

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Farm Visits: 2 **Technical Assistance/Inquiries:** 90 **Soil Tests:** 2

Business and Marketing Plans, Sales Channels, Ag Districts, beginning farmer, soil tests, field crops, poultry production, plant pests, disease, and ID, vegetable production, whole farm planning, farmers markets, Farm to School, Grant and Funding sources, Mobile Markets, agricultural job posting, beginner farm/starting farm, County loan program, NRCS funding, mentorship, land access and beginner farmer resources, hay feed, orchard production, mentee application, and farmer mentor interest.

PAST WORKSHOPS

Farmer Mixer at Hidden Acre Farm on November 2nd: 26 participants attended our monthly Farmer Mixer with Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County and the Hudson Valley Young Farmers Coalition. The Farmer Mixer was at Hidden Acre Farm in Bloomingburg, NY and we had an incredible turnout with the 3 organizations hosting the Farmer Mixer together.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Farmer Mixer at Somewhere in Time Farm on December 4th: Continuing our monthly Farmer Mixer events, our December Farmer Mixer will be at Somewhere in Time Farm. These events are organized as networking opportunities for aspiring, beginner, and seasoned farmers in our region.

Farm Food Safety Workshops- 10 workshops are in planning stages that will be delivered via webinar and in-person. These include: Produce Safety Certification, Farm Composting, Alphabet Soup: Understanding FSMA, GAPs, and PSR, Farmworker Health & Hygiene Training, Wholesale Market Readiness, Washing, Packaging, and Sanitizing Produce, Writing a Farm Food Safety Plan.

Funding Webinar Series: The series will be monthly 1-hr informational webinars about agricultural funding resources February– April. Each month will focus on a different funding resource: Farmer Service Agency, Natural Conversation Resources Services, NYS Grown & Certified, General Funding Opportunities. The webinars will be added to the CCESC YouTube page to be available for future viewership.

TRAININGS

CCE staff attended the annual Cornell Cooperative Extension Ag Training at Cornell University. The training provides an opportunity for staff to stay up to date on current research projects, production methods, food systems work and other emerging topics.

2024 Farmer Mentorship Cohort: Through our Beginner Farmer Program we are organizing our 1st farmer mentorship cohort for 2024. We currently have 2 pairs of mentors and mentees, for our 2023 mini mentorship, but our 2024 mentorship cohort will have 15 mentee openings, 5 of the mentee spots will be saved for veteran farmers. Our cohort will bring their farm business goals into their mentorship, engage in monthly farm visits with their farmer mentor, attend workshops to help fulfill their goals, and learn alongside their fellow mentees. CCE will also provide a \$10,000 stipend to each mentee to support them through the mentorship and beginning steps of their farm businesses and mentors will be compensated monetarily for their time and labor. The application window for mentees is November 1st – December 22nd, with the mentorship officially starting February 5th, 2024.

FARM TO SCHOOL

CCE staff are continuing to participate in Farm to School efforts, along with Sullivan 180, the Catskills Food Hub and local school districts. We are continuing to assist cafeterias and developing future networking events to connect farmers and school districts.

Beginner Farmer MENTORSHIP COHORT



The Beginner Farmer Mentorship program is for folks who are ready to take the next step toward turning their farm dreams into a reality!

- Benefit from in-person learning with:
 - farmer mentors
 - CCE staff
 - and fellow mentees!
- Receive a \$10,000 stipend distributed quarterly across 12 months

**GET MATCHED WITH
A FARMER MENTOR TODAY!**

Questions?
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