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4-H MISSION

The purpose of 4-H is to foster the well-rounded development of youth, nurturing their physical, mental, moral, and social growth. It aims to help young individuals become competent, committed, and self-assured adults through; project involvement, 4-H events and various positive activities.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

CCE ONTARIO 4-H OFFICE

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8 AM- 4 PM

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4-HCampBristolHills.org



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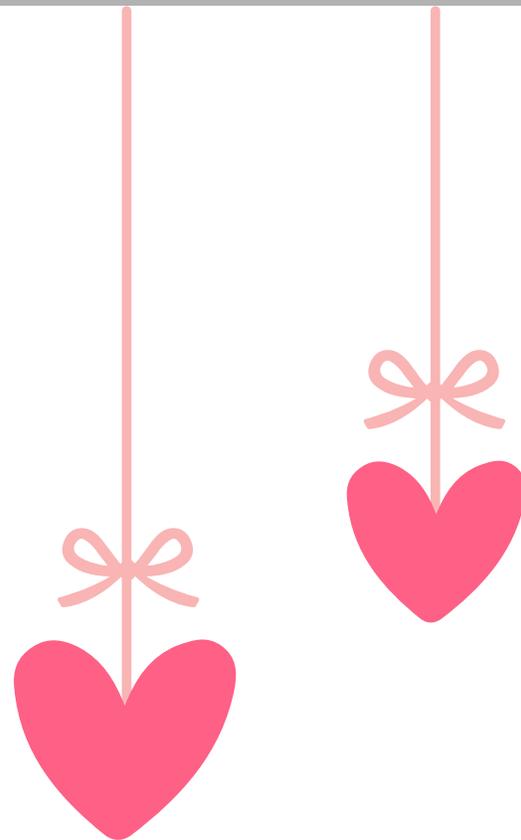
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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

February

- 3rd Tuesday 6-8 pm Public Presentations
- 6th Friday 6-8 pm Public Presentations
- 7th Saturday 9 am-1:30 pm Public Presentations
- 10th SNOW DATE 6-8 pm (All at CCE Office)
- Tractor Safety 16th & 17th 9 am-12 (noon)
- 18th Sewing Workshop**
- 26th Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm Tractor Safety



MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF

Hello February! Ready, Set, Go..... We are full swing into the year and February is not in short supply of programming happening in 4-H world. Prepping, Planning and gearing up for another busy month. Public Presentations are this week and we are so excited to see our youth shine, we know it is a lot of hard work to prepare for your presentation. This is a perfect time to think about your *achievement portfolio*. Don't wait until the end of the year to record all things you have achieved during the year, work on it as you go! You can find the paperwork here: <https://cceontario.org/4-h-youth/4-h-projects/4-h-achievement-night>

Other programs coming up include our **Sewing Workshop** on February 18th 1:00-4:00 pm, Register here: https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Kxi8BBHYw88KJU By February 9th!

Tractor Safety will also begin February 16th! Youth must be 11 by April 1, 2026 to participate, you can register here: https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ikHj33YiJNp9hl

To our volunteers; friendly reminder that you must complete the 10 minute sexual harassment training every year. Reminder emails with links have been sent out please complete this task before we get into our busy season!

The 4-H office is happy to announce that Sarah is back in the office part-time. You are more than welcome to email her but if it is urgent, please contact Amy Pyra anr32@cornell.edu or Amelia DeVolder agd72@cornell.edu!



-Ontario 4-H



Ontario County 4-H - Calendar of Events 2025-2026

(dates subject to change)



September

- 1st Labor Day- Holiday -Office CLOSED
- 13th Saturday- Annual Fall Fest/ 4-H Open House
- 16th Tuesday- Volunteer Kickoff Meeting 6-7 pm

October

- 1st - 4-H Enrollment Begins
- 5th-11th- National 4-H Week-Beyond Ready
- 10th Friday- Achievement Night Paperwork Due
- 24th Friday- Harvest Food Fest Paperwork Due
- 28th Tuesday- Achievement Night 5:30 pm at the Ontario County Fairgrounds-Carriage Barn

November

- 1st 4-H Enrollment Due
- 8th Saturday- Harvest Food Fest (PINY) 9 am
- 18-Tuesday-CCE Annual Meeting @ 5:15 PM
- 24- Monday - Livestock Auction Informational Meeting
- November 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office CLOSED*

December

- ?? Holiday Fun Day
- Dec 25- Jan 2 Winter Break - Office CLOSED*

January

- 9th Friday- Public Presentation Training 6:00 pm at CCE Office
- 14th Wednesday- Public Presentations Paperwork Due
- 15th Thursday - 1st and 2nd Year Auction Participant Meeting
- 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays Crochet Workshop Series 6:00-7:30 pm**

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- 18th Sewing Workshop**
- Tractor Safety TBD

March

- Horse Extravaganza, District Dairy Bowl, District Public Presentations
- Tractor Safety

April

- 18th NYS 4-H Horse Bowl
- 18th-24th Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 25th Jr. Iron Chef Workshop**

May

- ?? Volunteer Appreciation Open House
- May 26-Memorial Day- Office CLOSED

June

- ?? State Fair Information Session
- ?? Pullorum Clinic
- ?? Fair Entry Worknight

July

- July 4 Independence Day-CCE Office CLOSED
- ??- Fair Clean Up
- 21st -25th Ontario County Fair

August

- ??- Roseland 4-H Fun Day
- August 26-September 7- New York State Fair

4-H Tractor Safety Certification Program 2026



- To be eligible for the program youth must be at least 14 years old by April 1, 2026
- Youth 14 and 15 are required to attend and pass the course in order to work for hire (using farm machinery) on a farm other than their home farm.
- The program includes a workbook, videos, and demonstrations. There will be a number of experienced instructors on hand.
- Classes are held at the Cooperative Extension Center, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua and area equipment dealerships.

Classes held as follows:

Mon February 16, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Tues February 17, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Thurs February 26, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Thurs March 5, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Thurs March 12, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Thurs March 19, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Thurs March 26, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Driving practice TBA
Driving Test: Saturday TBA

Attendance at ALL sessions is required.

Cost:

Ontario County resident - \$50.00
Non-Ontario County residents - \$60.00

Register Here:

https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ikHj33YiJNp9hI

Make checks payable to:

CCE Ontario or Venmo or Paypal

Registration required by:

February 10, 2026

For more information contact:

Amy Pyra at anr32@cornell.edu

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Ontario County



February 18 from 1:00-4 PM

@ the CCE office

JOIN OUR SEWING WORKSHOP

Create your own 4-H Apron!

Each participant will need to **bring 1 yard of cotton fabric and matching spool of thread.** Limited sewing machines available, Please let us know if you plan to bring your own machine!

Register HERE!



https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Kxi8BBHYw88KJU

☎ 585-394-3977 Ext. 408 🌐 <https://cceontario.org/4-h-youth>

Reserve Your Spot Today!
Limited Spaces Available!



Help us bring back the Textile Review Program!



Enter your completed apron into the 4-H Textile Revue in the spring!



Cornell Cooperative Extension | Ontario County

4-H TEXTILE REVUE & FASHION SHOWCASE



May 2, 2026

START BRAINSTORMING AND WORKING ON TEXTILE/FIBER PROJECTS! ANYTHING GOES- SEWING, FIBERS-CROCHET & KNIT, UPCYCLED ETC.

Gives youth an opportunity to model on stage a garment they have made or a non-clothing item that they have sewn, crochet or knitted.

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Evaluation Judging: CCE Office
Fashion Showcase: Clark Meadows- Rayburn Hall



4-H NEWS

SAGES (Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station) at Cornell AgriTech is now accepting applications for the 2026 Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to area high school seniors who are interested in pursuing agricultural studies.

Applications are due by April 15, 2026 and winner(s) will be notified by the end of May.

[Link to Scholarship Announcement](#)

[Link to Scholarship Application](#)

Eligible applicants must be residents or attend high school in the following counties: Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Schuyler, and Wayne.

**SAVE
THE DATE**



Jr. Iron Chef Workshop

We are excited to announce a workshop for the 4-H Jr Iron Chef contest to be held at our Ontario CCE office on **April 25th 10:00am - 1:00 pm**. The Jr Iron Chef contest is modeled after the TV show "Chopped". In the contest, teams of 3-5 youth are provided festival food and asked to reinvent their food item into healthier and tastier recipes, using some pantry items, local foods, maybe a surprise or two, and their own culinary creativity!

This workshop will be led by volunteer leader Michele Vangalio who is experienced in coaching youth in this competition. Come join us to test your culinary skills and learn more about the contest at state fair. Joining a team for the state fair contest is not required. Anyone interested in cooking and teamwork are encouraged to attend.

More details and registration link coming soon!



ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Ontario County 4-H seniors in high school are encouraged to apply for the Ontario County 4-H scholarship before March 28th.

If you are planning on going on for post-secondary education (whether that be college, trade school, certifications, etc.) We would encourage you to apply for the **\$750 Ontario County 4-H Scholarship**.

Apply Online HERE:

https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hMx4MZKdthL5pY

Please reach out to Sarah sab423@cornell.edu for more information or find the application at this link: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | Ontario County 4-H Scholarship \(cceontario.org\)](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hMx4MZKdthL5pY).





4-H NEWS



4-H DOG SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC!

Sunday February 8th
2:00-4:00 PM

For all youth planning to show their dog during
County Fair. With special guests handler and breeder
to teach showing skills.
Clover buds welcome to come without a dog companion.

AGES 8 & UP

@ the Carriage Barn- Ontario
County Fair Grounds



Register HERE:

https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ePtUWwmYUirDtc2





4-H NEWS

Hens, Hares & Hooves

This month, the Hens, Hares, and Hooves club spent time learning about nutrition for goats, chickens, and rabbits! We brought in different types of foods, and even sampled some ourselves! The club officers spent time meeting up and discussing our plans for the club this year! We began planning out a fundraiser at Stoney Ridge Farms during maple weekend as well. On Saturday, January 31st we had a pancake breakfast fundraiser for our club, and had lots of fun serving yummy breakfast!



We are also collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House charities, and our goal is to fill a feed bag!



Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Western New York

Collect Pop TABS
for the Ronald McDonald House Charities

Hen, Hares and Hooves 4-H Club will be collecting pop tabs until the End of April!
Contact Rosie Smith at 315-759-7499 or contact a club member!

Let's see how full we can fill a FEED Bag!

NYSDEC's Day Old Pheasant Chick Program



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Applications are due by **April 1st**. Please review the program criteria and requirements before submitting your application: [Day Old Pheasant Chick Program Guide](#).

If you would like to apply to participate in the program, applications are currently being accepted and can be submitted by clicking this link <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/cd96c1bc1ef40ec9dc61015daec1448> or at on.ny.gov/dayoldchicks

There have been no major changes to the program this year, but please review the rules and requirements within the application. Applications must be completed in their entirety. For release sites that are non-DEC owned and not owned by the applicant, a proper permission form must be attached to the application or mailed to NYSDEC Reynolds Game Farm 81 Game Farm Rd Ithaca NY 14850, to be eligible. This form is found within the application.

After your application has been submitted and received, the Reynolds Game Farm will reach out to you if there are any questions and to notify you of approval. This may take a few weeks, but please feel free to contact the Reynolds Game Farm with any questions you may have about application status, requirements or eligibility by calling (607)273-2768 or e-mailing wildlife@dec.ny.gov Subject Line DOCP Application.



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Presents

Deerworm and Flukes For Small Ruminants

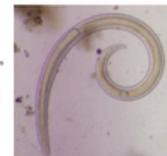
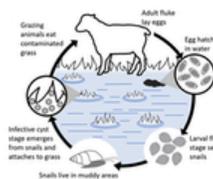
February 25, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Featuring guest speakers

Dr. Mary Smith, DVM, Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Rachel White, PhD, UMaine Cooperative Extension



- Common parasite signs and lifecycles
- Prevention and Management
- Resources



To Register: <https://tinyurl.com/DeerwormFluke>

Presentation to be recorded for future viewing

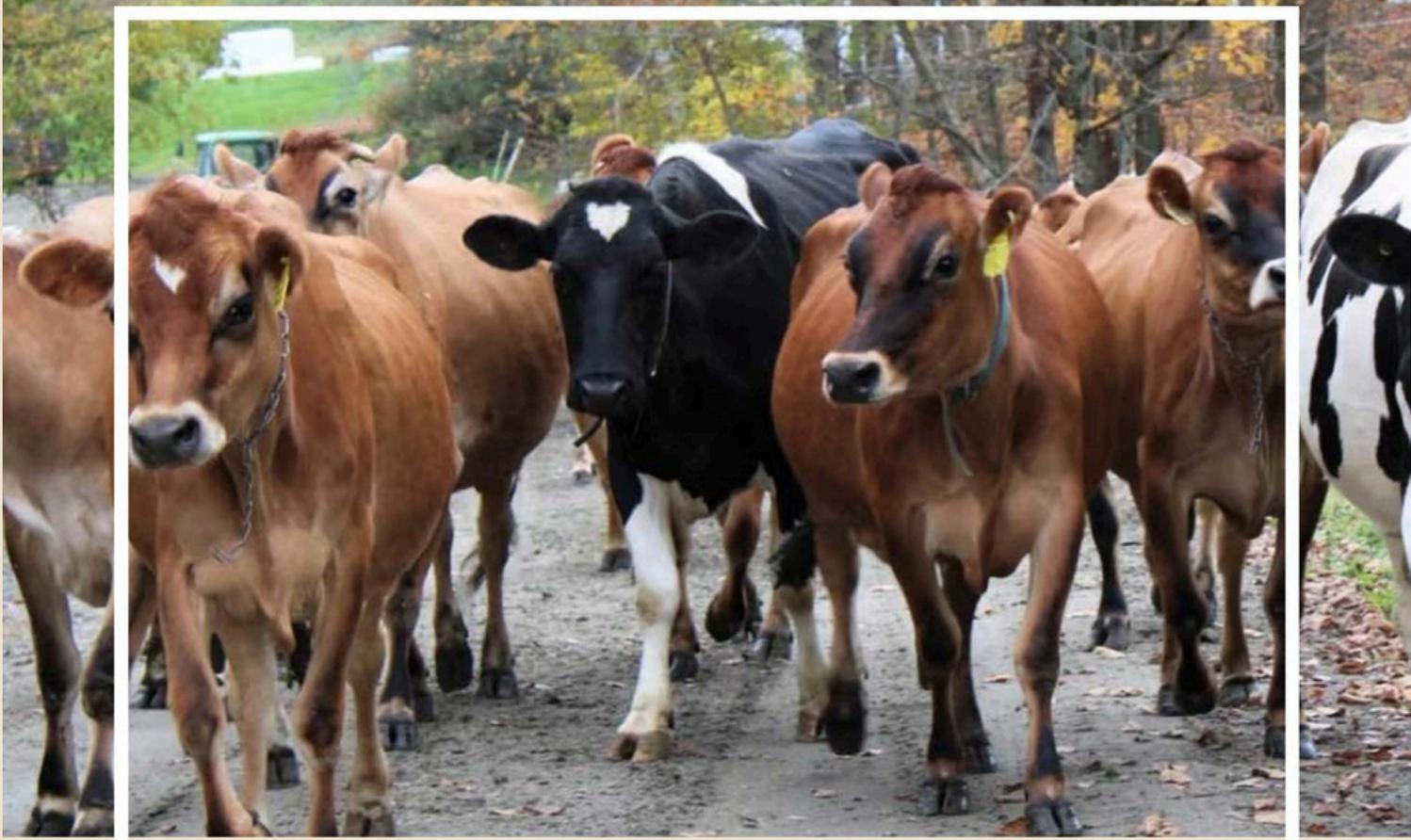
Questions? Contact Rachel Moody at ram72@cornell.edu, (518) 272-4210



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-Must be registered to receive Zoom link-



NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices!



Join youth from across the state on Thursdays in January & February from 7 - 8pm and participate in virtual dairy bowl practices, hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.



- January 15
- January 29
- February 12
- February 19
- February 26



Register here:
<https://bit.ly/2026DairyBowlPractice>

New York Pork Producer's presents:

PIGLET HEALTH 101

PARTICIPANTS WILL GAIN HANDS ON EXPERIENCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Vaccination Protocols
- Castration
- Needle Teeth Clipping
- Tail Docking
- Ear Notching
- Scour Prevention
- Splay Leg Correction
- and more!

Participation is **FREE** and each farm will go home with a complete piglet processing kit.



Led by DVMs Stephen and Matthew Patterson, Passion for Pigs brings industry-leading, swine-specific expertise—offering valuable insights for both beginning and seasoned pork producers.

REGISTER BY FEB 4TH AT:
newyorkpork.org/events



SCAN HERE

Questions?
Contact us at:
info@newyorkpork.org
(845) 905-6962



FEB
13

8-11AM

CCE GENESEE

420 EAST MAIN ST
BATAVIA, NY

FEB
13

4-7PM

NYS GRANGE

100 GRANGE PLACE
CORTLAND, NY

FEB
14

9AM-12PM

CCE ALBANY

24 MARTIN RD
VORHEESVILLE, NY

This program is made possible by funds from:



NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK

2026 NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 4TH TO FEBRUARY 25TH @ 7 P.M. VIA ZOOM

- February 4th - Hit the Ground Running: Start your Swine Project Strong!
Katlyn Cain- Manager of Industry Relations- National Pork Board
- February 11th - Turning Livestock into Careers: Meat Science Opportunities!
Ethan Scheffler, Meat Lab Manager, Dept of Animal Science at Ohio State
- February 18th - The G.O.A.T. Guide, Raising Goats 101!
Jennifer Bassman, Owner, Heritage Haus Farm
- February 25th - Next-Level Show Calves: Skills, Strategy & Preparing for the Eastern Regional Angus Show
Nicole Tommell, Junior Angus Association of NY Advisor and Board Member
- March 4th- More Than the Show Ring: NYS 4-H Livestock Opportunities and Brand New Quiz Bowl!
Brian Aukema- NYS 4-H Livestock Specialist



To Register scan or visit link below:
<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/71DowvFdTpaPO0dQeuxBEQ>

For more information contact Brian Aukema at
bj14@cornell.edu

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2026 MARCH DOG MADNESS
MARCH 7TH, 2026
9 AM



2026 Topics include:

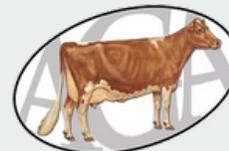
- Canine Nutrition
- Agility in Tight Spaces
- Herding Flat Work
- Grooming Your Dog
- Hunting/Sporting Dog
- Canine Body Language
- Canine Reproduction
- Hosting a Dog Meeting without Dogs

Cornell University
 CALS Animal Science
 Frank B. Morrison Hall

More information and registration
 will be available January 24th,
 2026!



Email Sarah at sab423@cornell.edu with questions or to sign up!



AMERICAN
GUERNSEY
 ASSOCIATION

2026 Guernsey Calf Scholarship Program

This has been a great opportunity for youth over the years to win their own calf...and potentially build on their project!

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those **who do not presently own Guernseys** to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. **Applicant must be age 9 – 15 as of January 1st of the application year. You do not have to belong to 4 – H, FFA, or a breed club to participate.**

If interested please email agd72@cornell.edu for the application,
 ALL applications must be completed by February 20th!

Please EMAIL your application to: Seth and Amber Ripley -- seth.ripley@gmail.com



NYS LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

2026 PILOT PROGRAM

SAT APRIL 25TH @
2:00 PM AT CORNELL

New York State 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older [as of January 1] are invited to participate in the first-ever NYS 4-H Livestock Bowl Competition.

To qualify to participate in the event, youth must complete an online written test by March 15. Up to the top 36 youth will be invited to participate in the contest. The top four youth at this contest will represent New York State at the National Livestock Bowl Competition in Kentucky in November 2026.

More information will be coming in the next few months. The New York State 4-H Livestock Contest will follow the National Contest rules. For rules and sample questions, visit <https://youthlivestockcontests.org/>. Additional information will be shared with County Educators, and a virtual Zoom meeting will be held in early February.



SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Capital Days
May 17-19, 2026

4-H Capital Days is an NYSACCE4-HE-sponsored event that gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story

