

PAST WORKSHOPS

Fall 2022 Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu Workshop - October 12th. 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. This workshop was taught by Cornell Cooperative Extension's Livestock Program Work Team and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets 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.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Farm Visits: 3 **Technical Assistance/Inquiries:** 117 **Soil Tests:** 6

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, livestock feed efficiency and agricultural energy resources.


Horticulture Program: Technical Assistance was provided to 20 individuals. The Horticulture Educator providing educational outreach at Sullivan Fresh Markets on topics including container gardening and invasive species.

Catskills Kitchen: Technical assistance was provided to 5 individuals on topics such as starting a food truck business, NYSDAM 20c licensing, Department of Health licensing, developing pasta sauce, salsa and jerky and starting a catering business. We are in the process of onboarding a new producer to use the kitchen to develop food products.

With Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks on the rise, it's important to implement daily protocols to keep your poultry safe and to report any suspicious illness to one of the following:

- NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
518-457-3502
- USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)
866-536-7593

Cornell Cooperative Extension



The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza response in NYS is being addressed by Cornell Cooperative Extension's NY Extension Disaster Education Network

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

HPAI within a multi-species flock has been detected in Sullivan County as of 11/7/22. This was laboratory-confirmed to be of the H5N1 influenza strain. CCE Sullivan is currently working with our partners to provide educational outreach to poultry farms in the County.

PROJECTS

Farm Food Safety Grant- CCE Sullivan was recently awarded a grant from the USDA to assist farms with developing a farm food safety plan. The program will offer one-on-one technical assistance with producers, educational workshops on farm food safety, produce safety alliance, farm hygiene, good agricultural practices and washing and packing, and assistance with becoming GAP's certified.

Did you know CCE Sullivan is a part of several research programs this year?

Western Bean Cutworm: Each year as part of the Western Bean Cutworm (WBC) trapping project, CCE Sullivan monitors for WBC in preparation to alert corn growers to potential infestations during the growing season. Trapping locations were set up at Weiss Dairy Farm and Peters Dairy Farm to track the flight of the pest across Sullivan County.



Poultry: Broiler Production for Pasture Raised Conventional and Slow Growth Birds. Several CCE's and over 50 farms from throughout the state are participating in a research project through Northeast SARE. The goal is to collect production, processing, and sales data for poultry farms. We will then use this benchmark to help find cost savings and potentially improve efficiency on your farm. This data will be collected and then aggregated to help other farmers and research efforts across the state. CCE Sullivan is currently working with Majestic Farm and will be searching for and expanding to additional poultry farms in the county next year.



USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership Grant: Cornell Cooperative Extension Livestock Program Work Team, including Michelle Proscia, CCE Sullivan, and Glynwood have formed a project working group, which will include representatives from the Hudson Valley Livestock Producers Group. The project working group has designed and facilitated a feasibility study which includes: Production and capacity, Human resource needs, Sales opportunities, Processing, storage and transportation and Educational opportunities and needs for livestock. The project working group is currently evaluating the data and encouraging stakeholder input. More information to come!

