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## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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**Message from the President and Executive Director**

*Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Franklin County continues to offer non-formal education and learning activities to county residents in rural town centers and villages as well as farming families. CCE emphasizes taking knowledge gained through research and education and bringing it directly to people to create positive changes.*

*In 2015 CCE offered diverse programming including youth development, nutrition education, agricultural production and business management, rural economic development, information on combating invasive species, and growing a garden and preserving the produce.*

*On behalf of the CCE staff, the program advisors and the members of the board of directors, please accept the following program summary and financial overview.*

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Sincerely,

Rick LeVitre,  
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### Agriculture

**Farm Programs** are a major focal point of CCE. Franklin County CCE Association is a supporting partner of the Northern NY Regional Ag Team, which has grown from 3 to 8.5 regional specialists. They focus on dairy, agronomic crops, farm business, dairy processing, meat processing, and non-dairy livestock reaching close to 500 individuals.

Three county educators (1.65 FTE's) support Beginning/Small/

Part-time farms as well as established commercial dairy, beef, sheep and crop farmers. They conduct programs for clientele and work closely with the regional specialists.

Agricultural related programs include consumer horticulture, master gardeners, local hop production, and Ag in the Classroom. These programs directly served more than 1,000 people.



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<a href="#"><u>Sundaes On The Farm</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Thj2yH"><u>http://bit.ly/1Thj2yH</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>NYS Maple Tour</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Thjihe"><u>http://bit.ly/1Thjihe</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Consumer Horticulture</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThjuwZ"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThjuwZ</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Migrant Education</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThjGfw"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThjGfw</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>RAPP-AgPlastics</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThjT2h"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThjT2h</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Reestablishing Hops</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThkdOI"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThkdOI</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Homesteading Conference</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThkvFo"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThkvFo</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Woodlot Forest Mgt</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThkJvZ"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThkJvZ</u></a>

### Family Health & Well-being

**Family Health & Wellbeing** provides nutrition and wellness education. Grants and contracts fund nutrition education counseling at health clinics and teaching nutrition and wellness at local schools. A significant service is the strength-training program

for older adults developed by experts at Tufts University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and adopted by cooperative extension across the country, including right here in Franklin County.



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<a href="#"><u>Adirondack Medical Home</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThoLEQ"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThoLEQ</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Akwesasne Cannery</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThoNwr"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThoNwr</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Growing Stronger</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Thp7eq"><u>http://bit.ly/1Thp7eq</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Complete Streets</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThpeGR"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThpeGR</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Parenting After Sep &amp; Divorce</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Thpt50"><u>http://bit.ly/1Thpt50</u></a>





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## 4-H Youth Development

**4-H Youth Development** continues to grow and meet the needs of our county's youth. This effectively brought life changing, research-backed programs of through 4-H clubs, camps, afterschool, and school enrichment programs.

Most people recognize the name 4-H, as the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System & USDA. In Franklin County 4,900 county youth are pursuing their passions, accomplishing the extraordinary and meeting new challenges through CCE 4-H.

In 2016 we had 18 traditional 4-H Clubs, serving 200 youth focused on life skills development. CCE trained 4-H volunteers facilitated the learning that occurred in the non-formal settings of 4-H club meetings and activities. A 4-H experience is a fun, and a fulfilling learning adventure. Specific programs are dairy and horse clubs and exhibits at the annual County agricultural fair. There are also community service clubs, robotics clubs, and many more.

4-H Afterschool provides students in our communities a safe,

healthy, caring, and enriching environment. They address the interests of youth and their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional needs. The youth are engaged in long-term, structured learning in partnership with adults.

In Franklin County, this valuable and needed service was provided in Chateaugay, Salmon River, and Tupper Lake and in Brushton, January 2106. The value of these programs is young people participating and engaging in exciting programs while developing valuable skills with lifelong benefits. Funding comes from grants and/or participant fees.

Another important youth program in 2015 was our summer day camp, a partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension Franklin County & the Greater Malone YMCA. Starting five years ago with 14-20 kids a week, it has expanded to over 60 young people during its peak attendance this past summer. All children ages 5-12 years of age are eligible and welcome to participate in a variety of fun summer activities including daily swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, geocaching, outdoor cooking, weekly field trips more! This camp is a kid favorite and affordable!



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<a href="#"><u>Teen Mentor Leader</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Y065Zf"><u>http://bit.ly/1Y065Zf</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Retired Club Lives Again</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Y06j2A"><u>http://bit.ly/1Y06j2A</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Students Educate Peers</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Y06laF"><u>http://bit.ly/1Y06laF</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>I Belong</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Thmaus"><u>http://bit.ly/1Thmaus</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Youth Employment Opportunities</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Thm1r1"><u>http://bit.ly/1Thm1r1</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>4H &amp; Remote Town</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Thmk4U"><u>http://bit.ly/1Thmk4U</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Bulldog Hour</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThmARu"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThmARu</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Summer Care for Parents in Need</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThmJnX"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThmJnX</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>STARR Planner</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1ThmVDN"><u>http://bit.ly/1ThmVDN</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Tupper Lake Afterschool</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Y06QI9"><u>http://bit.ly/1Y06QI9</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>WOW</u></a>	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Y06Rpj"><u>http://bit.ly/1Y06Rpj</u></a>



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### 4-H Camp Overlook

**4-H Camp Overlook** has welcomed thousands of young people since its founding in 1945. The camp is a traditional 6 day, 5 night residential overnight camp located on Indian and Mountain View Lakes. The camp is open to all children, ages 6 to 18. Camp provides a natural Adirondack environment where youth participate in a personal growth experience that emphasizes community building, positive social interactions, environmental awareness, skill building, and just plain fun activities. In 2015, 737 campers were led by 85 counselors.



Camp Overlook is now a year-round facility offering camp rentals and Adventure Course ropes programs (both high & low elements, including a zip line). The ropes courses build teamwork & cohesion, important skills for people of all ages. Combined with a picnic in a pristine outdoors setting, Camp Overlook is a great place to spend a day! Facility rentals and program contracts to groups ranging from 10 to 150 or more for one night and up to a week or more spring fall and winter are growing. In 2015, 2,067 youth and adults registered for programs and/or facility rentals.

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[New Camp Director](#)

<http://bit.ly/1ThnE83>

[Project Based Learning](#)

<http://bit.ly/1ThnX2P>

[Camp, Law Enforcement & Safety](#)

<http://bit.ly/1Tho3ax>

[Camp Online Registration](#)

<http://bit.ly/1ThojGC>

[Camp Builds Positive School Experience](#)

<http://bit.ly/1ThoxgJ>

### Community and Economic Development

**Community and economic development**, the newest endeavor of CCE Franklin, helps meet current and emerging needs in community and rural development. Working with community leaders, schools, businesses and organizations we delivered programs tied to workforce development, establishing and/or improving production and marketing of product, worked with

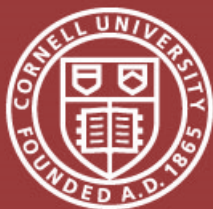
those adding value to raw products, and conducted strategic planning. Whether working with agricultural entities, like “Reestablishing Hops in the North Country” or discussing tourism with communities and businesses, CCE is at the center of dialogue and collaboration.

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[Branding CCE Franklin](#)

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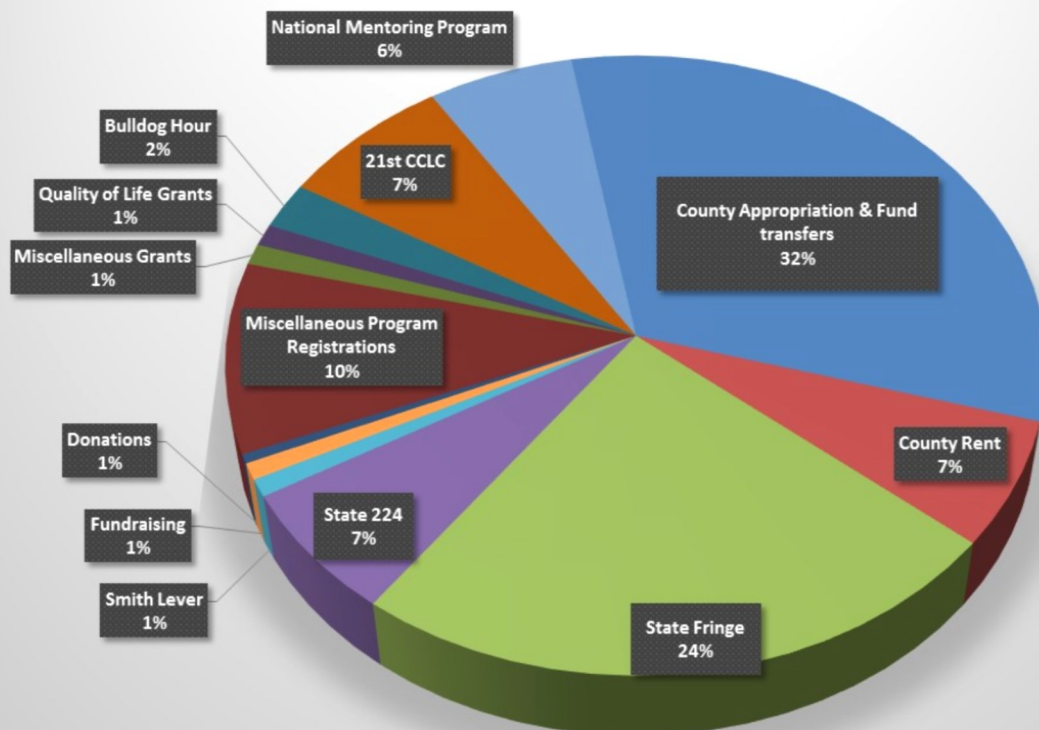


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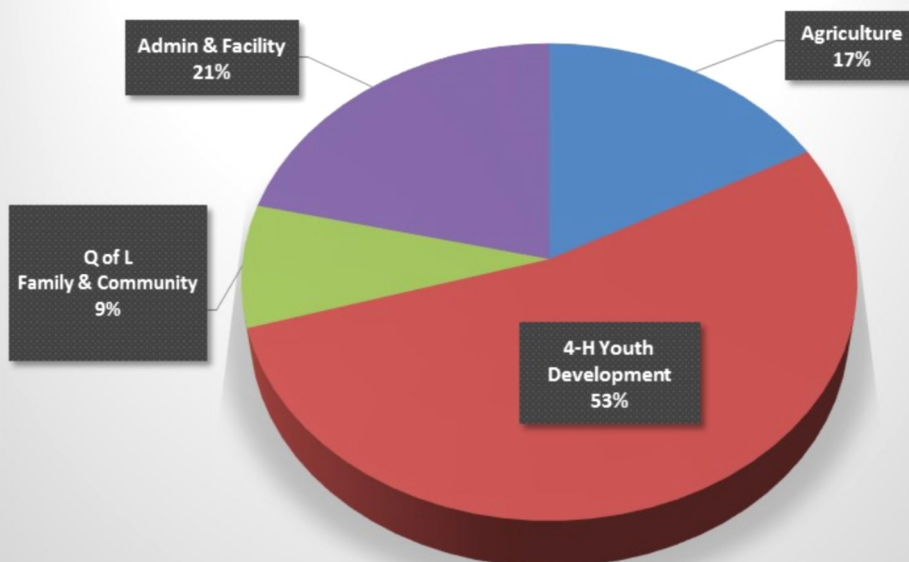
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CCE's mission, vision and values are entrenched in the principles of diversity, equal opportunity and affirmative action, and provide the foundation from which we operate.



*Cornell Cooperative Extension employees introduce CCE's new drone. The drone was at the 2015 Franklin County fair as part of the 4-H building exhibits.*