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NEWSLETTER

## EXTENSION UPDATES

### Saratoga Co. 4-H announces winners of Youth Video Challenge

Saratoga 4-H staff delivered trophies to winners of the Youth Video Challenge for the Virtual Saratoga County Fair. 4-H members were asked to submit videos about the animal species they would typically bring to the Saratoga County Fair. This video challenge provided youth an opportunity to show case their animals and knowledge of the species they care for. Videos were judged by educators and animal science professionals on Wednesday, July 22 and winners were awarded on Thursday the 24th.

The Saratoga County Fair is the most anticipated event of the year for 4-H members. Youth work year round to breed, care for, and prepare their animals to be shown at this annual event.

In the past, around 200 youth across the county participate in animal shows, species including: dairy cattle, beef cattle, horses, rabbits, sheep, goats and more! Youth and their animals are judged for cleanliness, animal confirmation, genetics, and other aspects of animal health. The cancelation of the Saratoga County Fair was devastating, yet youth came together to exhibit their animal in a fun and educational way.

The Youth Video Challenge for the Virtual Saratoga County Fair had three categories, Cloverbud (ages 8 and under), Jr. (Ages 9-12), and Sr. (ages 13-18). Cloverbuds receive participation awards and first, second, and third place trophies were given to the top three videos submitted.

[Continue reading to see the Trophy Winners and their videos.](#)



Julia Bodien with her Rabbit.

### USDA Investigates Packages of Unsolicited Seeds from China

USDA is aware that people across the country have received suspicious, unsolicited packages of seed that appear to be coming from China. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection, other federal agencies, and State departments of agriculture to investigate the situation.

USDA urges anyone who receives an unsolicited package of seeds to immediately contact their [State plant regulatory official](#) or [APHIS State plant health director](#). Please hold onto the seeds and packaging, including the mailing label, until someone from your State department of agriculture or APHIS contacts you with further instructions. **Do not plant seeds from unknown origins...** [Link](#) to complete article.



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**Please Note:** the type of seeds being sent varies; they all do not look like the above photo.

# The Capital Region (PRISM) Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management

hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County Updates from the Field

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**Education and Outreach** Coordinator Lauren Mercier will be conducting a month long webinar series. “PRISM Talks: Invasive Species a Zoom Series” will be hold every Wednesday in the month of August with the Crandall Library in Glens Falls. To register or for more info, please visit our Facebook page, online calendar or call the Crandall Library Reference Desk at (518) 792-6508 ext. 3, [www.crandalllibrary.org](http://www.crandalllibrary.org), 251 Glens Street Fall, NY 12801.



- Aquatic Invasive Species Wed. August 5th 11 am to 12 pm
- Backyard Invaders Wed. August 19th 11 am to 12 pm
- Clean, Drain, Dry Wed. August 12th 11 am to 12 pm
- iMapInvasives Training August 26th 11 am to 12 pm

Lauren is finalizing invasive species identification cards for production to be shared for partner uses and reporting.

**Terrestrial Invasive Species** Coordinator Nicole Campbell is working with the Schenectady County Invasive Species Council preparing plans for an invasive species management guide for county properties. Nicole will be conducting a few invasive species removals and surveys over the next two weeks.



## Planned Invasive Species Controls and Treatment

Partnering with New York State Thruway Authority Schenectady County

- Nicole will be wrapping up our post treatment monitoring and rapid response of Giant Hogweed Control. Our last site of the season is a new one on the I90 at mile marker 162.

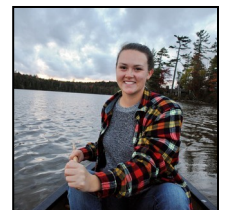
Partner with Scenic Hudson <https://www.scenichudson.org/about-us/staff/>

- Swallow-Wort [http://nyis.info/invasive\\_species/swallow-wort/](http://nyis.info/invasive_species/swallow-wort/)
- Wineberry [http://nyis.info/invasive\\_species/wineberry/#:~:text=York%20Distribution%20Map-Introduction,as%20breeding%20stock%20for%20raspberries.](http://nyis.info/invasive_species/wineberry/#:~:text=York%20Distribution%20Map-Introduction,as%20breeding%20stock%20for%20raspberries.)

Planned Invasive Species Surveys for High Threat Species Tier 1 and Tier 2

- Check out our Invasive Species Tier List at <http://www.capitalmohawkprism.org/plants1.html>
- Schoharie Crossing Montgomery County <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/27/details.aspx>
- Hudson Crossing Saratoga/Washington <https://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org/>
- Lassellville State Forest Herkimer County

**Aquatic Invasive Species** Coordinator Lauren Henderson oversees the Watercraft Inspection Steward Program which covers the Hudson and Mohawk River. The stewards actively engage with the public in detecting invasive species at public boat launches and educating the public. Twenty one stewards are working diligently across the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Herkimer, Montgomery, Orange, Saratoga, Schenectady, Ulster, and Westchester.



As of July 27, 2020, for this year's season, 8,707 vessel inspections have been conducted intercepting 215 high threat species from entering or leaving a body of water in our region. Stewards have interacted with 17,549 total individuals sharing a conservation message of Clean, Drain, Dry.

For more information <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48221.html>

The AIS team will be wrapping up a few aquatic surveys at Grafton and Moreau Lakes State Parks. The Survey Application and Collector Program is utilized to map aquatic invasive species. Lastly, Lauren will be training the Babcock Lake and homeowners on how to identify AIS Identification. Check out our websites:

<http://www.capitalmohawkprism.org/> and <https://www.imapinvasives.org/>

## Uconn CVMDL identifies Asian longhorned tick

Researchers are still uncertain of the diseases the Asian longhorned tick carries and spreads

The Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (CVMDL) at UConn is reporting the identification of the Asian longhorned tick. This is the first time that CVMDL has identified this tick species. The ticks were submitted to CVMDL for identification and testing from the State of New York. Our laboratory notified New York State Animal and Public Health officials of the findings. This information was also reported to the USDA per regulations.



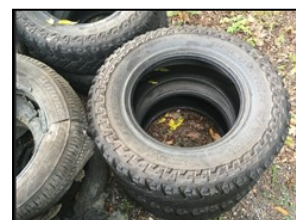
(Photo credit: Holly McGinnis, UConn CVMDL)

Ticks are disease-carrying arachnids that reside in moist areas, such as long grass and the leaf litter, and will latch onto humans and animals alike. Although there are many different species of ticks, people generally think of one tick species in particular when worrying about illness: the deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*). While the Deer tick is predominantly known for transmitting the agent that causes Lyme disease (the cork-screw-shaped bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*), it can also carry other disease-causing agents. A single tick can transmit more than one infectious agent.

<https://www.morningagclips.com/uconn-cvmdl-identifies-asian-longhorned-tick>

## Mosquito Breeding Site

Many of the mosquitoes that are a problem for people are classified as "container-breeding mosquitoes" because of their preference for laying eggs in containers with water. A common breeding site for these mosquitoes are tires that are left outdoors. These accumulate water and are difficult to drain. By reducing breeding sites such as this, we can reduce interactions with mosquitoes. For more information: [click here](#).



SOURCE: NYS IPM

## DEC reminds outdoor adventurers to follow the principles of "Leave No Trace"



In response to community concerns about increasing amount of litter left behind by visitors to New York's natural areas, DEC would like to remind outdoor adventurers to follow the principles of #LeaveNoTrace. DEC is receiving increased reports of visitors leaving trash behind after trips to State land, waters, and facilities, particularly in the Adirondack Park and the Catskills.

More info: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/120875.html>





## Why Trees Shed Leaves in Midsummer

1. During droughts, trees sometimes shed up to 10% of their leaves. This benefits a tree under special drought conditions because it then loses less water into the air. Loss of this much food-making capacity does little or no harm.
2. Vigorous trees may make too many leaves. This excess may suddenly drop in mid-June as a natural adjustment to summer heat and lower soil moisture. Such “physiological leaf-drop” does these trees no harm.
3. Trees’ inner leaves and twigs, which were “shaded-out” by the upper, out leaves, normally die for lack of sunlight. They drop off, leaving large branches bare near the trunk. This is normal, not harmful.
4. A whole tree may be shaded out by an over-towering tree, and then die, or two adjoining trees may mutually shade out the sides that face each other. So long as both trees remain this may look OK, but if one tree then dies, the other has only dead branches to show on that side!
5. Individual leaves may fall when shaded out by a dense crust of dark fungi called “sooty molds”. These grow on the sugary excretions of aphids. Once the aphids are killed, the sooty molds weather away and finally vanish.
6. Leaves may fall because an insect tunneled into the leafstalk (ex. Maple petiole borer), with only a very short piece of petiole remaining on the leaf blade. This affects little foliage and does no harm. It stops each year about 2 weeks after it begins. No spray is needed.
7. Leaves fall, of course, after attacks of fatal diseases like Dutch elm disease, or a sudden devastating injury like girdling the trunk, cutting off many roots, or freezing the roots in a bare winter. Here, it’s too late to do anything by the time the leaves are falling. On the other hand, slow attacks - over several years - even by a fatal disease like root rot or a gradual fatal injury, like smothering from fill or pavement or compaction or flooding (be it or water or gas) usually leads to more and more dead branches in the tree top, and to smaller leaves. But not to an abrupt leaf fall.
8. Leaves fall after local infection by certain leaf-spot disease fungi. In individual infected leaves pseudo-hormones trigger autumn-like abscission. Even if ALL the leaves fell (rare), a single attack would not be fatal to a broad-leaved tree. In so severe a case, a fungicide should be used the next spring, as leaves open, to be sure the tree isn’t weakened by repeated attacks. Leaf spots are most abundant after rainy springs.
9. Chemical injury: Effects depend on what chemical, what season, what temperature, what tree species, etc. Some chemicals discolor leaves but the leaves don’t fall. Some cause leaf fall but do not hurt the rest of the tree (new leaves come out). Others kill trees. Once such leaves fall, it’s too late. There is no treatment.
10. Clusters of fallen leaves, attached to short twigs, result from a twig-girdling insect or squirrel activity. If the former, a shallow depression encircles the broken twig end just inside the bark. If the latter, the break is diagonal and may have two or three small “steps”. There are rarely any threat.



**SOURCE:** Garden Clippings  
(Volume 30, Number 6) August 2010

*This article was originally written by Dr. Francis W Holmes, retired director of the UMass Shade Tree Lab.*

# Data Description of Survey:

## Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Equine Related Businesses in New York State

Prepared by Brianna Hughes, Resource Educator CCE Equine

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For the use of: Cornell Cooperative Extension Equine (CCE Equine) and The New York State Horse Council (NYSHC)

### Survey Response Description

Cornell Cooperative Extension Equine (CCE Equine) and The New York State Horse Council (NYSHC) partnered in mid-March 2020 to create a Covid-19 impact assessment survey for equine related business owners and managers in New York State. This survey was released in April 2020 with the objective to better understand the perceived economic impact COVID-19 had on New York State Equine related businesses.

The target population was businesses owners or managers of equine-related business in New York State, this included Feed Suppliers, veterinarians, horses lesson or training facilities, breeding facilities, transportation services and more. The survey had over 500 respondents that indicated owning a business that serves New York State. The majority of respondents indicated their business and being either a lesson or training facility or a Boarding Facility.

Businesses owners and managers were asked to report their annual gross revenue for a typical year, the 70% of respondents indicated their annual gross income as being less than \$100,000.00. Respondents also indicated if their business was considered essential under the Pause Plan. Sixty three respondents (13%) reported that their entire business was considered essential while 202 respondents (43%) reported parts of their business as being considered essential.

The questions "How Severe do you expect the effects of COVID-19 to be on your Business" 150 respondents (33%) reported the effects of COVID 19 to be Extremely Severe, 138 (29%) indicated Very Severe and 110 (23%) indicated the expected effects of COVID 19 to be Moderately Severe. Sixty six respondents (10%) indicated the effects of COVID 19 to be either slightly severe or nor severe at all.

There were 231 respondents (49%) that indicated they would be somewhat likely or extremely likely to make temporary or permanent reduction to staff due to COVID-19. While 131 respondents indicated somewhat unlikely or extremely unlikely to temporarily or permanently making reduction to their staff. There were 105 respondents (23%) that indicated neither likely nor unlikely.

There were 228 respondents (49%) that indicated their business will incur or has already incurred additional expenses. One hundred and Sixty one respondents reported no and 69 respondents reported they were unsure to the questions "Will your business incur or has it already incurred any additional expenses due to COVID-19?"

For the questions "are you concerned that you may lose your business due to COVID-19 crisis" there were 159 respondents (34%) that indicated yes, 162 respondents (34%) that indicated no and 150 respondents (32%) that indicated they were unsure.

### Survey Discussion

The purpose of this survey was to provide an opportunity for Equine-related businesses owners and managers to report the perceived impact Covid-19 had on their business. It is clear that there is perceived financial distress. Over 30% of respondents indicated concern of losing their business while over another 30% of respondents indicated they were unsure if they would lose their business due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Despite the reported struggle equine-related businesses are encountering, 73% indicated not receiving any financial benefit for programs, loans, or tax credits to offset losses. Respondents reported "Applied for Funding but haven't heard back" and "Applied for PPP but haven't received any monies as of yet". Thirty seven percent of respondents reported needing financial assistance to keep daily activities of their business going. This survey provides insight to the equine industry and the economic distress that is occurring.

One respondent wrote that the Covid-19 crisis was "crippling any source of income- but we continue to have all or our normal expenses as horses continue to be fed and cared for which is a high expense...". Businesses are clearly indicating financial concern, more information is required gathered to better understand the severity of the Covid-19 crisis has been on the Equine industry in New York State. Should you have any questions please contact Brianna Hughes, CCE Equine Resource Educator at Bh548@cornell.edu or Sarah Collier, NYSHC Recording Secretary, at sara.collier@nyshc.org. Please view the links below for resources you may find useful as an Equine-related business owner or manager in New York State.

NY Forward Business Safety Plan Support for (Equine) Farms

[PDF of Equine webinar slides](#)

[Recording of Equine webinar](#)

[Best Management Practices: COVID-19 Equine Operations in New York State](#)

[Resources and Financial Assistance for Equine Owners and Operations During COVID-19](#)





CCE Equine is creating an updated directory for the Capital Region equine community. This directory will be available to the public on Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County's website.

If you would like your business to be a part of this valuable recourse, [please fill in your information on the form](#) and send it to Nicolina Foti at [nvf5@cornell.edu](mailto:nvf5@cornell.edu) or mail to CCE Equine, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa NY 12020

### Weighing Hay and Grain

This video by the University of Minnesota Equine Extension Program explains the importance of weighing hay and grain and feeding by weight compared to volume.

[View video.](#)



### Fly Control for Horses



This Lunch and Learn Webinar by the University of Minnesota Extension discusses Equine Fly Control.

[View webinar.](#)

### How Hard is Your Head? - Wearing a helmet is an important part of horseback riding. Choosing the proper design and build of a helmet is key to riding safely

Unfortunately, equestrian accidents and falls can happen at any time. While these accidents are a part of the equestrian world there are pieces of equipment that can help prevent some of the injuries that make these accidents life changing, if not life threatening. In this case, we are talking about headgear designed specifically for the equestrian. And we are talking about accidents that can occur in every discipline, to riders who are youth, adult amateur, or professionals! No one is exempt from a potentially life changing incident.

As more and more medical communities, equestrian organizations, and local and national sports organizations become aware of the dangers of multiple injuries to an athlete's head, the safest methods of protecting the brain has become a science, an industry, and even a mandate. While no helmet can protect against every head injury, studies show a dramatic reduction in the severity of injuries when a properly fitted helmet is worn every time you ride a horse....[continue reading article.](#)

SOURCE: PennState Extension



John Hudson Photography



## Northeast Dairy Farm Summary and Outlook Webinar

How are dairy farms doing as of mid-year 2020? Tune in to find out, Aug. 7th

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Join Farm Credit East for a webinar on Friday, August 7, from 12-1 p.m., that will discuss the 2019 Northeast Dairy Farm Summary (DFS), an economic analysis of the Northeast dairy industry, as well as a look at how dairy farms are doing as of mid-year 2020.

Farm Credit East's Director of Knowledge Exchange, Chris Laughton, will discuss the 2019 financial results as reported in the DFS. Following that presentation, business consultant Bill Zweigbaum will discuss the first six months of 2020 and what the second half of the year may have in store for Northeast dairy farms.



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Register for this free webinar by visiting [FarmCreditEast.com/Webinars](https://FarmCreditEast.com/Webinars), where you can keep up-to-date on upcoming webinars as well as find recordings of past webinars. Additionally, visit [FarmCreditEast.com/DFS](https://FarmCreditEast.com/DFS) to view the 2019 Northeast Dairy Farm Summary report.

Please contact Chris Laughton at (800)562-2235 or [Chris.Laughton@FarmCreditEast.com](mailto:Chris.Laughton@FarmCreditEast.com) with any questions.

**SOURCE:** Morning AgClips

## No room for accidents: Keeping farm kids safe

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*"Safety third!"* If your collar's blue enough, or if you keep company with a rowdy crowd, you've heard this mantra — maybe even utilized it yourself. Naturally, in the real world we know we can't always do things by the book and our risk-taking capability needs to be somewhat healthy. But when it comes to our youth, we want our margin for error to be as close to nonexistent as we can possibly make it.

Too often in agriculture, we become overly familiar in our surroundings; our workplace is usually the backyard after all. And it's easy to overlook how some of the greatest dangers rural youth may ever face is right there at home. What is common sense to you may be a foreign language to an under-developed frontal cortex. And [for every farm injury involving children](#), there was a family who liked to think such a horror simply wasn't possible

Farm accidents and hazards aren't easy to statistically quantify. There is no national repository for youth ag-specific injuries, and it is believed that as many as 88 percent of agricultural related injuries and illnesses go undetected under the typical medical surveillance methods of data capture. According to the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and



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Safety 2020 fact sheet available on their website, [cultivatesafety.org](https://cultivatesafety.org) (a valuable resource, I might add), a child dies in an ag-related accident every three days — and each day, 33 might be injured. And the data does tell us that minor work-related fatalities in agriculture exceed other industries. From 2001 to 2015 alone, 48 percent of young workers' fatalities occurred in some agricultural occupation... [read more](#).

**SOURCE:** AgDaily

## Soil Testing

We are still taking soil pH samples! CCE Offices are open to staff but remain closed to the public. Cornell Cooperative Extension Saratoga County Master Gardeners Program has a drop box located to the right of the entrance of the Ballston Spa building. Samples (plant, insect, soil pH) may be dropped off at any time. Please call the Master Gardener's Office at (518) 885-8995 if you have any questions.

[Please refer to this link for instructions on how to take a soil sample.](#)

Be sure to label each sample with your name and the location in your garden, e.g., rose bed, west lawn, vegetable garden, etc.



## For Nutrient Testing with Cornell Recommendations

Cornell University's research-based nutrient guidelines for both soil and plant tissue (tree- and small-fruit leaf and grape petiole) are available through [Agro-One Services](#). They provide more about their services, sampling instructions, submission forms (gardeners use [Form H](#)), and [pick-up points](#) throughout the Northeast.

<http://gardening.cals.cornell.edu/garden-guidance/healthysoil/>

## Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities

The [Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities](#) project is a research and education partnership with New York's urban gardeners and others interested in healthy gardening. We help people make informed decisions to address concerns about lead and other contaminants in gardens, farms, and other community spaces.

On this site, you will find information about: Soil Contaminants, Healthy Gardening Practices, Compost and other resources.

## Buy Local at Farmers' Markets & Saratoga County Farms



Each week throughout the growing season, the public can experience the freshest seasonal fruits, vegetables, herbs, bedding plants, perennials and fresh-cut flowers that are grown locally, with many being organic. Crafters offer body botanicals, soaps, fine millinery, pottery, handbags, candles, jewelry, and crafts. The local farms produce cheeses, yogurt, jams, wines, maple syrup, honey, free-range eggs, fish, pork, poultry, and beef, along with specialty foods that will keep you returning again and again for quiches, soups, sauces, breads, pastries, cookies, and barbecue. [Click here to find a Farmers' Market near you.](#)



Support our local farms! [Click here](#) for a list of farms compiled by CCE Saratoga Staff detailing their products and delivery methods during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## HOMESTEADING & SELF-SUFFICIENCY

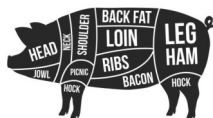
CCE Saratoga educators have created an [educational webpage](#) where people can learn all aspects of becoming self-sufficient and what it means to have a homestead. The informational platform brings together agriculture (Livestock & Animal Husbandry, Food Preservation & Preparation, Hunting & Gathering, and Planting & Growing recourses.

If you missed the 8-week video series for Homesteading and Self-sufficiency [you can find it here.](#)



### Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Facilities in NY

With everything going on in society recently, and the fear of meat shortages, people are going back to raising their own meats. Whether it is sheep, cows or pigs, unless you slaughter and process the meat yourself, you will be in need of a slaughterhouse or a meat processing facility. Our Livestock Association Program Educator Nicolina Foti has put together a list of slaughterhouses and meat processing facilities in New York state.



#### Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Facilities by County—[please see link for address and contact info](#)

##### ALBANY COUNTY

**Double L Ranch Inc.**  
**Old World Provisions, Inc.**

##### CATTARAUGUS COUNTY

**Kerr's Custom Butchering**

##### CAYUGA COUNTY

**Kevin's Custom Butchering**

##### CORTLAND COUNTY

**Manns Custom Meats**

##### DUTCHESS COUNTY

**Josef Meiller Slaughterhouse**  
**Malafy's Meat Processing LLC**

##### ERIE COUNTY

**Jim Simon Meats**

##### LEWIS COUNTY

**Red Barn Meats Inc.**

##### NIAGARA COUNTY

**Britt's Slaughterhouse**

##### ONEIDA COUNTY

**E&M Custom Meats**  
**NY Custom Processing LLC**  
OTSEGA COUNTY

**Trinity Meat Company LLC**

##### QUEENS COUNTY

**Slaughter House Inc.**

##### SCHOHARIE COUNTY

**Meat & Fisheries Processing Laboratory**

##### TIOGA COUNTY

**Red Brook Custom Meats LLC**

##### WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Champlain Beef Company Inc.**

**Locust Grove Farm**

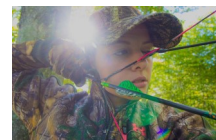
##### WYOMING COUNTY

**Warsaw Meat Packing Co.**



### Online Bowhunter Course

Hunters in New York can now earn their bowhunter education certificate online. A bowhunter education certificate is required for hunters who use a bow and arrow to hunt deer or bear. All hunters must also complete a mandatory hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license.



The online course, which takes about 6 hours to complete, is open to New York State residents age 11 and older, but only those 12 or older may purchase a hunting license.

Students who successfully complete the online bowhunter education course and pass the final exam will receive their bowhunter education certificate.

The cost of the course is \$30.

The course can be accessed at <https://www.bowhunter-ed.com/newyork/>

The online course will be available through August 31, 2020.



### Growing Great Garlic

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Soon we will be seeing "seed garlic" for sale at markets and farm stands. Learn what it takes to grow great heads of garlic in your own garden. Planting, growing, harvesting, curing and preserving techniques will all be discussed in this online course offered via Zoom. Pre-registration is required.



#### Fee

\$10 per email address

To register and for more information, [click here.](#)

## Parents Apart

### An On-going Virtual Series

Children from families of divorce can suffer painful consequences, and yet children who are surrounded by support and given the skills and information needed to cope with the situation suffer fewer painful consequences. CCE is certified to teach and offer this program to provide parents with information about the impact of separation and/or divorce on both themselves and their children. Call or email us today to sign up for this ongoing, resourceful series and learn how you can help your children thrive during a difficult transition.



**Parents Apart**  
AN ON-GOING VIRTUAL SERIES

We can help divorced or separated parents understand what their children are experiencing and how to help minimize the trauma for their children during the transition.

This online program will:

- Provide information about the impact on children
- Help examine what parents and their children are experiencing
- Learn about strategies and resources to help reduce exposure to conflict

To sign up:  
Email Cathy at [cjs58@cornell.edu](mailto:cjs58@cornell.edu)  
or call CCE at 518-746-2560

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## Car Seats & Installations

CCE of Saratoga is committed to meeting the needs of county residents during this pandemic. Our Occupant Protection Educator has been working with all of the County Agencies so that those in need of car seats can have their needs met. Many families in Saratoga County are having babies and many children are getting bigger needing a different size car seat. CCE's Occupant Protection Educator has a few options for those families truly in immediate need and we have a set of guidelines for you to follow listed below:

1. Families meeting low income guidelines or that have been financially impacted with job losses, please call your case worker at any Saratoga County Social Service Agency to have a referral sent to CCE. If you do not have a caseworker please call our office at **518-885-8995 x 2228** and leave your name, return phone number and information about your child's height, weight, age, type of vehicle (make, model, year). Your call will be returned and arrangements based on your individual situation will be made to get you a car seat to meet your child's needs and properly installed.

2. If you have a car seat and need help with proper installation, please call our office at **518-885-8995 x2228** and arrangements will be made.

3. CCE can offer virtual installation opportunities and if you are not able to do a virtual installation, we can make an appointment to meet using safety guidelines.

For more information on Child Passenger Safety please [click here to view our brochure](#) or click on <http://www.safeny.ny.gov>

Or: <http://www.nhtsa.gov>

Or: <http://www.safekids.org>



## Want to Join 4-H?

Even though our programming has been impacted by COVID-19, we are still taking new 4-H members. If you or someone you know would like to become a 4-H member, you can call and leave a message for Leland at 518.885.8995 or email [g1b76@cornell.edu](mailto:g1b76@cornell.edu).



## Saratoga County 4-H Alumni Facebook Group



We are excited to announce the launch of our Saratoga County 4-H Alumni Group. We hope this group will help our 4-H Alumni connect with their fellow 4-H'ers!



## 4-H Teen Zoom Meet-Ups and Virtual Interstate Exchange

Saratoga County 4-H Teen Council is hosting weekly Zoom meet-ups for our 4-H Teen members so that we can all stay connected while social distancing. Each week we talk about things that are going on in our lives, share ideas for staying busy and play fun games.



We are also arranging Virtual 4-H Teen Exchanges with other states. All teens are invited to participate in these fun exchanges and meet new 4-H friends from across the country!

If you would like more information about how to join these meet-ups, please email Leland at [g1b76@cornell.edu](mailto:g1b76@cornell.edu)

## Bees! Diversity, Evolution, Conservation



This online exhibit is based on the physical “Bees! Diversity, Evolution, Conservation” special exhibit that went on display at the Museum of the Earth in September 2019 and will remain open through August 2020. The physical exhibit was developed in conjunction with [Bryan Danforth](#), professor and chair of the Department of Entomology at Cornell University with grant support from the National Science Foundation and the Tompkins County Tourism Program. Additional acknowledgments and photographs of the original exhibit may be found [here](#).

[This online exhibit will explain Bee Diversity, Bee Evolution and Fossil Record, Bee Biology, Bee Behavior, Bee Nesting, What Bees Eat and Pollination, Bees and Agriculture, Threats to Bees, and Frequently Asked Questions.](#)



## You still have time to attract hummingbirds!

From The Almanac for Kids



Hummingbirds are all-American birds. They exist only in South, Central, and North America - nowhere else in the world. Altogether, there are 339 species of hummingbirds. In the spring, 21 species fly thousands of miles northward from Mexico, Costa Rica, and other southern places to visit the United States and Canada. In the fall, they return to their southern homes.

Although hummingbirds usually weigh less than an ounce, these tiny birds have a lot of energy. When the wind blows in the direction that they are flying, they can travel up to 50mph.

[Learn how to invite hummingbirds into your yard](#) with nectar, water, shelter to nest and maybe to nest.







## Eva Anderson

Eva Anderson has been showing her animals with 4-H for five years. This year would have been her sixth year, and although she was not able to bring her animals to the Saratoga County Fair this year she still participated in the Saratoga County Virtual Fair video challenge and won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Jr. division. Eva cares for and shows sheep, cows, rabbits, chickens and ducks. Her favorite species to work with is cows because she works with them the most and she enjoys handling them more than sheep because of how you set them up.

This summer, Eva has spent a lot more time playing with her rabbits and chickens in the yard. On a normal day, Eva helps pick vegetables on her family farm, does animal chores, helps at the farm stand selling produce and masks, and watches a movie after a the long day is done.

In addition to 4-H, in a typical year, Eva plays soccer, basketball, volleyball and softball. The 4-H clubs Eva belongs to are Galway Growers, Beefy Bunch, and Saratoga Shepherds. Her favorite thing about 4-H is fair week. Eva said her favorite thing about fair is caring and showing her animals and fair food (specifically mac & cheese and sausages)!!

The Saratoga County 4-H staff is continually impressed with Eva's good attitude and great work ethic, we can't wait to see what you do at fair next year and in 4-H in the years to come. Great job with your educational videos this year!!!



## 4-H Leaders Association Chicken BBQ

### CHICKEN BBQ SPONSORED BY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

**New Location**  
**Saturday, August 22nd**  
**4:00-7:00pm**

CCE Office  
50 W. High St  
Ballston Spa  
Drive-Thru  
Service

\$14  
1/2 Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Coleslaw  
Dinner Roll  
Smith Apple Pie  
Bottle of Water

Place your order online at:  
[ccesaratoga.org/4-h/bbq](http://ccesaratoga.org/4-h/bbq)  
Or Call 518.885.8995



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The 4-H Leaders Association is proud to sponsor this Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ. The event will take place on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 -7 PM with all proceeds to support 4-H scholarships and programming. The members of the 4-H Leaders Association will be following all COVID-19 cleanliness and social distancing guidelines while carefully preparing a delicious menu for you and your family to enjoy! All you have to do is pre-order by August 8<sup>th</sup> by [clicking here](#), then go to the Extension Office at 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa to pick up everything you will need for your dinner! ...Contact [Greg Stevens](#) with any questions.



**\* Please note: New Pick-Up Location**

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