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Cornell Cooperative Extension
Sullivan County

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 120 **Farm Visits: 4** **Soil Tests: 9**

Technical Assistance was provided on soil testing, nutrient management, manure management, cover crops, beginner farmer program, winter prep, IPM topics, berms, tillage, forage testing, fall planting, garlic, gourds, orchards and fruit tree soil amendments, poultry, value added licensing and production, ag districts, high tunnels, funding programs, native trees and perennials, bulb planting, weed identification, invasive species management, wildlife control, feral pig management, cold stratifying seeds and garlic planting. **32 total Hours of Technical Assistance.**

PAST WORKSHOPS

Farmer Mixer at Majestic Farm - (Oct. 21st): 16 participants learned about the Beginner Farmer Mentorship Program, including the application process and benefits of participating. Participants enjoyed a guided tour of Majestic Farm, learned about the farm's diverse operation, including their heritage breed pigs, poultry enterprise, organic orchard, and agri-tourism activities.

Contour Swale & Rain Garden Design Workshop - (Oct. 27): 11 participants learned from the Dirt Diva about how to mitigate a wet or flooding spot on your lawn by creating a contour swale or raingarden. The workshop covered ecological benefits, plant selection, soil analysis, slope analysis, and how to recreate in your own yard.

Fall Bulb Planting Class- (Oct. 28): 4 people attended/20 registered. Participants had hands on experience planting a bulb garden – including garlic and flowering bulbs. The bulbs were chosen so that the garden blooms from March through September. We also covered ways to prevent animals from digging up bulbs, summer vs spring bulbs, planting depth, and how to prevent bulb rot**.**

IPM for the Small Farm - (Oct. 29): 6 participants. Bobolink Farm in Liberty hosted this walking tour to introduce participants to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and help them identify locations where pests and pathogens overwinter. The program examined seasonal pest management decisions and strategies that support a balanced agricultural ecosystem. NYS DEC pesticide recertification credits were available for eligible participants.







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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- **Farmer Mixer at Bashakill Vineyards** November *13, 2026* | 5:00 - 7:00pm
- **Is It Invasive? Invasive Plants Commonly Found in our Backyards and Gardens Webinar** December 1*, 2026* | 5:00 - 6:00pm

Farm to School Program:

CCE Sullivan recently completed a one-year grant project funded by the NYS Harvest NY program focused on advancing Farm to School education. Through educational programming, partnership development, and community outreach, the project strengthened connections between schools, local farmers, and food systems while increasing student engagement in agriculture and nutrition education.

Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness Project:

CCE Sullivan recently completed the Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness for the Catskills-Hudson Valley Region project, funded through the Northeast Risk Management Education (NERME) program. The project strengthened the ability of farmers and emergency responders to prepare for and respond to climate-related challenges, agricultural emergencies, and livestock incidents through workshops, webinars, technical assistance, educational resources, and outreach. Over the course of the project, 296 participants were engaged through 7 in-person workshops, 12 webinars, farm tours, and online educational resources focused on climate resiliency, soil and water management, emergency preparedness, livestock health, and agricultural risk management. The project exceeded its participation goals, increased knowledge and preparedness among participants, and created lasting educational resources, including a climate resiliency webpage and YouTube training library that will continue to support the agricultural community beyond the grant period.



PHOTOS from the Majestic Farm Mixer