High Tunnel Professional Development Event

For NRCS, Cooperative Extension and other Agency Staff serving agriculture

What: Skills-based training with classroom, discussion, tour, hands-on and networking sessions
When: June 5 (1-5pm) – June 6 (9am-3pm)
Where: Penn Yan, NY
Cost: $50, includes registration, dinner Thursday and lunch Friday; bus tour of multiple high tunnel sites and handouts.
Hosted by: Jud Reid and Amy Ivy

Yates County is the heart of the picturesque Finger Lakes region, and is home to the highest concentration of high tunnels in New York. Growers here use tunnels to produce everything from tomatoes to berries and bedding plants, including winter greens and even container-based vegetables.

This professional development event will take advantage of that diverse wealth of high tunnel structures, uses, and production styles. Thursday will consist of classroom sessions and group discussion, followed by a networking/social dinner. Friday will be a tour of several high tunnel facilities, including a manufacturer and a research farm.

A special focus will be hands-on skill trainings and demonstrations in the areas of:

- Pruning and trellising
- Variety selection, grafting, and disease control
- Site selection and modifications
- Scouting for pests

A sampling of other topics:

- When do tunnels make sense?
- Structures and their management
- Soil health
- Winter production and pest management
- Working with growers to effect change
- Grower perspectives

To register visit: http://cvp.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=207  Space is limited, and registration closes May 30.

Lodging: A block of rooms at the Penn Yan Best Western PLUS Vineyard Inn and Suites has been reserved for June 5 th at a rate of $134.99 for a double queen. GROUP NAME: Cornell Vegetable. Reserve ASAP for this rate! Further lodging options at http://yatesny.com

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