After a hot, dry season, vegetable and fruit growers are realizing climate change might change their needs for supplemental water to ensure profitability. Drip irrigation is the most efficient use of water for maximum benefit for crop health, but only if the system is set up right to start.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County, in cooperation with the Cornell Vegetable Program, is offering this in-depth introduction to drip irrigation systems, generally for small farm applications.

Presenters:
Penn State University irrigation specialist Bill Lamont will present tips and strategies for planning and designing a suitable irrigation system, plus maintenance and operations issues.
Cornell University’s Steve Reiners will cover irrigation timing for maximum benefit, how drip irrigation influences the health and marketability of vegetables, and how soil management plays an important role in getting the most out of irrigation.

Other topics: water source management and tips for controlling weeds and algae in irrigation ponds.

Registration fee: $40.00 per person (paid by January 31), includes a full lunch, handouts, the complete program, and answers from experts. After January 31, 2013, registration fee is $50.00 per person.

Registration options: 1. Pay by check: complete and submit registration information below with a check payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension. 2. Pay by debit or credit card: Online, secure registration available at http://cvp.cce.cornell.edu Cornell Vegetable Program website.

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