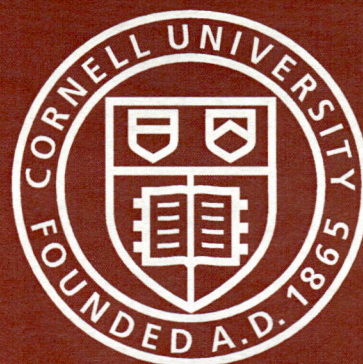




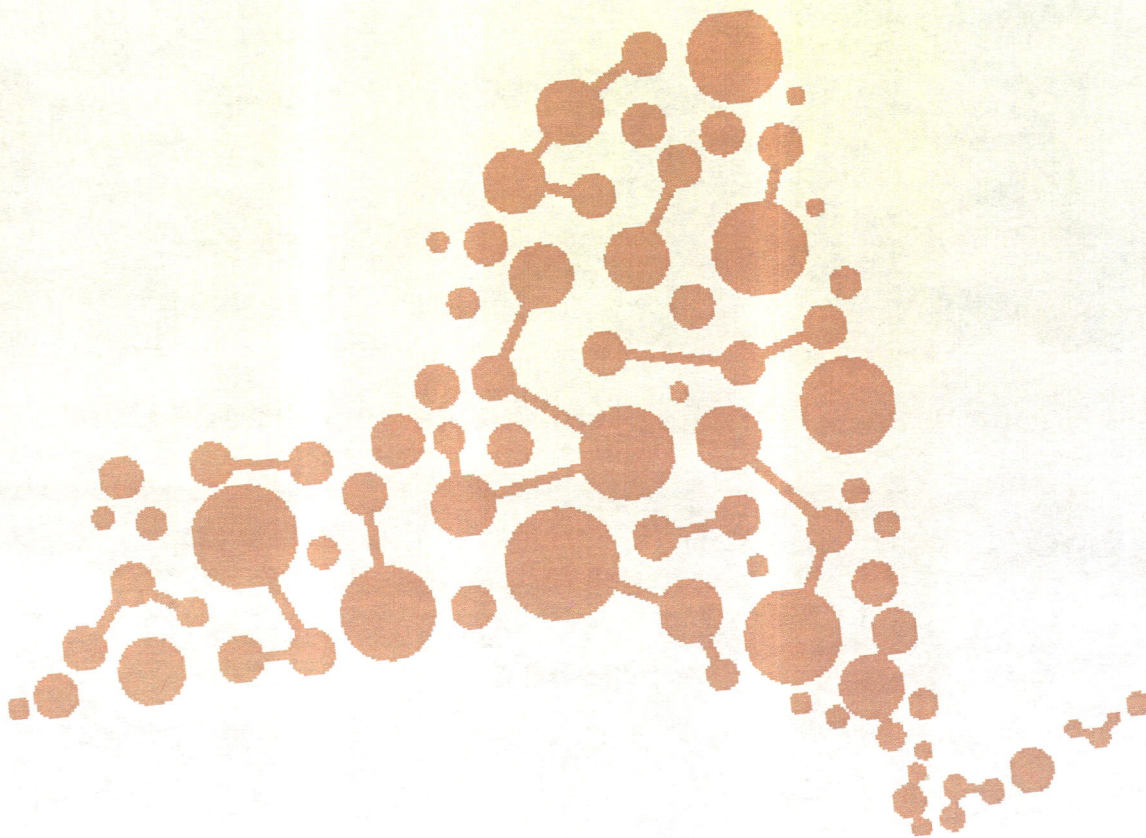
Cornell Cooperative Extension | **Columbia and Greene Counties**

Annual Report 2025



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From the Executive Director

The year 2025 was marked by significant accomplishments across our programs, made possible through the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers.

In Acra, we successfully rebuilt the hoop house, enabling the Master Gardener Program to initiate seedling production and offer a wider range of educational classes.

In Greene County, our agroforestry program continued to advance, providing logger training, forest farming programs, silvopasture, and riparian buffer and other essential skill-building opportunities for producers, landowners and entrepreneurs.

At the Extension Education Center in Hudson, we hosted the second annual Agriculture Expo in July, an event that continued to expand its reach and impact.

Across both counties, our Agriculture Educator and Community Horticulture Coordinator broadened programming efforts, delivering educational sessions in libraries, community centers, nurseries, and on local farms.

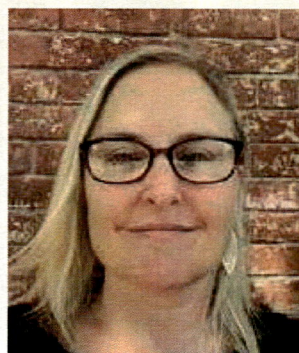
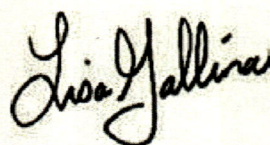
The Family and Consumer Sciences Program sustained its positive influence on individuals and families, offering Parenting Education, Anger Management, and additional supportive services.

Our 4-H Youth Development Program experienced notable growth in both club-based and independent membership, reflecting increasing community engagement and interest. Youth participated in programs such as Archery, Public Presentations, and Environmental Awareness Days. 4-H staff led lessons in after-school programs for both counties.

Within our Watershed & Food Systems staff worked in areas such as municipal resiliency planning, heat emergency plans, local emergency preparedness and the Hudson River Eel Project. A Healthy Cooking Program, funded by Columbia County, was introduced for the first time.

As you review this report, you will find examples of the exceptional work being conducted across our organization and the success stories of those we serve. With the continued commitment of our staff, volunteers, and partners, I am confident that we will further strengthen the health, resilience, and well-being of our communities.

Lisa Gallina



Family and Consumer Sciences

The Family and Consumer Sciences Program (FCSP) continues to offer multiple opportunities for families to receive parenting, nutrition and anger management educational services within Columbia County and Greene County. The In-home Parenting Program, funded through a contract with Greene County Department of Social Services, provides free, in-home parenting lessons to families exclusively referred by the Greene County Department of Social Services. The program currently offers in-home and virtual zoom-based lessons. In our partnership with Greene County Department of Social Services, we have provided effective and evidence-based education to over 64 families.





Parenting Education

In 2025, our FCSP has continued to partner with Columbia County Department of Social Services to provide in-home parenting and anger management lessons to families exclusively referred by Columbia County Department of Social Services. Through this program we have provided effective and evidence-based education to over 15 families.

The **Parenting with Confidence Program** is supported through a grant from the Dyson Foundation and is open to all caregivers in Columbia County and Greene County. The program currently offers free in-home lessons or remote lessons via zoom. Our Parenting with Confidence Program often collaborates with other organizations to offer free, 6-8-week group-based parenting skills series. Within 2025, the FCSP has

collaborated with Twin Counties Recovery Services, Mental Health Association, Greene and Columbia County Sheriff's Office to bring classes into jails, and Head Start. Our parenting program's major goal for 2026 is to continue to increase our community-based classes by collaborating with other community-based agencies/organizations providing support to our local families.

During 2025, our **Dyson Parenting Program** has reached over 62 families. Dedicated parenting educators provide support to families through education, skill demonstration and as empathetic listeners for caregivers dealing with the difficult job of parenting in an ever-changing landscape.

Our educators' services are vital to the success of our local families.

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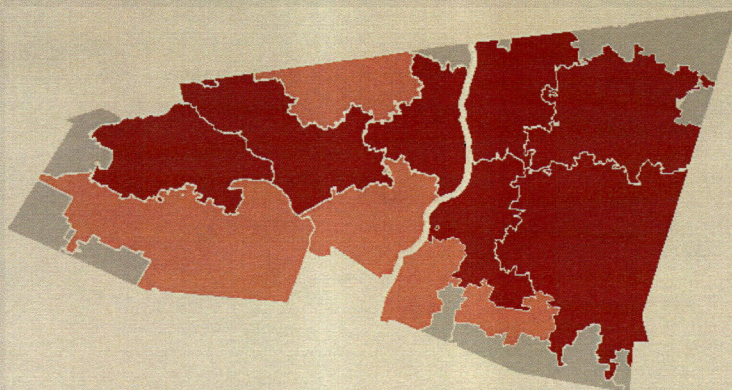
Often our participants request to continue services and prefer our educators to maintain a presence in their lives. Educators are able to continue to provide parenting support to those who have participated in our long-term parenting programs through the Department of Social Services. Our families often reach out to our educators for continued guidance and support pertaining to issues regarding parental loss, co-parenting, separation, difficulties at school and/or home.

These visits have helped families avoid further contact with Child Protective Services as they can get the help they need before the situation becomes a crisis.

Our parenting educators often inform and provide our families with connection to vital resources such as food and clothing pantries, affordable mental and physical health services, legal aid, educational and training opportunities by providing connections or making referrals to other community partners. Over 140 families have received parenting education and support throughout our three programs.

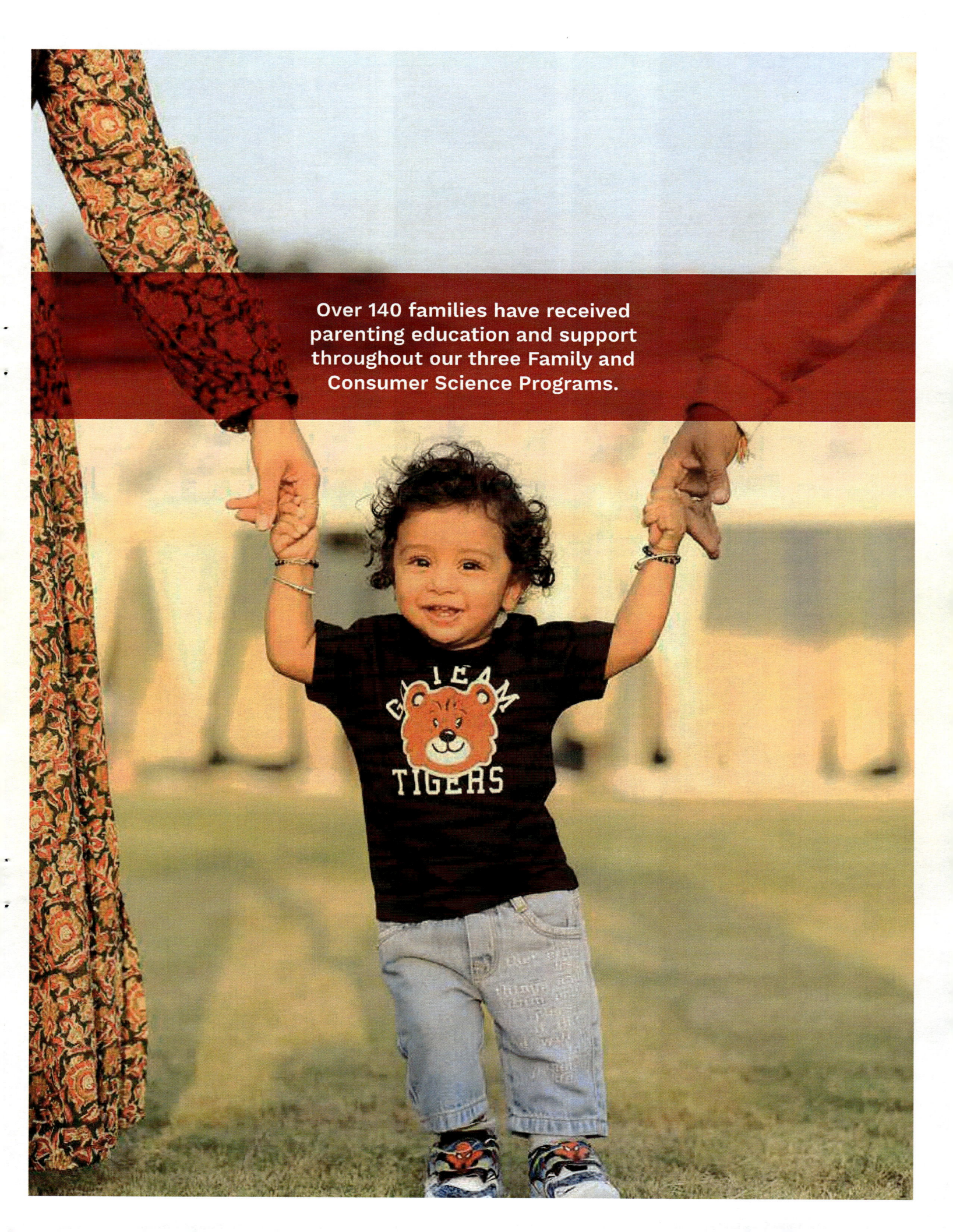
Anger Management

Anger Management Educational Series were provided by a certified Anger Management Specialist to all residents of Columbia County and Greene County. The **Anger Management Program** is a low-cost 8-week series held primarily at our Hudson Education Center. Class series are offered multiple times per year and open to the public. Our community-based classes reached over 15 participants in 2025. In 2025, a summer anger management workshop was offered to youth aged 13 to 17. Six youth participated and received certificates of completion. Our 2026 goal is to increase the number of participants in our anger management programs. Cornell Cooperative Extension encourages outside agencies to partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer low-cost anger management series within their agencies, schools and/or organizations.



School Districts We Worked With In 2025

-  School districts staff have visited
-  School districts volunteers have visited
-  School districts CCE was not involved with or are based outside the two counties.



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4-H Youth Development

By engaging over 2,800 youth through 4-H programs, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties offers a robust youth development program under the 4-H banner.

Our 4-H programs encompass a diverse range of formats and locations, ensuring accessibility and catering to the interests of all youth, from rural to urban communities, ages 5-19. During the 2024-2025 4-H program year, we reached over 2,800 youth through our various 4-H offerings. These included after-school programs, summer camps, workshops, clubs, special events, and traditional community-based programming delivered in collaboration with schools and other organizations. Through this comprehensive approach, 4-H continues to be a leading force in enriching the lives of young people in Columbia County and Greene County.



Mountain Waterfalls 4-H club and Invasive Species Action Team partnered with the Catskill Center to install boot brush stations at Catskill Mountain Trailheads in Greene County with funding from the NYS DEC.



ThinkDIFFERENTLY Space at the Columbia County Fair

At the Columbia County Fair, 1,216 people stopped in to experience our Sensory Safe Space. This room was designed for neurodivergent youth to get away from the loud noises and bright lights of the fair while also enjoying some free play. Over 400 children and adults were taught proper hand washing creating a safer fair for all.

4-H is for ALL Kids. 4-H welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better. If a program has ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the title, it has been created with a focus on working with neurodivergent learners. These programs are also welcoming to all youth.

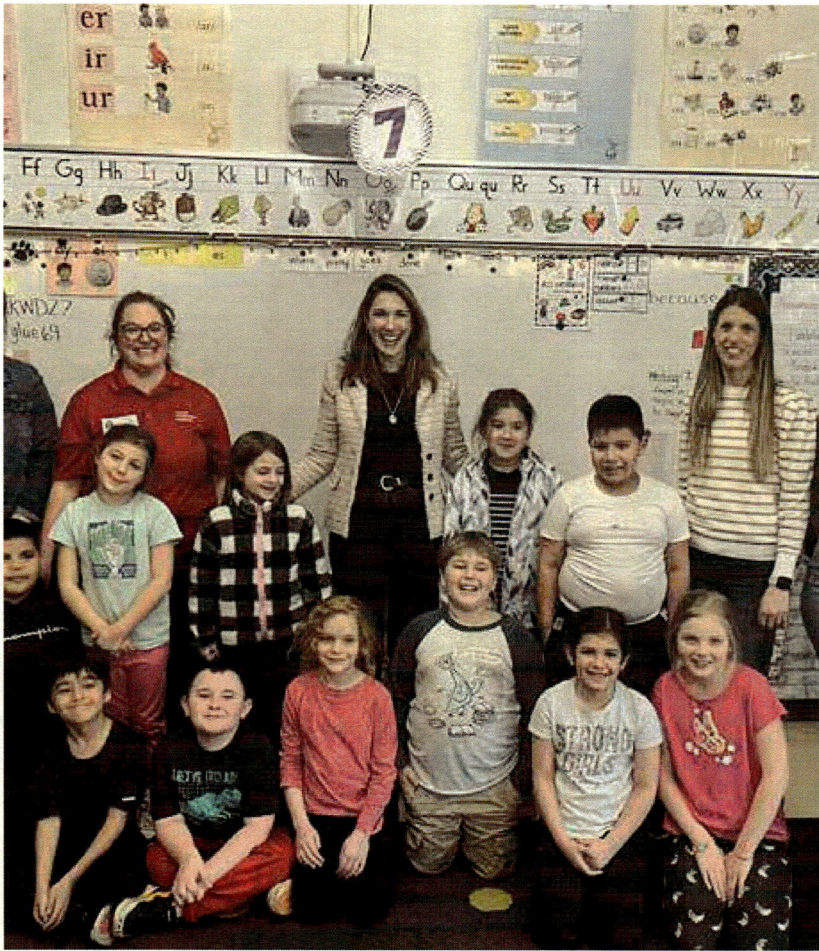
Dairy Quiz Bowl

The Columbia & Greene and Fulton & Montgomery Counties Senior Team of Robert Pautz, Marian Pirrone, and Elaina Wells (Fulton & Montgomery) came in first place at the Capital District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Event. Robert Pautz was the second-place Senior Individual and Marian Pirrone was the third-place Senior Individual. The Columbia

& Greene/Rensselaer/Washington Counties 4-H Junior team came in first place and the Columbia & Greene 4-H Junior team came in third place in their division. Columbia & Greene 4-H Junior team members included Dorothy Kress, Alex Pirrone, Noah Ooms, Teegan Rivers, and Kaleb Rivers. Noah Ooms was the sixth-place Junior Individual. Robert, Marian, and Noah were invited to participate in the State Dairy Bowl Competition! Thank you to all the involved parents and volunteers, especially Roy Denniston and Roberta Keller who put in countless hours as coaches for our teams.

New York State 4-H held the State Dairy Quiz Bowl Competition at Cornell University in April. The Capital District Senior Team was coached by Columbia & Greene 4-H Volunteer Roy Denniston and included Columbia & Greene 4-H members Robert Pautz and Marian Pirrone. The team came in fourth place overall, and Robert Pautz was the 5th place Senior individual! Congratulations to all the participants.

4-H engaged over
2,800
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 more participants
 than 2024.



Agriculture Literacy Week

Over 1,150 students participated in Agriculture Literacy Week in Columbia County and Greene County. Senator Hinchey joined us as a guest reader at Taconic Hills Elementary School in Columbia County.



4-H at the NY State Fair

Thirty-two 4-H projects made by Columbia and Greene 4-H members were on display at the 2025 NY State Fair in Syracuse. Alexander and Marian Pirrone participated in the Poultry Science Competition at the New York State Fair. Marian came in first place for the seniors, and Alexander came in eighth place for the juniors.

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people utilized the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Sensory Safe Space at the Columbia County Fair.

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Youth projects made it to the New York State Fair.

4-H Archery

Thanks to the continued financial support of the Columbia County Youth Bureau we offered two introductory archery workshops and two 4-H Archery Special Interest Clubs. Twenty youth participated.

4-H Art Show

The **4-H Art Show** was held for the third year at the Agroforestry Resource Center and featured art created by 4-H youth. This was the biggest Columbia and Greene 4-H art show yet! The proceeds from sales of the artwork serve as a fundraiser for 4-H.

Public Presentations

Over 40 4-H members participated in our local Public Presentation Day events. Five youth from our counties participated in the district level 4-H public presentation event. Robert Pautz of Greene County and Harriet Kress of Columbia County were invited to submit a video of their presentation for consideration to the Virtual Northeast Speak Up Festival.

Environmental Awareness Days

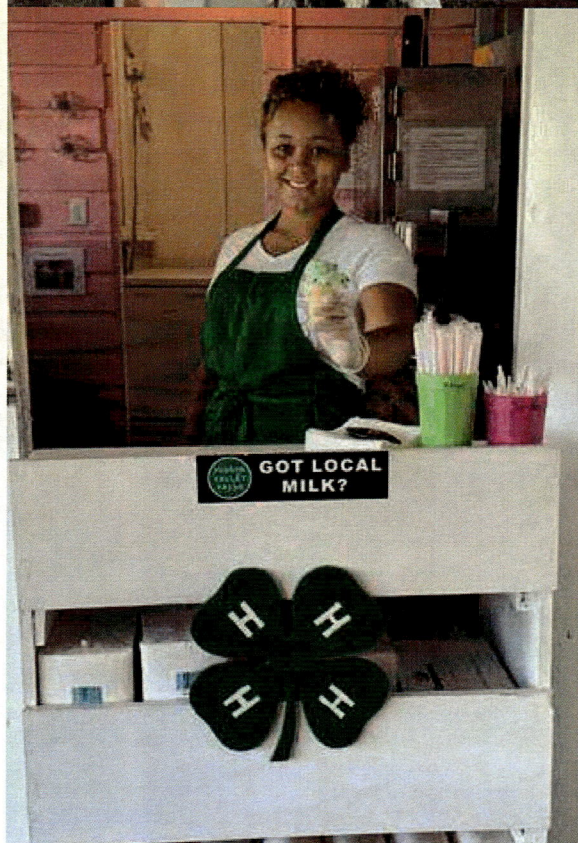
Over 340 students participated in **Environmental Awareness Days** in Columbia and Greene Counties. For more than 50 years we have hosted the program (formerly known as Conservation Field Days) in the Siuslaw Model Forest in Acra.

Active in our Schools

4-H staff led over 150 lessons in after-school programs spanning both counties.

Other District and State Events

- One 4-H youth and 4-H staff attend the Capital District 4-H tractor safety certification course.
- One 4-H member participated in the 4-H Capital District Livestock Skillathon Event.
- One Columbia & Greene 4-H youth and one Columbia and Greene 4-H educator attended Career Explorations at Cornell University.
- The **Evarts Engineers Robotics 4-H Club** traveled to Long Island for the State Championship robotics tournament.



Community Horticulture

The Community Horticulture program had an impactful year supporting residents of Columbia and Greene Counties through hands-on education, volunteer engagement, and initiatives that strengthened local food systems and community partnerships.



Hoop House Restoration

In 2025, staff and Master Gardener Volunteers restored CCE's long-standing hoop house, returning the structure to active use after years of limited functionality. Supported by volunteer labor, donated materials, and program funds, the revitalized space now supports seed starting, demonstration gardens, and educational efforts focused on season extension and food production. This project reflects strong community collaboration while preserving a shared resource that will benefit residents for years to come. CCE is grateful to Mary and Joe Kames for their generous donation of the original hoop house structure and their continued support.

Master Gardener Volunteers work on the hoop house at the Agroforestry Resource Center in Acra.

Columbia County Fair and Greene County Youth Fair Engagement

The Master Gardener Program introduced a newly designed interactive exhibit at both fairs, transforming the space into an engaging, hands-on learning environment for visitors of all ages. The refreshed display featured brightly branded, reusable educational posters delivering clear, practical guidance on topics such as composting, invasive species, pollinator support, tick safety, water conservation, and integrated pest management.

Guests participated in experiential activities including a “Good Bug / Bad Bug” spinning wheel that sparked lively conversations about beneficial insects, along with seed identification challenges, animal track matching, leaf recognition, and hands-on herb exploration. These interactive elements encouraged fairgoers to test their knowledge, ask questions, and connect directly with volunteers. The updated approach strengthened community engagement while creating durable educational materials that will support outreach efforts for years to come.

Launch of Sage Advice

Master Gardener Volunteers launched Sage Advice, a quarterly gardening newsletter created to deliver timely, research-based guidance tailored to our region. Written and edited entirely by volunteers, the publication features seasonal recommendations, practical gardening advice, and environmental insights that extend CCE’s educational reach beyond in-person programming. Subscribe at ccecolumbiagreene.org/subscribe.

Local Food Donation and Demonstration Growing

Produce grown in our demonstration gardens, including crops evaluated through Cornell Cooperative Extension’s statewide Vegetable Varieties Trial, contributed more than 190 pounds of fresh food to community food fridges. Additional produce grown and donated by Master Gardener Volunteers further expanded the effort, increasing access to nutritious, locally grown food while modeling sustainable gardening practices.



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Agriculture & Natural Resources

Left: Outdoor Mushroom Cultivation Series being held in the newly redone hoop house in Acra. Opposite: Wild Edible Plants class is held at the Extension Education Center in Hudson.



Agroforestry

Agroforestry is the intentional integration of trees and shrubs into crop and animal farming systems to create environmental, economic and social benefits. For a management practice to be called agroforestry, it must satisfy the four "i"s: Intentional, Intensive, Integrated, Interactive. Our programs are designed to meet growers where they are at and to support their goals in land stewardship and food cultivation.

Agroforestry topics include:

1. Forest Farming programs, including maple, ginseng and mushrooms
2. Wild, edible plants and mushrooms
3. Multifunctional Riparian Buffers
4. Silvopasture (livestock integrated with trees)
5. Food Forests

The **Siuslaw Model Forest**, our 142-acre demonstration forest, has agroforestry practices of varying scales. Key demonstrations staff manage for education include a commercial scale shiitake laying yard, a food forest plot with native crops, a

large-scale understory planting with native food and medicinal crops along with deer exclosure fencing systems.

Beyond agroforestry, our model forest offers resources and programming to a variety of audiences including woodland owners, technical service providers, farmers, youth groups, college students and volunteers.

In 2025 over 450 people engaged in 15 tours and trainings in Siuslaw. Some of the groups that joined us in the woods include Columbia-Greene Community College students, SUNY Cobleskill students, Windham-Ashland-Jewett Science Club, Master Gardener Volunteers, Master Forest Owner Volunteers, Regeneron staff, forestry professionals, landowners and more. Siuslaw is also a home to active research projects. Siuslaw continues to host SUNY ESF fire ecology researcher studying the effects of fire on the hydrological cycle. Long term research projects include forest floor fauna monitoring, deer browse monitoring plots, and a Monitoring and Managing Ash project.

General Forestry Education

Throughout our work within the Natural Resources Program area, our team's primary focus is to support woodland owners and woodland stewards so forests are valued, cared for and expanded. 2025 featured a continued partnership project with The Nature Conservancy to offer forest carbon education for forestry professionals. 2025 Programming spanned diverse topics, including:

1. An overview of the Master Forest Owner Volunteer program
2. Maple Sugaring
3. Living with the American Black Bear
4. Wild, Edible Plants
5. Forest Impacts from Deer
6. Invasive Species
7. Forest Carbon
8. Forest Farming

Women Owning Woods

In partnership with the Watershed Agricultural Council and Columbia Land Conservancy, our association continues to support woodland education geared towards women by hosting a local chapter of this national network. In 2025, classes offered to this network included Women's Game of Logging Classes and an intensive Forest Management workshop along with routine 'Happy Hour' zoom meetings.

Master Forest Owner Program

Our Association continues its role as regional host for this program that supports woodland owners with a free visit from a trained volunteer. These visits help our landowners begin their woodland stewardship journey. 96 visits were conducted in 2025 with 107 participating volunteers providing management advice on over 4,700 forested acres throughout the region. Landowners list many reasons for requesting a visit.

In 2025, the top five reasons are:

1. General Forest Management
2. General Tree Health
3. Forest Regeneration
4. Invasive Species Management
5. Plant Identification

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Agriculture

In 2025 the association participated in a variety of outreach and educational efforts to meet the needs of our local farmers. 39 visits were conducted in 2025 throughout Columbia County and Greene County. Our Agricultural e-Newsletter was ramped up, with communications being sent to over 400 recipients monthly. Events that were coordinated or co-hosted by our agricultural program reached over 850 people. Topics included ticks affecting livestock, resources for new and beginning farmers, small berry production 101, growing outdoor mushrooms, growing ginseng, Silvopasture field day at Gansvoort Farm, Agroforestry field day at Arthur's Point Farm, raising meat rabbits, raising backyard chickens, small flock management, cut flower pests, agritourism with cut flowers, growing garlic, and learning to grow rice.

Focus areas of this work during 2025 included connecting farmers to funding opportunities, helping them understand where, how and who to access resources from and providing assistance to connect farm products to the Taste NY store. Our organization continues to connect farmers with the resources offered through the regional teams including 10 classes Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture and Harvest NY along with the Cornell Hudson Valley Research Lab.

Subscribe to Our Ag Newsletter

Sign up at CceColumbiaGreene.org/newsletter and select the checkbox that indicates that you want to receive emails about Agriculture. You can also email us at columbiagreene@cornell.edu to sign up.

Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture (ENYCH)

Growers worked with in 2025:

- Samascott Orchards
- Altobelli Farms
- Blue Star Farm
- Gibson Farms – Schodack Landing
- MX Morningstar Farms
- Hopedale
- Blackhorse Farms
- Bulich Creekside Farm
- The Lo Farm

Programs Offered in 2025

Program Name	Date	County
Let's Talk Ticks Watch Party	3/12	Greene
Maple Sugaring	3/2	Greene
New and Beginning Farmer Workshop	4/12	Greene
Small Berry, Elderberry and Blueberry 101	5/6	Greene
Holmquest Farm Talk: Raising Backyard Chickens	5/8	Columbia
Outdoor Mushroom Farming Series Part 1	5/22	Greene
Forest Farming Fundamentals	6/5	Greene
Meat Rabbit Webinar	6/10	Columbia/Greene
Small Flock Management	6/24	Columbia
Outdoor Mushroom Farming Series Part 2	6/26	Greene
Silvopasture Field Day Gansvoort Farm	7/10	Columbia
Ag Expo	7/11	Columbia
Rice Field Day	8/5	Columbia
Cut Flower Field Day	8/7	Greene
Growing Great Garlic	9/19	Columbia
Learn To Grow Ginseng	10/2	Greene
Agroforestry Day Field Day Arthur's Point Farm	10/15	Columbia
Hudson Valley Nut Festival	11/16	Columbia

Watershed & Food Systems

In concert with the Climate Resilience Partnership (CRP), CCE staff members worked with 12 Hudson Valley communities. This led to working on 13 projects/actions of the NYS Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program that enhanced their ability to adapt to climate change.

Municipal Resiliency Planning

One of the most important tools local decision makers can utilize to build climate resiliency and make lasting change in their communities is through their local plans and ordinances. The CRP utilized the CSC Climate Smart Resiliency Planning tool to help four communities review their existing plans, codes, and ordinances to identify gaps and vulnerabilities to climate change. CCE staff worked to review existing municipal documents and facilitated discussions with members of the community to complete the tool, identify strengths and opportunities for growth related to climate resiliency in the community, and prioritize recommendations for addressing identified gaps. The process also worked to encourage collaboration among elected officials and staff to address priority recommendations.

Heat Emergency Plans

Planning for extreme heat is critical for ensuring long-term resilience of a community and minimizing heat related deaths and hospitalizations. In 2025 the CRP worked with the Town of Hurley to develop a Heat Emergency Plan. Staff worked with the mayor, sustainability committee, County Emergency Services, local non-profits and more to develop a plan that identified the community's vulnerability to heat related emergencies, what assets and alerts are available to address future heat emergencies and how to inform the public, especially vulnerable

populations, on resources that are available to them during a heat emergency. This included the identification of cooling centers, an inclusive communication plan in both English and Spanish, and more.

Hudson River Eel Project: Partner Support

CCE Columbia and Greene Counties provided support to the NYSDEC Hudson River Eel project during the 2025 season, April 1st to June 3rd, by serving as the local partner at the eel net on the Hannacroix Creek. This project is vital for monitoring the population of declining American eels and aiding their migration. 59 new volunteers were added to the existing volunteer list of 255 for a total of 314 active eel volunteers for the 2025 season. This program provides important conservation data for state and federal agencies as they make management decisions. This project also provides an excellent opportunity for local students and volunteers to gain experience with scientific design and field methodology.

Columbia County Healthy Cooking Program

In 2025, we held nine Healthy Cooking Programs in Columbia County with ARPA funding provided by Columbia County. Each participant, via the current grant, is taught how to create healthy cost-effective meals in a hands-on format. At the end of each class, we eat together, and families can keep the cooking items so they can reproduce the recipes at home. Some items provided to participants: crock pots, pot & pan sets sauté pans, cutting boards, measuring spoons and cups, sets of knives, and sets of mixing bowls, as well as ingredients to replicate the meal.

Local Emergency Preparedness Education & Outreach Through Municipal Websites & Social Media

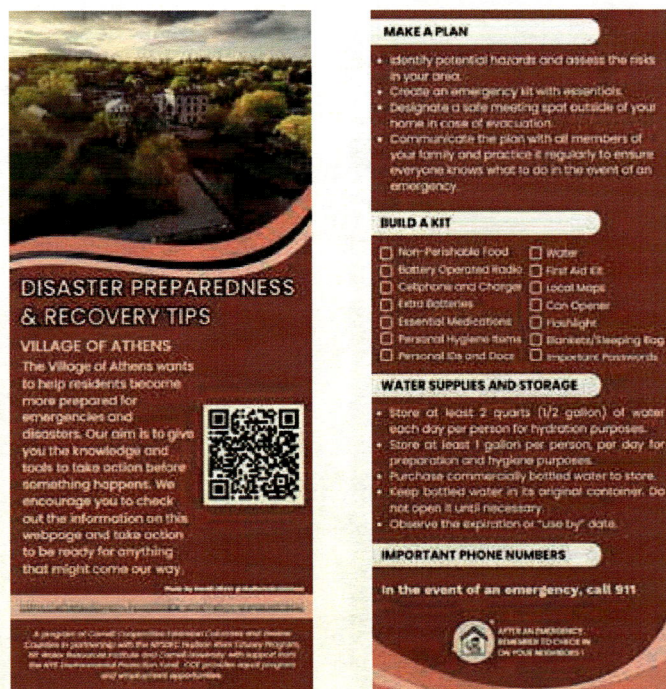
In 2025, CRP collaborated with four municipalities to develop and implement an education & outreach plan disseminating local emergency preparedness information to residents via their municipal websites, social media and print materials. This initiative stemmed from recommendations made in each communities' Resilience Policy Analysis. CCE staff worked with local stakeholders to identify, draft and post information that would be relevant to residents before, during and after a local climate hazard event. Information included locations of emergency shelters, community notification systems, locations of local warming and cooling centers, post emergency resources, how to prepare for a climate hazard event and much more. Print materials and social media posts, along with guidance for dissemination, were also developed to help communities get the word out. A community "tool kit" of new and existing printable resources was also developed to help engage community members without reliable internet access.

Climate Smart Communities Certification Assessment and Submission Assistance

In 2025, the CRP worked to help four communities in the Hudson Valley determine how many actions of the CSC Certification Program they had completed, which they could receive future credit for, and made recommendations for which actions to complete to achieve certification. This work functions as a road map for these communities and prioritizes additional projects that will increase their resiliency to climate change and better position the communities to apply for grant funding. CCE staff also worked with four communities in 2025 to submit appropriate documentation for completed actions in the CSC Certification Program.

Flood Preparedness Guides

In 2025, the CRP collaborated with the Village of Catskill to create a Municipal Flood Preparedness Guide, offering residents essential information on flood-prone areas, emergency shelter locations,



Copy of rack card created for the Village of Athens as part of their emergency preparedness education and outreach.

and pre-, during-, and post-flood actions. The Village intends to distribute the guide at with their tax mailings in 2026.

Incorporate Resilience & Sustainability into a Comprehensive Plan Update

A community's comprehensive plan provides a vision for how the community wants to grow over the near and long term. In 2025, the CRP worked with the Town of Hurley to develop a vision for their community. CRP staff provided guidance throughout the update process that worked to promote smart growth principles in land-use policies, conserve natural areas, decrease dependence on fossil fuels, minimize waste and more. This included incorporating recommendations from past CRP work.

Taste NY



The Taste NY Market at the Capital Region Welcome Center marked its eighth year of operation in 2025, having first opened its doors in November 2018. The store continued to be staffed with eight full-time and two part-time employees, with additional seasonal support during peak summer weekends.

The market remains committed to showcasing a diverse and evolving selection of products sourced from New York State farms and producers. In 2025, we welcomed several new vendors to the market, including Chris's Coffee (Latham), Crisp Cannoli (East Greenbush), Nonna Anne's Kitchen (Schenectady), Finger Foods Soup (Bloomfield), Cirrus9 Candy (Hudson), Sano Nuts & Dried Fruit (Howard Beach), and Hudson Valley Fish Farms (Hudson, NY). These additions further strengthened our product offerings and regional representation.

We continued to expand our marketing and outreach efforts throughout the year by hosting sampling events and creating new opportunities for vendor engagement. A key highlight was our first informational session for prospective vendors, held on November 6. This free, in-person workshop provided an overview of the vendor application process, store requirements, and opportunities available at the Capital Region Welcome Center. Attendees heard presentations from our store manager, current

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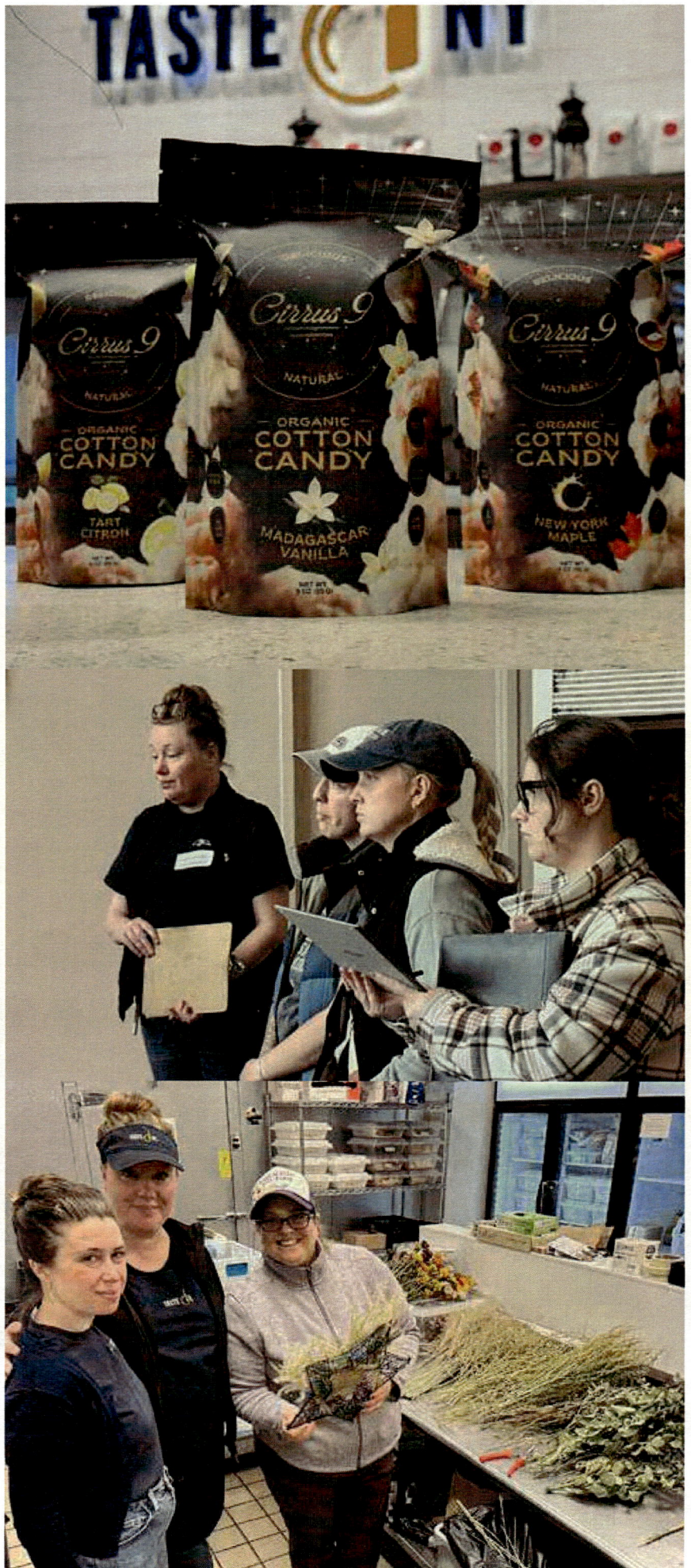
producers, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and Cornell AgriTech, offering valuable insight into participating in the Taste NY program.

In 2025, the Capital Region Welcome Center experienced a reduction in visitor traffic due to the reopening of multiple New York State Thruway rest stops located south of our site. Total visitor numbers reached 644,693 for the year, reflecting a shift in travel patterns that impacted overall visitation.

Despite these external factors, the Taste NY Market generated \$792,915.97 in net sales in 2025. While this represents a decrease from the previous year, the market maintained steady engagement and continued to serve as an important outlet for New York producers. Seasonal trends remained consistent, with peak sales occurring during the summer months and major holiday periods, including Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

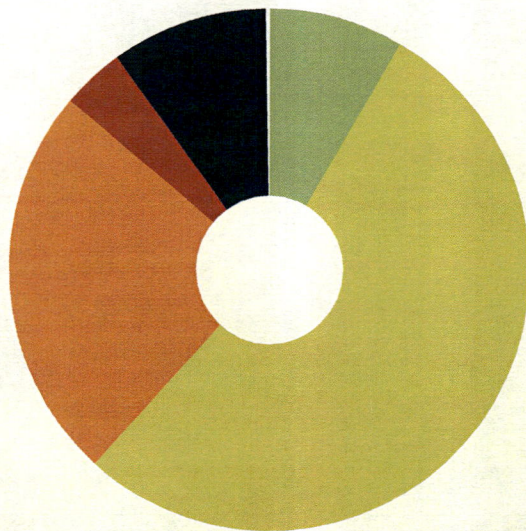
The Taste NY Market at the Capital Region Welcome Center continues to play a vital role in promoting New York State agriculture, supporting local businesses, and enhancing the visitor experience. We remain focused on adapting to changing travel patterns while strengthening partnerships and expanding opportunities for vendors in the year ahead.

Top: Cirrus9 Candy of Hudson was introduced to the store. Middle: potential vendors learned how to utilize resources from Taste NY, Cornell University, and the NY State Dept. of Ag and Markets. Bottom: Store staff worked with Hannacroix Farm to help create our tree topper for the 2025 Holiday Season



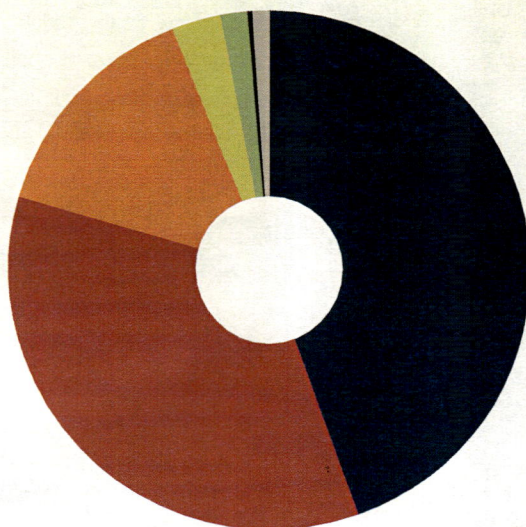
Finances

2025 YTD Revenues



- Federal \$306,302.37
- State \$1,938,267.66
- County \$880,628.54
- Private Grants/Contracts \$147,495.14
- Contributions, Fundraising, Program Fees, Other \$353,738.52

2025 YTD Expenses



- Salaries \$1,660,540.45
- Employee Benefits \$1,316,671.11
- Program/Operating Expenses \$534,771.23
- Regional Area Team/Association Support \$108,980.39
- Facilities Maintenance/Utilities \$63,194.24
- Interest Expenses \$14,393.62
- Expense of Fixed Assets \$36,064.00

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