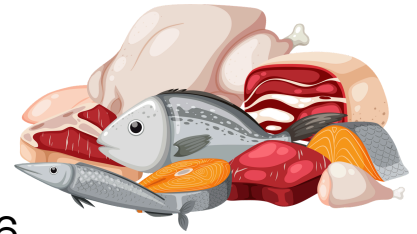


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HARVEST OF THE MONTH: ANIMAL PROTEIN

HIGHLIGHTS



- Agricultural Literacy Week is March 16th-20th, 2026
- Rockland Elementary students learn how food gets from farms to their lunchboxes

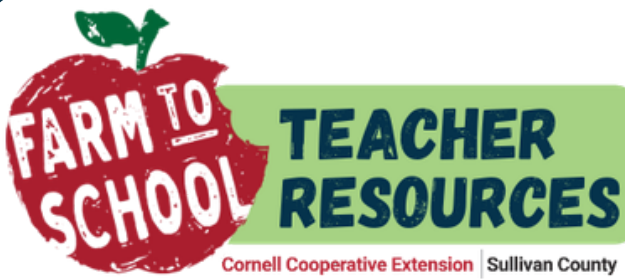
CAFETERIA

CCE Sullivan is partnering with Sullivan West to host a special taste-test breakfast event on March 12th. Erika Malmgreen from Winterton Farms will join us to teach students how maple syrup is produced, giving them a behind-the-scenes look at this local agricultural tradition. To go along with the lesson, the cafeteria team will prepare a French toast bake featuring maple syrup from Winterton Farms. All students will have the chance to sample it in the morning as part of this hands-on learning experience.

COMMUNITY

What do farmers do in the winter?

It's now perfect weather for sap season here in NY, which means maple syrup producers are getting busy collecting and processing sap. Fruit and vegetable farmers may be planning and preparing for the year ahead, or continuing to harvest and sell greenhouse-grown crops. Meanwhile, meat and dairy producers need to make sure their animals are cared for multiple times each day, 365 days a year, no matter what the weather is like outside. Many local farmers' wares can be purchased at the [Callicoon Farmers Market](#), which is open on Sundays year-round.



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IN THE CLASSROOM

At Rockland Elementary, Ms. Ryan's kindergarten class participated in an activity called "My Farm Web," in which they created a graphic organizer out of pictures of farm animals and products to help them understand how farms produce common items they use every day. Afterward, students read "How Did That Get in My Lunchbox? The Story of Food" by Christine Butterworth.



Books are a wonderful way to start conversations about agriculture with students. CCE Sullivan may be able to fund ag-related books for your classroom. Reach out to learn more!

OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



Ag Literacy Week 2026
Learn more and [sign up here](#).

Harvest of the Month:
March: Maple Syrup
April: Dairy

Save the date!
Rockland Elementary Farm to School Day will be held June 5th, 2026.
[Get involved as a vendor.](#)

Reminder: email Joy at jll362@cornell.edu to schedule a harvest of the month session for your classroom.