have built technical skills, financial literacy, and business resilience. Ongoing efforts will expand support to underserved farmers and strengthen regional partnerships.

### **Ag Literacy Week**

This year's New York Agricultural Literacy Week was a huge success! A team of 54 readers including 42 Master Gardener Volunteers, 6 staff, and 6 other CCE Orange County volunteers read "The Pie that Molly Grew" by Sue Heavenrich to students in preschool through 5th grade at schools throughout the county. This year we read in 40 Orange County schools, reaching almost 4,000 students in over 200 classrooms.

### **Keystone Native Plant Program**

Planting keystone native plants is a simple, achievable step that individuals can take to help support local wildlife. They are critical to the local food web and necessary for many species to complete their life cycle. Without them, butterflies, native bees, and birds will not thrive. 27 Master Gardner Volunteers shared their knowledge of keystone native plants with community members at 12 local libraries and three local civic organizations. They taught over 250 people about how they can help support local insect and other wildlife populations by simply planting keystone native plants.

### **Education Center & 4-H Park**

### CONTINUOUSLY "BUILDING THE DREAM" SINCE 2014

CCE Orange County continues advancing its vision of "Building the Dream" at the Education Center & 4-H Park while celebrating the successes of "Living the Dream." In 2025, major infrastructure upgrades, new programs, and key funding milestones strengthened this vibrant space for youth learning, community engagement, and agricultural education. Since breaking ground in 2013, the Park has grown steadily, reflecting CCEOC's commitment to creating an inclusive, educational, and sustainable environment. CCEOC remains grateful to its partners and supporters whose generosity helps the Park build, grow, and thrive.

### 10th Annual Bountiful Harvest Celebration

On September 12th, more than 190 guests joined CCE Orange County at the Education Center & 4-H Park in Otisville for the 10th Annual Bountiful Harvest Celebration, marking a decade of community generosity and the Park's ongoing growth. The evening featured horse-drawn carriage rides, a lively "Celebrity" Cow Milking Contest, a farmto-table dinner highlighting local ingredients, and a spirited live auction led by Walden Savings Bank President & CEO Derrick Wynkoop. Guests also enjoyed a short film by EC Media Group, LLC, reflecting on the event's impact and the Park's continued mission to inspire youth, families, and agricultural innovation.

- More than \$31,000 was raised to support continued development at the Park, including over \$6,000 generated through the evening's live auction!
- Josh Sommers (Focus Media) earned the Blue Ribbon for most donations toward his virtual milk bucket, raising \$5,000.
- Master Gardener Volunteers dedicated 180+ hours to create the event's festive atmosphere.

### **Access Garden**

CCE Orange County will be recognized by Access Supports for Living at their upcoming Annual Vision of Hope Awards

for the collaborative work with the Access Garden, highlighting a shared commitment to inclusion, community engagement, and growth through hands-on learning.

Scan Here to Watch Recap of Bountiful Harvest 2025





Kayla Lloyd (BBG&G Integrated Marketing) won the Most Milk Blue Ribbon with 16 oz. of Milk!



Josh Sommers (Focus Media) earned the Most Donations Blue Ribbon, raising \$5,000 in his virtual milk bucket



2025 Celebrity Cow Milkers (L to R):
Kayla Lloyd (BBG&G Integrated Marketing),
Josh Sommers (Focus Media), Lagwana Tyler
(Mediacom), and Paul Harrington (WALL Radio)



Joe Daily (WALL Radio & WDLC) and Derrick Wynkoop (Walden Savings Bank)

Scan Here to Watch the Short Film about the History of Bountiful Harvest



### **Education Center & 4-H Park**

CONTINUOUSLY "BUILDING THE DREAM" SINCE 2014

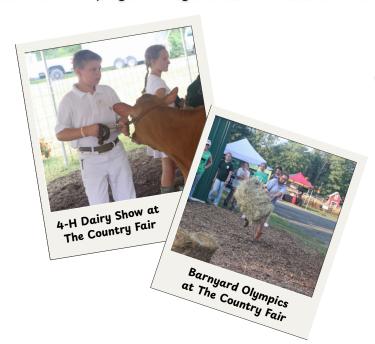
### Celebrating the 2025 Country Fair

This year's Country Fair, hosted in collaboration with the Otisville Lions Club, welcomed thousands of visitors for a weekend filled with family fun, education, and entertainment. Highlights included amusement rides, local vendors, live music, contests, and the debut of OC Live!, an art show presented by the Orange County Arts Council. Throughout the fairgrounds, CCEOC showcased its mission through interactive tents—the Family Fun Tent, Jack & Edie's Family Fun Barn, "Want to Be a Farmer?" booth, and SNAP-Ed NY's Market Sprouts, encouraging curiosity and connection to local agriculture. Over 500 4-H projects were displayed, with more than 60 advancing to the New York State Fair, reflecting the dedication and excellence of Orange County's 4-H youth.



### All Aboard to the Fair

The new "All Aboard to the Fair!" initiative, funded through the 2025 Transportation for Youth to County and Local Fairs Grant Program, brought 100 youth and families from Newburgh, Middletown, and Port Jervis to the Country Fair. Participants enjoyed interactive workshops—microgreens planting, Market Sprouts nutrition workshop, 4-H crafts, and wellness activities—alongside a nutritious, locally sourced lunch from CCE Orange County's Clover Café food truck. The program bridged urban and rural communities, expanding access to agricultural learning.

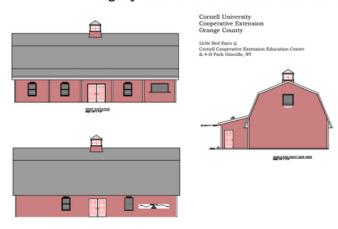


### Little Red Barn

In 2024, through the Community Project Funding (HUD), Congressman Patrick Ryan awarded CCE Orange County \$1,000,000. This funding will support the expansion of infrastructure at the Education Center & 4-H Park, including the construction of the Little Red Barn to enhance programming. Conceptual design plans are underway, with construction anticipated to begin in late 2026.

### **Infrastructure Milestones**

During the fair, CCEOC celebrated two major infrastructure accomplishments with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rainwater Harvester Collection System and the Livestock Wash Rack. The Rainwater Harvester's 70,000-gallon cistern captures and reuses roof rainwater for irrigation, animal care, and arena maintenance—funded by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and an anonymous donor. The new Livestock Wash Rack, completed with support from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and Senator James Skoufis, enhances animal care and exhibitor safety. The processing shed was dedicated in memory of Kevin Demarest, honoring his legacy as a cherished CCE volunteer.



# SNAP-Ed NY Hudson Valley Region

SAVE TIME, SAVE MONEY, EAT HEALTHY



SNAP-Ed New York efforts in the Hudson Valley focus on empowering individuals and families to make healthier choices within limited budgets. Through strength-based nutrition education, community-driven initiatives, and social marketing, programs create supportive environments for lasting health improvements. Collaborations with schools, community partners, and local coalitions ensure that efforts remain trauma-informed, weight-neutral, and culturally responsive—reducing food insecurity and building a stronger foundation for healthier communities across the region.

### **List of Programs Offered This Year:**

- Group Nutrition Education
- Fruit & Vegetable Prescription Program (FVRx)
- Rescued EATS
- Market Sprouts
- Text2BHealthy Campaign
- · Facebook Live Events
- School Wellness
- Professional Development Trainings for Community Partners
- SNAP-Ed NY Statewide Technical Assistance & Support



SNAP-Ed NY Hudson Valley Region Team

### **AT A GLANCE:**

- CCE Orange County served as the <u>lead agency for SNAP-Ed NY in</u> <u>the Hudson Valley</u>, guiding <u>30 PSE efforts</u> across 9 counties.
- These regional initiatives engaged <u>36 partners</u> and reached <u>20,800+ residents.</u>
- In Orange County, 7 PSE initiatives were delivered with 14 community partners, benefiting 13,000+ residents.
- Signature efforts included FVRx, Rescued EATS, and School Wellness/Smarter Lunchrooms.
- Regional partners also supported policy updates, professional development, and the Healthy Classrooms Toolkit.
- A <u>123-partner network</u> continues to strengthen community-driven nutrition and health outcomes across the Hudson Valley.

### The Harvest - What was Achieved Together?

Culinary Kids Academy: Inspiring Healthy Habits through Hands-on Cooking
The Culinary Kids Academy after-school program has brought the joy of
cooking and healthy eating to elementary students across the Middletown
school district. Hosted at Maple Hill, Presidential Park, and Carter Elementary
Schools, the program has run three rounds of 4-week sessions, each growing
in popularity.

An especially memorable moment came during an activity where students were preparing fruit kebabs. A student shared that it was their very first time trying cantaloupe, watermelon, blackberries, raspberries, and pineapple. Seeing kids try and enjoy new foods is a powerful reminder of the impact programs like Culinary Kids Academy can have on shaping lifelong habits.



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### Rescued EATS: It's not Nutrition Until it's Eaten

In Spring 2025, Kathy Lynch, Orange-Ulster BOCES Food Service Director, connected her graduate work with SNAP-Ed's Rescued EATS project which grew into a meaningful partnership among Orange-Ulster BOCES' Culinary Program, CCE Orange County's Gleaning Program, and RECAP's Middletown Food Pantry-bringing real benefits to the local community. She saw an opportunity: gleaned produce could be prepared by BOCES culinary students and then shared with families through the pantry in ready-to-use forms. CCE's GleanMobile delivered fresh produce from local farms to the BOCES Culinary Arts program, where approximately 60 students practiced knife skills under Chef instructors while preparing chopped tomatoes and peppers, roasted radishes and Brussels sprouts, and nut-free pesto. The food was packaged into nearly 300 containers (16 & 32 oz) and distributed at RECAP, along with SNAP-Ed tip sheets and recipes. This project reflects the core goal of Rescued EATS: making sure fresh, nutrient-dense food reaches tables instead of going to waste.



### Culinary Kids Cooking Camp: Iron Chef Challenge Sparks Knowledge of Nutrition and Local Food

This summer marked the second year of the Culinary Kids Cooking Camp at Maple Hill Elementary School in Middletown. Staff engaged the campers in a variety of hands-on activities as well as guest presentations as they explored nutrition and local food. During the second week of camp, when a scheduled field trip to Sycamore Farms was unexpectedly cancelled, the team had to quickly pivot. Using gleaned produce from the Chester Agricultural Center, recently collected by the GleanMobile, unique finds like snow leopard melon and baby eggplants sparked the idea for a camp-wide, "Kids Iron Chef Challenge." Campers were divided into teams and tasked with creating a team name, designing a menu cover, and developing a balanced recipe using both the gleaned produce and the nutrition knowledge they had gained throughout the camp. Every student was fully engaged, demonstrating teamwork, creativity, and maturity well beyond their years.



Camper cutting up vegetables during
Culinary Kids Cooking Camp

### Honoring SNAP-Ed's Legacy, Planning for What's Next

For more than 30 years, SNAP-Ed New York (The National Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention Grant Program) has supported healthier communities through education, partnerships, and systems change. With federal funding concluding on September 30, 2025, following the passage of H.R.1 ("Big Beautiful Bill"), unspent funds from the 2024–2025 fiscal year will allow for a gradual wind-down of programming across New York State. In the Hudson Valley, limited activities will continue as resources allow, with ongoing efforts to promote nutrition education, food access, and physical activity. CCE Orange County and its regional partners remain dedicated to supporting communities through this transition while identifying new opportunities to build upon the progress achieved through SNAP-Ed.

### 2025 Collaborative Partners

A Single Bite at Catskill Food Hub

ABCD Goshen ABCD Middletown

Access for Support for Living

Adoptive & Foster Care Coalition of New York Alamo Health Center-Hudson River Health Care

& Alamo Worker Center

Albert Wisner Public Library - Warwick Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council

American Farmland Trust

Artful Gardeners Club (Port Jervis) Balmville Elementary School (Newburgh)

BBG&G Integrated Marketing Bellvale Bruderhof School Bellvale Community

Best Temple Church of God in Christ Black Creek Farm and Nursery Blooming Grove Community Garden Blustein, Shapiro, Frank & Barone, LLP Boys & Girls Club of Town of Wallkill

Braeside Camp Broadway Farms

Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research

Cornell University Capital Roots

Carter Elementary School (Middletown) Cathedral at Holy Trinity Church of Unity

Catholic Charities

CCE Harvest NY Lower Hudson Valley Region

Central Valley Elementary School Chester Agricultural Center Chester Public Library Chester Senior Center

Children's House Montessori (Cornwall)

Circleville Elementary School

City of Middletown

City of Middletown Police Department City of Middletown Recreation & Parks Dept. City of Newburgh (National Night Out campaign)

Common Ground Farm

Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan

Community Garden Club of Liberty

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

Cornell Cooperative Extension Columbia

and Greene County

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension Jefferson County Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk County Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County

Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extension Westchester County

Cornell Public Health Program

Cornell Small Farms

Cornerstone Family Healthcare Cornwall Elementary School Cornwall Farmers' Market Cornwall Garden Club Cornwall Public Library

Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School

Country Kids Food Pantry County Garden Club - Otisville Crist Brothers Orchard

Crop Shop

Crystal Run Health Care Dagele Bros. Produce

Dairy One

Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry

Debuck Sod Farm

Devitt's Nursery & Supply

Dormitory Authority of New York State **Dutchess County Community College** 

**Dutchess Outreach** Dyson Foundation

E.J. Russell Elementary School East Coldenham Elementary School Easter Seal's Project Discovery

Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture

Ebenezer Baptist Church EC Media Group LLC. Eleanor Marie Overlook Farm

Enlarged City School District of Middletown

Falaha Center for Spiritual Agriculture Family of Woodstock

Fareground Farm Credit East

FeedHV Fei Tian College

First Presbyterian Church of Goshen First Presbyterian Church of Monroe Florida Community Food Pantry

Florida Farmers' Market

Florida Union Free School District

Focus Media

Food Bank of the Hudson Valley Fort Montgomery Elementary School Fostertown Elementary School Fox Hill Bruderhof School Fox Hill Community Freedom Farm Community

Fruition Seeds Garnet Health

Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming

Golden Hill Elementary School Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Goodness Gardens Goshen Green Farm

Goshen Public Library & Historical Society

Goshen Senior Center Grav Barn Farm

Greenwood Lake Elementary School Greenwood Lake Food Pantry Greenwood Lake Lions Club

Grow Local Greenwood Lake Common Ground

Community Garden

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh

Halal Pastures

Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School

Happy Veggies

Harmony Christian School

Harmony Ministry

Healthy Orange Farmers' Market Heaven Scent Community Garden

Hidden Acre Farm Highland Falls Library

Holy Cross Parish Food Pantry

HONOR EHG, Inc.

Hope Chapel Mission

Hudson Highland Nature Museum -

Young Naturalist Preschool Hudson River Fish Advisory

Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corp

Hudson Valley Farm Hub

Hudson Valley Food System Coalition Hudson Valley Research Laboratory

Hurd's Family Farm Independent Living, Inc.

J&A Farm Jados Farms

Josephine-Louise Public Library (Walden)

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Kirby Farms

Lakeside Farmers' Market at Greenwood Lake

Lawrence Farms Orchards

Leadership Orange

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### October 21, 2024 - October 14, 2025

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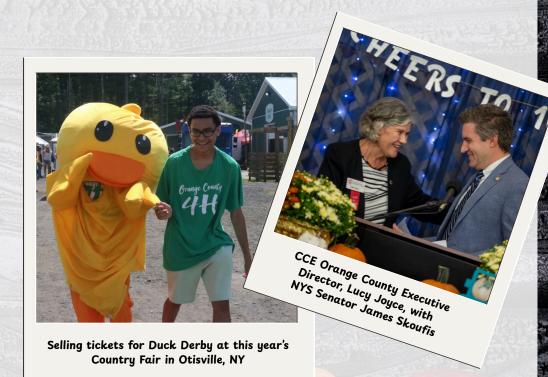
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### **Duck Derby**

The fair concluded with the 11th Annual Duck Derby, where over 1,000 ducks raced to the finish, led by 4-Her Patrick R., in a spirited display of community fun and support for CCE's mission.

### **Funding Announcement**

New York State Senator James Skoufis announced \$800,000 in state funding through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to support infrastructure improvements at the Education Center & 4-H Park. This investment will strengthen facilities, expand educational opportunities, and enhance the park's role as a vital community hub for youth, families, and agriculture.





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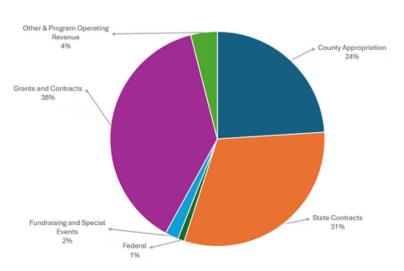
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### **Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County** 2024 Fiscal Summary

### **2024 SUPPORT AND REVENUES**



#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

12 MONTHS ENDED 12/31/2024 (AUDITED)

Support and Revenues	2024	2023
Fed Grants and Contracts	2,653,846	1,917,154
County Appropriation	1,902,920	1,795,200
State Contracts	597,786	658,798
County Contracts	62,133	38,668
InKind	1,852,637	1,685,680
Fundraising	92,569	87,832
Contributions	366,918	250,871
Total Support	7,528,809	6,434,203
Revenues		
Investment Income	15,766	6,283
Program Participation Fees	130,791	85,500
Other operating Revenue	40,118	45,438
Other Revenues	5,221	5,400
Total Revenues	191,896	142,621
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	7,720,705	6,576,824
Expenses		
Program Services	6,010,507.00	4,966,969.00
Supporting Services	1,456,877.00	1,843,769.00
Total Expenses	7,467,384.00	6,810,738.00
Change in Net Assets	253,321.00	(233,914.00)
Net Assets Released from		
Restriction	-	-
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,711,526.00	2,945,440.00
Net Assets at End of Year	2,964,847.00	2,711,526.00

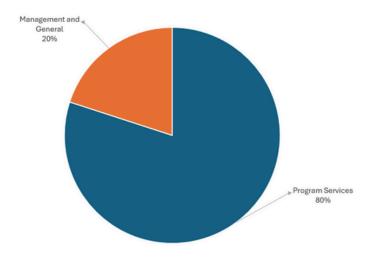
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STATE: Cornell University, Andrew S. Turner, EdD, Director, Cooperative

**COUNTY:** County of Orange, Honorable Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive

### 2024 EXPENSES



#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

12 MONTHS ENDED 12/31/2024 (AUDITED)

ASSETS	2024	2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,547,104	1,131,444
Accounts Receivable	832,888	861,175
Pledges Receivable Investments	9,585	13,935
Investments	34,685	59,672
Interest in Perpetual Trust	42,271	39,165
Prepaid Expenses	43,467	36,581
Property and Equipment, Net	1,443,234	1,479,943
Deposits - Initial Payments	218,946	193,038
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	90,786	97,241
Right-of-Use Assets, Net	714,590	904,797
Total Assets	4,977,556	4,816,991
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	587,003	660,781
Accrued Expenses	117,439	133,765
Operating Lease Liability	714,590	904,797
Deferred Income	449,013	256,659
Notes Payable	144,664	149,463
Total Liabilities	2,012,709	2,105,465
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restriction		
Undesignated	2,355,971	2,127,522
Board Designated	518,090	486,763
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	2,874,061	2,614,285
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	90,786	97,241
Total Net Assets	2,964,847	2,711,526
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	4,977,556	4,816,991

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2025 Annual Report

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County enables people to improve their lives through education by bringing local experience and researchbased solutions together.

### **Our Vision**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County creates measurable change in order to positively affect Agriculture and Food, Families and Youth, Environment, and Economic Development within communities.

### **Program Initiatives**

Agricultural and Food Systems Nutrition, Health, and Food Security Youth and Family Development Natural Resources, Climate and Energy Community Vitality and Economic Development

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Responsiveness – We strive to respond in a timely, efficient, and resourceful manner to issues that affect the county.

Collaboration – We optimize resources through Cornell University partnerships with other local and regional agencies and organizations.

Volunteerism – We depend upon volunteers to multiply program effects and to help provide organizational leadership.

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