

JULY 2026 AG REPORT

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 105 Soil/Hay Tests: 12 Farm Visits: 1

Technical Assistance was provided on land access, blight, weed/pest id, vine borers, farrowing, cover crops, soil testing, funding resources ag assessment, ag districts, Catskills Kitchen (insurance, business structures, permitting & licensing), beginning farmer inquiries, soil testing, weed identification, invasive species, removal, deer proof gardens, soil health, soil testing, rain gardens, garden pest control **43 total Hours of Technical Assistance.**

PAST WORKSHOPS

Emergency and Fire Management Preparedness for Farms (July 8): 7 registrants learned how to identify and reduce common farm fire and emergency risks, implement practical fire prevention and safety practices, improve farm access and readiness for emergency responders, understand immediate response actions to protect people, livestock, and property, and assess current preparedness and identify on-farm gaps.

Building a Farm Emergency Response Plan (July 14): 6 registrants. Participants learned how to build a clear, farm-specific emergency response plan, define roles, responsibilities, and communication strategies, plan for livestock evacuation and emergency scenarios, organize critical farm information for quick access, and coordinate effectively with local emergency responders.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: REGISTER HERE: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | Events](#)

- **Garden Workshop - Troubleshooting & Garden Maintenance** – August 11, 2026 | 5:00–6:00 PM | CCE Sullivan
- **Invasive Species Walking Tour** – August 19, 2026 | Mamakating Town Park
- **When Disease Strikes: Foreign Animal Disease** - August 25, 2026 | 6:00 - 7:30pm | Webinar
- **Planning for Climate Resiliency on Farms** September 1, 2026 | 6:00 - 7:30pm | Webinar
- **Poultry Processing Road Show** September 22, 2026 | 5:00 - 8:00pm | CCE Sullivan
- **Agri-Tourism Farm Tour #1** – August 18, 2026 | 11:00 - 12:30pm | Buck Brook Alpacas
- **Agri-Tourism Farm Tour #2** – August 24, 2026 | 5:30 - 7:00pm | Mother Earth Farmstead

FARMLAND PRESERVATION:

Number of Municipal 239 Review's: 1

Farmland Preservation Project:

Efforts during July focused on advancing the Diehl Farm farmland preservation project, promoting the Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act (HVCPA), and preparing for future farmland protection opportunities.

Orange County Land Trust (OCLT) made progress on the Diehl Farm easement acquisition. Required documentation for initiating a State contract was completed and submitted to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM). Once the contract is executed, work can begin on surveys, title review, baseline documentation, and other transaction-related activities. OCLT continued HVCPA outreach and advocacy throughout the month. OCLT and CCE Sullivan also presented to the Town of Callicoon on HVCPA.

Preparation for future agricultural conservation funding opportunities also moved forward. The Sullivan County Agricultural Board issued a call for applications from interested farmers in anticipation of another round of state funding. To date, four farmers have expressed interest, and site visits have been scheduled with two farms in early August with the OCLT.

HORTICULTURE

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Garden, Tree & Invasive Species Questions? We're Here to Help!

Upcoming 2026 Horticulture events:

Invasive Species Information Table

Monticello Market 10am-1pm

July 23rd , August 27th , September 10th, 17th, & 24th

Liberty Farmers Market August 31st 3pm-6pm

Wurtsboro Farmers Market September 13th 5pm-8pm

Liberty Elementary Back to School Fair

Garden workshop troubleshooting & maintenance

At the CCE Sullivan Gardens August 11th 5pm-6pm
Registration required

Aquatic invasive species webinar

Via Zoom September 16th 4:00pm-5:00pm
Registration required

Fall bulb garden planting

Class to be held in October.
Look for registration later this month!

**Visit our events page to register for workshops,
or feel free to stop by any tabling event!**

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