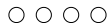




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Stay in the KNOW- North Country AG Upcoming CCE Franklin Events

Tri-county Food Guide

The guide for local farms and farmstands across St. Lawrence, Franklin, and Essex County. Newest Edition coming this summer. Interested in having your farm or local food stand on the guide? Reach out to Justin Tucker at jwt93@cornell.edu by April 10th



Franklin County Ice Cream Trail

Taste your way through Franklin County's ice cream shops. Supporting local AND winning prizes, in the most delicious way! **May 26- September 7** more info COMING SOON!



Horse Farm Improvement Program (HFIP)

Aims to improve animal health and wellbeing and to bolster economic success in the equine industry. The program is designed to help individual horse farms improve in targeted areas of their choosing. Reach out to learn more and enroll

Other North Country Events:

Small Flock Poultry Management - St. Lawrence County, April 2nd

[Cornell Cooperative Extension - Event Registration for Programs](#)

Farm Product Pricing and Marketing - St. Lawrence County, April 21st

[Cornell Cooperative Extension - Event Registration for Programs](#)

Brambles Workshop

April 11 1PM-3PM

Burke Family Farm

Cost: \$15

*Lunch will be provided

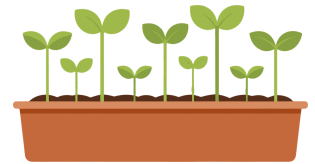
Specialist: Anya Stansell, Western NY Small Fruits Specialist



Seed to Supper Series

This is a free series of classes focused on teaching participants how to grow food on a budget. Classes are once a month April - August. (Dates dependent on series location)

- Session 1 - Planning your Garden
- Session 2 - Planting Your Garden
- Session 3 - Caring for Your Garden
- Session 4 - Harvesting
- Session 5 - Seed Saving



Three location options - Saranac Lake Free Library, Tupper Lake Library, and Malone Library. **Register by April 23rd**

Almanzo Wilder Farm CCE Summer Series

- May 26 - Vermiculture
- June 23- Drop Spindle Spinning
- August 25- Goat Walk & Tour
- September 22- Food Preservation
- October 20- Seed Saving

Catch us at the Saranac Lake and Malone Farmers Markets starting in May!
See website calendar for dates.

For more in-depth descriptions of sessions, and to register for events, visit the CCE Franklin website.





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Agriculture Grant Spotlight

Value- Added Producer Grant:

Expand markets for American agricultural products, create new markets, improve supply chains, increase access to market infrastructure, and promote long-term economic sustainability
open - deadline to apply April 8th



AEM Program Highlights for Franklin County, NY:

- Eligible Projects: Cost-share funding is available for projects addressing erosion, including stream crossings, culverts, water bars, and forestry best management practices.
- Forestry Focus: Assistance is available for timber harvest erosion issues, woodlot health, and Maple sugaring operations.
- Eligibility: Must be a farmer in Franklin County, a U.S. Citizen, and at least 18 years of age.
- Application: Interested farmers should contact the FCSWCD office directly to discuss ideas and start the planning process.

2026 Beginning Farmer Competitive Grant Program - NYFVI.ORG

- Start-up, improvement or expansion of farm operations
- Purchase of land, machinery, equipment, or livestock
- Construction or improvement of structures
- Marketing initiatives
- Worker or apprenticeship training
- Other business needs tied to financial impact



open- RFP closes June 14,2026

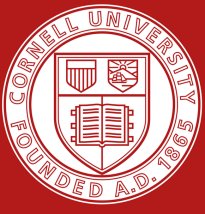
Seasonal News: Spring

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a great way to support local agriculture. By purchasing a share at the start of the season, you provide farmers with upfront support during one of the most important times of year—planting and early production —while receiving a regular supply of fresh, locally grown food throughout the season. CSA programs are a meaningful way to strengthen local food systems while building a direct connection between farms and the community.

Franklin County CSA Programs:

Cook Family Farm CSA- Owls Head (free local delivery to Malone)- meat, vegetable, or both. Subsidized shares available

Whitten Family CSA- Pickup locations in Potsdam, Massena, Winthrop, Lake Clear, Saranac Lake, Lake Placid and Tupper Lake - meat, vegetable, or both



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CCE Franklin Agriculture PAC

Purpose of Program Advisory Committees:

The CCE advisory committee has two main purposes: to advise and to advocate. An effective and well-developed advisory committee is made up of a diverse membership with the knowledge base needed to provide the best recommendations for Extension program development and evaluation. The committee as advisors can help identify needs and issues, target audiences, most effective ways to reach underserved audiences, and review of program effectiveness. The advisory committee can also act as advocates for Cornell Cooperative Extension, carrying the message of Extension’s mission to stakeholders’ communities.

Interested in joining the Agriculture PAC? Reach out!

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Workshop Survey

Help us improve our workshops! Do you have a specific topic in mind you’d like us to host a workshop on? Let us know!



Volunteer Interest

Want to get involved? Interested in supporting school and community gardens? Social media and communication? Or general volunteer support? Email Katie Remmers, AG Team Lead at kjr66@cornell.edu

CCE Youth AG Education

Did you know Youth AG Education is a huge portion of our programming? Our Farm to School and Dairy in the Classroom programs reach all school districts in Franklin County. From supporting school gardens, hosting agriculture field trips, making dairy recipes in the classroom, and teaching monthly ag related lessons. Want to learn more? Check out our AG Education Newsletter and reach out to one of our educators!

AG Education Newsletter



The CCE Franklin AG team is here to support your agriculture needs. From school gardens to boots on the ground farm support, we’re here to provide expertise and support. Reach out to connect and learn more!