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Greetings! Here is Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County Extension Connection. *Click on any of these links for complete information.*

Farm Disaster Preparation Online Certificate Training

The Farm Disaster Preparation program will help farm owners plan for and manage possible disasters. This program focuses on practical pre-disaster education and preparedness regarding farm equipment safety on the road, fire or structure collapse, storm and wind damage, criminal activity, farm chemical risks, and biosecurity. Farms that complete the training will receive a certificate to provide to their insurer and may be eligible for a credit or discount toward the farm's annual insurance premium. The value of the credit or discount will vary according to individual policies and policyholder circumstances but can be up to a 10 percent discount.

Thriving Small Dairy Webinar Series

Cornell Small Farms Program and Cornell PRO-DAIRY are teaming up to offer a four-part lunchtime webinar series designed specifically for small dairy producers. Held on Tuesdays from November 24 through December 15, 2026, each session will highlight current research and management strategies that can help improve herd health, efficiency, and profitability. The webinars run from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET, as to fit into a busy farm schedule.

Labor Roadshow Programming and Speaker Info Now Available

The Agricultural Workforce Development Council of New York State (AWDC) will celebrate a decade of connecting and educating agricultural professionals when Labor Roadshow X returns this December with five in-person events and two webinars across New York State. Programming details and speaker information are now available. In person event in Batavia on December 15th Virtual Events (1:00–3:00 PM ET) on November 30 and December 21.

Farm Ops Online Course Scholarship — Application Open

These scholarships support a NYS veteran's enrollment in one of the Cornell Small Farms online courses. Veterans are eligible to receive one scholarship per course season (September through March), and awards may cover part or all of the course cost. Application windows: Block 3: October 16, 2026 to December 10, 2026 or Block 4: December 11, 2026 to February 4, 2027.

Gardening For The Birds Workshop

Want more color, song, and life in your yard this year? Join our group of Master Gardeners on November 21st to learn how to turn your garden into a place birds love to visit and want to stay.

In this workshop you'll learn: How to plan and keep a bird-friendly garden right in Allegany County, how to attract the birds you want and which ones to discourage, choosing and placing feeders and birdhouses, seasonal maintenance to keep birds healthy, troubleshooting common problems and how to make your own suet. Every participant takes home a suet cake!

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