

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**Fall 2022 Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu Workshop** - October 12th from 7-8pm. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is still circulating in the US, with the number of cases in both commercial and backyard flocks increasing as we head into fall. To date, we have seen 468 cases in the country, affecting over 46 million poultry across 40 states. Wild bird positives are nearing 2,500 nationwide. Now, we are seeing cases increase with the weather cooling and the fall migration beginning. All poultry famers, hobbyists, and enthusiasts are invited to join Cornell Cooperative Extension's Livestock Program Work Team and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to learn more about this disease, what we know so far about the current outbreak, and how we should prepare moving into the heart of the fall migration. This online event is free.

**Cornell Small Farms: BF 130- Intro to Poultry Production:** 6-week online course, November 1st- December 6th, 6:00-7:30pm. This course is for aspiring and beginning farmers seeking to learn about poultry production and the marketing, processing, and sales of poultry and poultry products in New York State. At the completion of this course, you will: Know the basics of poultry production from field to plate, have knowledge of breed selection, production systems, flock management practices, and cost of production, identify rules and regulation for sale of poultry products to various market outlets. Michelle Proscia, CCE Ag Educator will co-teach this class.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:**

**Farm Visits: 3 Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 112 Horticulture Inquiries/ID: 19**  
Agritourism, FSMA, Business and Marketing Plans, Sales Channels, beginning farmer, livestock pricing, poultry production, plant pests, disease, and ID, orchard production, whole farm planning, farmers markets, Farm to School, ag assessment, financial planning, soil tests, agricultural districts, Dry and Cold Storage, Grant and Funding sources.

**PROJECTS**

**Agricultural Districts Program-** The Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets has received and certified the new amendment to Ag District #4, adding over 1,000 acres to the district. Staff have assisted the County Planning department with providing technical comments for two, 239 Reviews for properties located in an agricultural district.

**Local Food Promotion Project:** Sullivan County Food Security Coalition (SCFSC) has been meeting formally since the beginning of this year. The group consists of not-for-profit service agencies, government, and volunteers who work in the food supply chain, food access, distribution and feeding services. The group is working towards collaboration, filling service gaps, and producing information for distribution to create digestible information accessible to those in emergency need for food assistance. The Sullivan Catskills Regional Food Hub is seeking funding for operations and has been tapped as a central location for food aggregation to those organizations within the SCFSC and others who take in donations from regional sources.

**Other Project/Research Updates:** Staff continue to work on implementing or close out the following grant projects: NYS Farm to School, Farm Food Safety Program, Northeast SARE Research grant, RFSP Livestock grant, Fresh Connect Food Box Program, Farmers Market Promotion Project and the Rural Business Development grant.

**Sullivan Fresh Market Update:**

Customers from the Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market attended a variety of healthy cooking demo throughout the summer, from local chefs and CCE SNAP-ED Educator Bee Moser. Participants earned \$20 in Sullivan Fresh Bucks to buy fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and eggs at any Sullivan Fresh market when they attend a wellness class at the market, thanks to our partners at the Rural Health Network. Classes took place at select Mobile Market stops and every Sullivan Fresh Monticello Farmers' Market during the summer.

