

# Extension in Action

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## CCE Welcomes New Agricultural Programs



The Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program is the newest Cornell Cooperative Extension regional program and covers Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Steuben Counties. The Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops regional specialists work with Cornell faculty and Extension Educators to address the issues that impact the agricultural industry in New York by offering educational programming and research based information to agricultural producers, growers, and agribusinesses in the Southwestern New York Region.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County’s Agriculture Program is excited to welcome Katelyn Walley-Stoll as the Business Management Specialist with the newly formed Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program with Cornell Cooperative Extension beginning July 2019. Walley-Stoll will be working on programming related to financial management, business summaries, production economics, business planning, and market analysis while also working to identify the needs of the region. For more information contact Katelyn Walley Stoll at 716-640-0522 or [kaw249@cornell.edu](mailto:kaw249@cornell.edu), visit <https://swnydlfc.cce.cornell.edu>, or contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office.



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County’s Agriculture Program is excited to welcome Josh Putman as the Field Crops and Forage Specialist with the newly formed Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program with Cornell Cooperative Extension beginning July 2019. Josh will be working on programming related integrated pest management, soil health, fertility, forage production and precision agronomy in row crop production in Southwest NY. You can reach Josh by emailing [jap473@cornell.edu](mailto:jap473@cornell.edu), visit <https://swnydlfc.cce.cornell.edu> or by calling 716-490-5572.

The SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program is one of many programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Cornell Cooperative Extension is a community based educational organization, affiliated with Cornell University, local county governments, the NYS SUNY system, and the federal government through the United States Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Cornell University Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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### **Farm to School/ Ag in The Classroom**

Through a grant from New York State, Jesse Meeder will be collaborating with both Franklinville and Hinsdale school districts to develop and implement a Farm to School program, working to increase procurement of New York State produce from local farms and distributors for their school lunch programs. Goals for the program also include coordination with educators, administrators and cafeteria staff to better integrate agricultural and nutritional lessons into the curriculum, and to promote student engagement and enjoyment of local produce. These school districts hope to create a model that can be followed by other districts in Cattaraugus County who wish to implement Farm to School programs.

### **CVP-Cornell Vegetable Program**



The Cornell Vegetable Program is one of the premier regional agricultural teams in NYS: a **Cornell Cooperative Extension partnership between Cornell University and the CCE Associations in a large 14 multi-county region in the western and central parts of the state.** The team's Vegetable Specialists work together with Cornell faculty and Extension Educators statewide to address the issues that impact the commercial vegetable industry. The Cornell Vegetable Program provides educational programs and information to growers, processors and agri-business professionals, arming them with the knowledge to profitably produce and market safe and healthful vegetable crops, contributing to the viability of farms and the economic wellbeing of New York State. Specifically, our program focuses on food safety, variety evaluation, market development, pest management, and cultural practices. For more information: <https://cvp.cce.cornell.edu/>

### **LERGP-Lake Erie Regional Grape Program**



There are approximately 30,000 acres of vineyard in the Lake Erie region of New York and Pennsylvania grown on 840 farms, making this the largest grape growing region outside of California. Of this acreage, 98.5% consists of Labrusca (American Grape) varieties such as 'Concord' and 'Niagara' which are used for juice, jam and other fresh or fermented products. The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program consists of Extension Educators and research faculty/staff from Cornell University and Penn State University devoted to projects aimed at increasing yields, product quality, diversity and improvement of cultivars, efficiency of production, profitability and adoption of environmentally sound cultural and pest management strategies.

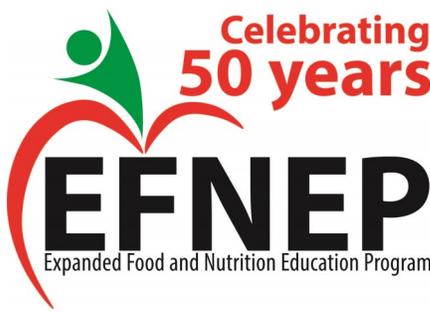
The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program is supported, in part, by five county Cornell Cooperative Extensions including: Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara Counties in New York

### **2019 4-H Market Sale**



The 2019 Cattaraugus County Fair is just a few days away! 4-H members across the county are gearing up for another exciting week of shows and fun, including the 2019 Youth Market Sale. The sale will consist of quality market ready beef and dairy steers, goats, lambs, hogs, chickens, and turkeys all raised locally by our 4-H members right here in Cattaraugus County! We have nearly 250 sale lots raised and exhibited by over 150 4-H youth.

The sale is Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 1:30 pm at the Fairgrounds in Little Valley. For more information or interest in purchasing an animal, please contact Abby Luzier, 4-H Youth Development Educator, by phone at 716-699-2377 ext. 130 or 585-369-4044 or by email at [ajl387@cornell.edu](mailto:ajl387@cornell.edu).



**The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)** at Cornell Cooperative Extension has begun offering a new option in programming. “Mom (or Dad or Grandma, etc.) and Me” cooking camps are in a trial run this summer at several library locations around Cattaraugus County.

“Mom and Me” operates with the idea that everyone in the household, regardless of age or ability, can do something to help make healthy food decisions for their family. From meal planning to shopping, ingredient preparation to cooking, and also the clean-up, everyone can do something. Even children as young as 2 or 3 can help. However, to be truly successful, all the members of the household need to be on the same page. This is where the EFNEP educators can help.

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**Eat Smart New York**

“Eat Smart New York (ESNY) is a nutrition education program that is FREE to all individuals who qualify for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). It is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance. ESNY provides nutrition education on a variety of topics; always focusing on eating healthy and being active. With warm weather celebrations at a peak, ESNY Nutritionist Melinda Drabant and Gabrielle Lanich have a busy and packed schedule educating the community. Workshop participants range from toddlers in our Parks & Recreation groups, to senior citizens with the Cattaraugus County Department of Aging. Workshops this summer focus on storing fresh summer fruits and vegetables, supporting local by shopping farmers markets and farm stands, and rethinking sugary beverage choices in the summer heat.”



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**Message from the Executive Director**

It is a pleasure to present you with our first newsletter in a long time. A lot is happening now at CCE and we want to share it with you. We are “alive and well” and are ready to support our agricultural community. As presented on the first page, we have joined with 4 other counties to establish a Southwestern New York Agricultural Team. Once established there will be four specialists in the region. In addition to the Field Crops and Farm Business Management Specialists, there will be a Dairy Specialist and a Livestock Specialist. Our board of directors have been very supportive and thanks especially to the Cattaraugus County Legislature for financially supporting the team concept.

Beginning with the next quarter, we will combine this newsletter with the 4-H Clover Minder to provide more information of interest about 4-H and our other programs.

*Dick*

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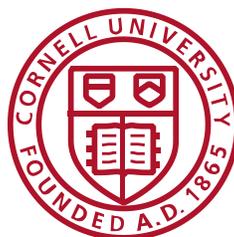
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