

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Farm & Food Business Planning Series returns for two – 6-part series. The Farm Business weekly Series run Feb 28th - March 16th (Tuesdays & Thursdays) and the Food Business weekly Series runs April 4th-April 20th (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

(Part 1) Agricultural Training Series for Municipal Officials: Agricultural Districts vs Agricultural Assessments: Wednesday, February 15th @ 6pm at Mamakating Town Hall. Municipal officials will hear from NYS Dept. Of Ag & Markets and CCE staff about what agricultural assessments and agricultural districts are and how they apply to the local municipality and ag community. Municipal officials will receive 1.5 hrs of training credits.

(Part 2) Agricultural Zoning Training Series: Wednesday April 26th 5:30-7:30pm Location TBD. Learn about different farm friendly zoning and farmland preservation techniques and how to implement them in your municipality. This workshop is open to municipal officials as well as the general public who would like to learn more about land use and agriculture.

Integrated Pest Management for your Home Garden: Thursday, February 23rd 6-7:30pm. Participants will learn how to prevent and manage pests and disease in their home garden by biological, physical and cultural methods.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Farm Visits: 2 Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 67 Soil Tests: 7 Hay Tests: 3

Agritourism, FSMA, Business and Marketing Plans, Sales Channels, beginning farmer, livestock pricing, poultry production, plant pests, disease and ID, cover crops, hay testing, whole farm planning, farmers markets, Farm to School, ag assessment, financial planning, soil tests, agricultural districts, Grant and Funding sources, livestock feed efficiency and agricultural energy resources.

Horticulture Program: Technical Assistance was provided to 10 individuals. Topics consisted of tree and orchard care, information on arborists to help with fruit tree maintenance and winterizing gardens.

Catskills Kitchen Program: We currently have 5 renters using the kitchen. We provided technical assistance to 5 inquiries on licensing and permitting for Dept of Health Commissary, NYS-DAM 20c licensing, and assistance on how to start an incubator and teaching kitchen.

PROJECTS/UPDATES

- **SC Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.** The Board met in January and recommended to appoint new members to the board. The Eight Year Review for Agricultural District #4 is up in 2023. We developed a plan to implement this review and will meet in May to review revisions. The Board is also developing a letter for NYS regarding the need to cover the expenses for detecting viruses, such as Avian Flu, in order to help to control the spread.
- **Farm to School:** NYS released a new source of funding to help schools purchase NYS Farm products. CCE staff assisted food service directors with this application and continue to provide support for procurement.
- **Farm Food Safety Grant:** Staff are Preparing and planning for upcoming farm food safety workshops. We are currently working on outreach to farmers in our region. Staff are attending a Farm Food Safety meeting with farmers to explain the current grant program.

Get Everything You Need to Start or Grow
YOUR FARM BUSINESS

Are you starting, or do you own an existing Farm Business? Don't miss this 6-session series where experts share strategies for building or improving your agri-business! Classes are available in-person or via virtual connection. A short application and \$50 fee is all that's needed to begin!



FEB. 28, MAR. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16 5:30-7:30PM

February 28 Planning Your Farm

March 2 Production Practices

March 7 Business Plan Development

March 9 Enterprise Budget & Funding

March 14 Labor & Operations

March 16 Marketing & Agritourism

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