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CORNELL CENTER AT EFD ADDS VALUE TO SHOW AND NY AGRICULTURE WITH PROGRAMS AND ASK THE EXPERTS AREA

From farm to market, garden to field and classroom to home, the Cornell Center promises something for Empire Farm Days visitors of all ages. Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) programs invite you to join in the fun as we add value to New York agriculture.

Talk to the experts, find abundant information on everything from wine to cockroaches, and bring your bugs and sickly plants for identification by our specialists. Sample New York cheese, apples, fresh-roasted corn, maple cream, and food products developed with Cornell expertise. Talk to specialists on farm management issues, farm transitions, value-added agriculture products, and agriculture issues important to you. Find out how the Department of Education is preparing effective teachers and leaders, conducting and applying research, and offering local and global outreach.

Ask the Experts begins at 9 a.m. daily. Experts from CALs and other organizations will answer your questions on four hot topics:

Organics

- Talk to folks who farm organically and learn what they know.
- Discuss the who, what, where, why, and how of organic certification.
- Find out how to transition to organic milk production by talking to representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Quality Milk Production Services, and Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York Inc. (NOFA-NY).
- Find out about organic grain production from Lakeview Organic Grain in Penn Yan, N.Y.
- Learn from the experts at Cornell's organic farm in Freeville.

Bio-energy resources

- Methane digesters: Get the facts from Cornell biological engineers.
- The Northeast Sun Grant Initiative at Cornell: What does it mean?
- Green energy: Who's growing switchgrass, corn, soybeans and wheat for fuel? What's the future for green energy?



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Invasive species

- Plants, fish, and aquatics: The battle against invasive species continues in the field and in the water. Talk to Cornell specialists who know what invaders to pay the most attention to and what you can do about them.
- New threats are identified all the time. Which ones do you need to be aware of?

Veterinary medicine

- Talk with experts from the Department of Clinical Sciences at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Here's some of the many programs you'll find at the Cornell Center

Agriculture Education, ALS Alumni Association, CALS Admissions, Cornell Ag and Food Technology Park, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cornell Maple Program, Cornell Sheep Program, FFA, LEAD New York, New York Agriculture in the Classroom, New York Ag Innovation Center, New York FarmLink, New York FarmNet, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, New York State Integrated Pest Management Program, New York State Seed Testing Lab, Northeast Plant Diagnostic Network, Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic.

WOMEN FOR NY WINES AND MCCADAM CHEESE HOST TASTINGS

Visitors can stop in the Empire Building and be treated to a taste of NY's finest wine and cheese hosted by Women for NY Wines and McCadam Cheese.

CALS & ALS ALUMNI RECEPTION

On Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., CALS and the ALS Alumni Association host a reception for Cornell alumni and friends in the Cornell Center. Stop in for a cold drink, ice cream from the Cornell Dairy Store, and a visit with old friends.