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Greetings!

Here is Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County Extension Connection. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us 585-268-7644. Have a great day!

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AI and Agriculture Survey

Hello! We are researchers at the University of Vermont studying the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in agriculture. We are looking for farmers and growers to share their perspectives and experiences with technology through a short survey. You do not need to have any experience with AI tools to participate. The survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete, and participants will receive \$25 for their time. If you are interested in participating, please use the link below to access the survey. Thank you for supporting this research! Please contact Liza Greene at elizabeth.greene@uvm.edu or Kate Mays at kate.mays@uvm.edu with any questions.

Allegany County Business Resource Pop-Up

March 30th from 4pm-6pm at The Solutions Hub (36 Madison St., Wellsville, NY 14895). This event is an open forum where businesses of any kind – new, established or somewhere in between can pop in and talk to business professionals in one spot. Several business assistance representatives will be in attendance to answer questions and provide assistance, free of cost. Any questions, contact Michelle Linza, Deputy Director of Economic Development Allegany County, 585-268-7153 or michelle.linza@alleganyco.gov.

Agrivoltaics Training Opportunity for NY & NJ Farmers

With funding from the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (Northeast SARE) program, American Farmland Trust (AFT) is launching a free training program for farmers in New York and New Jersey interested in pursuing agrivoltaics, the integration of crops or livestock within solar arrays. Agrivoltaics offers farmers a unique opportunity to diversify income, optimize land use, and build long-term viability.

Learn more about agrivoltaics and emerging opportunities for farmers in New York and New Jersey by watching our webinar recorded on February 17th:

[Agrivoltaics 101: A Primer on Integrating Agriculture with Solar Energy in the Northeast](#)

The training program includes

- Personalized mentoring and technical assistance
- Guidance on project design, business planning, and developer engagement
- Access to existing agrivoltaics projects in the Northeast
- A \$750 participation stipend, with travel stipends available

With the exception of in-person site visits to existing agrivoltaics projects, all training will be delivered via virtual sessions every other month.

The expected time commitment is approximately 3 hours per month.

Duration: Training will be provided over approximately 18 months (July 2026 – January 2028)

Who should apply?

- Farmers who are considering integrating solar with their existing agricultural operation
- New and beginning farmers seeking to develop agricultural enterprises that involve agrivoltaics
- Tenant farmers exploring agrivoltaics as a service

How to apply: Click [here](#) to apply

Deadline to apply: April 3rd, 2026

Questions? Please email Pieter Coetzee, Technical Specialist at pcoetzee@farmland.org

More about Smart Solar: <https://farmland.org/smart-solar>

-UPCOMING EVENTS-

[Grow Your Own Strawberry Garden](#) – March

[Grow Your Own Tomatoes & Peppers](#) – March 31

[Beef Producers Meeting](#) – April 4

[Air Pruned Raised Beds for Tree Seedling Production](#) – May 8

[Grow More Tomatoes & Fewer Leaves Workshop](#) – May 9

[Growing Edible Mushrooms at Home](#) – May 22

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