



## WHAT IS TC ARG?

Tioga County Agricultural Resource Group (ARG) is a group of farmers, agencies, educators, businesses and community members working together to contribute to a thriving rural community by creating and promoting agricultural vitality in Tioga County. Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month from 10:00-11:30am at the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District office (183 Corporate Drive Owego, NY) and are open to the public. For more information, you can contact Danielle Singer [singerd@tiogacountyny.gov](mailto:singerd@tiogacountyny.gov) (607) 972-8009



### Looking Ahead

#### January

- 22 - TC ARG Meeting

#### February

- 8 - District 7 FFA Leadership Development Events
- 18 - TCSWCD Soil Health Meeting
- 26 - TC ARG Meeting

#### March

- No ARG Meeting

#### April

- 1 - TCSWCD Tree & Shrub Sale Orders Due
- 2 - TC ARG Meeting
- 30 - TC ARG Meeting

## ARG Agency Spotlight

### Tioga County Farm Bureau

**Tradition. Progress. Cooperation. Hope.**

These are the principles New York Farm Bureau brings to the table every day through advocacy, education and protections for the rural and agricultural way of life across NY. The Tioga County Farm Bureau supports agriculture and farmers across our county in this way. They have been a partner of ARG since the creation of the group and continue to engage. They have been long-time sponsors of Sundaes at the Farm and joined us for some ag-tastic fun at the Tioga County Fair this year!



## ARG Member Spotlight



**Kelly Jackson, Agriculture Educator  
Cornell Cooperative Extension**

What is your role at CCE? What is your favorite part?

- I am the Agriculture Development Specialist at CCE Tioga. I've been in this role since February 29 – leap day! – of 2024. My favorite part is being able to connect with and help the farming community in Tioga Co however I am able.

What do you like about ARG?

- I really enjoy how ARG brings together members of our agricultural community. Since I am new to the role (and county), becoming a part of ARG has helped me to meet a lot of folks that I can collaborate with on future programming that our farmers will benefit from

Coffee, tea, or something else entirely?

- I love both coffee and tea! Pour over coffee (light and sweet) in the morning and tea in the afternoon. I have an embarrassingly large tea collection, so much so that I've been put on a tea-buying ban for the foreseeable future



# ARG NEWS

We closed out the 2024 year with more interesting presentations from Tree Crop Alliance and The South Central Dairy and Field Crops Team as well as annual meetings for CCE Tioga and Farm Bureau partners. *With a list of achievements and progress made in 2024, we look forward to celebrating those successes and setting our intentions for 2025 at the next ARG meeting.* We hope to see you there!

## Commonly Used Acronyms

- CCE - Cornell Cooperative Extension
- FSA - Farm Service Agency
- NRCS - Natural Resource Conservation Services
- SCD&FC - South Central Dairy & Field Crops Team
- TCARG - Tioga County Ag Resource Group
- TCFB - Tioga County Farm Bureau
- TCSWCD - Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District
- USC - Upper Susquehanna Coalition
- USDA - United States Department of Agriculture

OWEGO FFA IS LOOKING  
FOR JUDGES!!



## DISTRICT 7 FFA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

**When: February 8th 2025, Judges Arrive 7:45am**

**Where: Owego Elementary School**

**2 Sheldon Guile Blvd, Owego, NY 13827**



**Scan and Sign Up HERE!**

QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL [HILLD@OACSD.ORG](mailto:hilld@oacsd.org)

Dear FFA Supporter,

The Owego FFA chapter will be hosting the FFA District 7 Leadership Development Event on February 8th at Owego Elementary School. For the event to run smoothly we need qualified judges to evaluate each event. We would like to formally invite you or a representative from your organization to judge an event.

The events are judged by a panel of three judges. The top placing members/teams from each event will advance to the Sub-state Event at Adirondak High School on March 15th. From there, the top candidates will be eligible to compete at State Convention. As judges, you will evaluate FFA members who have put a lot of hard work, dedication and commitment into preparing for the leadership events in which they are participating. Your job is to select the members who have prepared themselves and their materials the best for this event.

All judges are asked to be present by 7:45am on February 8th at the Owego Elementary School for an orientation before the events begin. We will also host a Zoom meeting the week before the event to provide you with additional information, make sure you know where to find the rules to review ahead of time and to answer any questions you might have. Once everyone has registered, we will send out the Zoom link. Contests will officially start at 9:00 am, and are usually completed by 3:00 pm, if everything moves along smoothly. When your event is done, we ask that you report to the judge's room to submit your results. The awards are then given out and you are free to leave. This is a learning experience, and members do benefit from hearing direct input from you. They may ask you questions if you make yourself available.

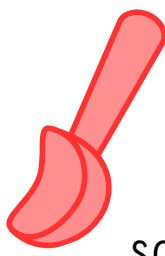
Please complete the Google Form using the QR code below so we can send you information regarding the event you would like to judge. If you have any questions, please contact us directly at [hilld@oacsd.org](mailto:hilld@oacsd.org) or [armstrongs@oacsd.org](mailto:armstrongs@oacsd.org). We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

*Mahayla Walsh - District 7 FFA President*  
*Derek Hill - Owego FFA Advisor*  
*Susan Armstrong - Owego FFA Advisor*



# Upcoming Courses



# The Scoop

SOUTH CENTRAL DAIRY & FIELD CROPS TEAM

## Agenda Highlights

Winter Crop Meetings With 2 Location Options

### Dryden

Date: January 23, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Registration at 9:15 AM)

Location: Dryden VFW, Dryden, NY

[Details & Registration](#)

### Auburn

Date: January 24, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Registration at 9:15 AM)

Location: Ukrainian Club, Auburn, NY

[Details & Registration](#)

Credits Available:

- 3 DEC credits
- CCA credits

Cost:

- \$35 preregistered
- \$40 at the door

• Opportunities for High Oleic Soybeans in Dairy Diets with Dr. Tom Overton, Professor, Department of Animal Science, Cornell University

- Planning Weed Control and Fertility Programs and Updates for 2025 with Mr. Taylor Harris, Specialist, Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC
- Seed Corn Maggot with Anna Dipaola, PhdCandidate, Dept. of Entomology, Cornell University
- Integrated Strategies for Weed Control with Dr. Vipin Kumar, Extension Weed Scientist, CALS Cornell University
- Growing Season Factors and Corn Silage Performance with Mr. Joe Lawrence, Dairy Forage Systems Specialist, PRO-DAIRY

## **Cultivating Success with Better Bookkeeping Online Webinar Series - 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

- January 16, 2025
- January 30, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- February 27, 2025
- March 13, 2025
- March 27, 2025

Join us for a six-session virtual series designed to boost your knowledge about what bookkeeping services are available to help you excel in farm recordkeeping.

[Details & Registration](#)

## **Crop Protection Meeting Horseheads 2025 February 11, 2025 - 10:30am - 2:30pm Horseheads Village Office - Horseheads, NY**

This workshop will address new and established agronomic pests in NYS. Strategies for managing weeds.

- Weed Control Strategies for Corn and Alfalfa with Kate Wheeler, Sr. Business Representative, BASF
- ID, Epidemiology, and Management of Field Crop Diseases with Jaime Cummings, Crop Protection Agronomist, Syngenta
- What We Have Learned from Value of Manure Studies with Juan Carlos Ramos Sanchez, Cornell Nutrient Management Spear Program
- Seedcorn Maggot Research Update with Janice Degni, Extension Field Crops Specialist

[Details & Registration](#)

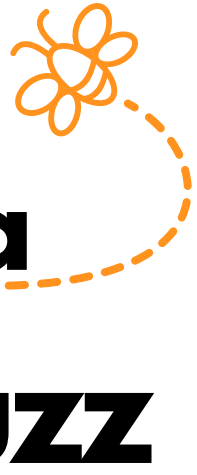


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# CCE Tioga

# Buzz



## All Things Agriculture Weekly Newsletter

The CCE Tioga Agriculture Team sends out a weekly newsletter for farmers featuring funding and educational resources



To sign up, scan the QR code or contact Kelly at  
KAJ99@cornell.edu



## WANT TO JOIN 4-H?



THE COST IS \$30 PER FAMILY PER YEAR.

THE PROGRAM YEAR RUNS FROM SEPT 30 TO OCTOBER 1ST

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DONNA AT DLV22@CORNELL.EDU OR SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP!



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## Tioga County 4-H Tractor Safety, Tractor and Machinery Operations Training and Certification Program

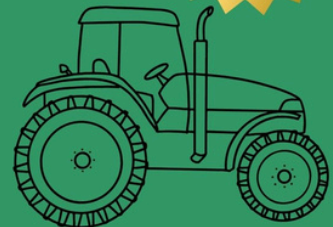
For youth 14 and older who plan to work with and be around farm machinery

Learn:

- Safe tractor and equipment operation
- Farm equipment maintenance
- Chainsaw safety

**Stay tuned for dates and locations!**

For more information, contact Donna at  
dlv22@cornell.edu



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Tioga County



# SWCD

## Conservation Corner



Our annual Tree and Shrub Sale has begun! More information and updates on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

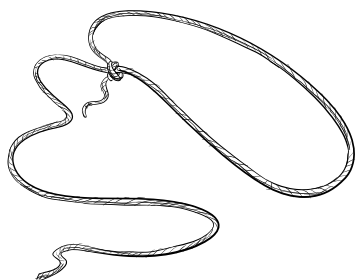


(2) Buffer Steward Intern positions open for the 2025 summer monitoring season. Job description can be found on our [website](#)



**What:** Tioga County Soil Health Meeting  
**When:** February 18th  
**Where:** Owego, NY

Details to follow



## FSA Round Up

Contact Colleen or Faith for more information at 109a Chemung Street Waverly, NY 14892  
Phone: (607) 565-2106 x2  
Email: [colleen.mezzano@usda.gov](mailto:colleen.mezzano@usda.gov) ;  
[faith.pipher@usda.gov](mailto:faith.pipher@usda.gov)

The FSA office completed its acreage reporting for small grains and cover crops. We continue to work on getting maps together for spring but won't be mailing to producers until sometime in April. If you should need maps early to help prioritize your plantings, just give us a call here at the office and we'd be more than happy to send them to you.

Without having a new farm bill, we still have not heard anything about a 2025 Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) signup. We anxiously await but do anticipate an extension of the program.

If you are in the market for a new skid steer, hay wagon or any type of handling equipment "once the crop is off the field", we've got you covered. Also, if you need any additional grain, hay or even cold storage, Farm Service Agency is here for you. NYS has approved that a \$25,000 or less loan does not require a financial analysis. Bring a quote to the office and file an application with \$100 application fee and we can have your loan closed in no time at all. Loans on used equipment can have up to a 5-year term, while anything new under \$100,000 can go up to a 7-year term. Call the office today for more information!

# Do you need new storage or handling equipment???

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4.250 % (7 year)

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buy local guide



Buy Local Food NY is an online platform dedicated to connecting consumers with local farms and food businesses in New York State. The site features a comprehensive directory where users can search for nearby farms, farmers' markets, farm-to-table restaurants, and more. By promoting local food systems, the platform aims to support sustainable agriculture, boost the local economy, and provide consumers with fresh, high-quality products.

Additionally, it offers resources and information to educate the community about the benefits of buying locally sourced food.

CCE's Buy Local guide - <https://buylocalfoodny.org/home> something about finding local fresh produce and other products here etc. See what's in season etc.

## A New Year Goal: Cultivate Success with Better Bookkeeping

Join us for a six-session virtual series designed to boost your knowledge about what bookkeeping services are available to help you excel in farm recordkeeping.

**6 Sessions from 12noon-1pm**

- January 16th - Meeting Goals with Keeping Books
- January 30th - Low(er) Tech Options That Still Work
- February 13th - Quick Books - Upgrading to On-Line
- February 27th - Other On-Line Options (Ag Squared, PC Mars, AmBrook)
- March 13th - More On-Line Options (Wave & Farm Raise)
- March 27th - Keeping Receipts, Comparing Packages: Pros & Cons

Program is team taught by CCE & Farm Net Business Management Educators and experts from the companies.

**Why This Program??**

- New to farm bookkeeping or experienced and looking to find more efficient or effective methods?
- Looking to learn and compare, firsthand, about various means and services?

**This program is for you!**

**Fee: \$60 per farm for the entire series**

**Register Here**  
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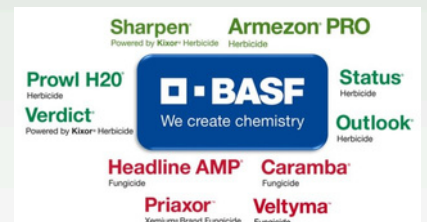
South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops Program



**Crop Protection**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**  
10 am Registration & Coffee  
10:30 –2:30 pm Meeting



**Village of Horsehead's Office**  
**302 S. Main St., Horseheads, NY14845**  
**2.5 DEC credits for 1A and 21-25 &**  
**CCA credits available**



- **Welcome and Introduction**  
-Janice Degni, Extension Field Crops Specialist
- **Weed Control Strategies for Corn and Alfalfa**  
-Kate Wheeler, Sr. Business Representative, BASF
- **ID, Epidemiology, and Management of Economically Important Diseases of Field Crops (Corn, Soybean and Wheat)**  
-Jaime Cummings, Crop Protection Agronomist, Syngenta
- **What We Have Learned from Value of Manure Studies**  
-Juan Carlos Ramos Sanchez, On-farm Research Coordinator,  
Cornell Nutrient Management Spear Program
- **Seedcorn Maggot Research Update**  
-Janice Degni, Extension Field Crops Specialist

**Registration Deadline: Feb 7. Cost: \$10/person** - includes lunch

Register by contacting Donette at 607.391.2662 or email [dg576@cornell.edu](mailto:dg576@cornell.edu) or register online at <https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=2495>

For Questions contact Janice Degni at 607.391.2672 or [jgd3@cornell.edu](mailto:jgd3@cornell.edu)

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