Cornell Cooperative Extension, The Cornell Vegetable Program, The CCE Lake Ontario Fruit Team, and the Produce Safety Alliance, along with assistance from the NY Dept. Ag & Mkts, will be presenting trainings for farm food safety – GAPs (including Harmonized GAPs).

In recent years, several food borne illness outbreaks in produce have made national news. Both the produce industry and the federal government have stepped up demands for fruit and vegetable farms to meet food safety practice standards known as GAPs.

A new program, Harmonized GAPs, has been developed to combine several food safety certifications into one program. In response, Cornell National GAPs Program and Cornell Cooperative Extension have developed a multi-day workshop geared towards the new program. However, the material presented along with the food safety template for farms to develop their own individual farm food safety plans will be helpful for nearly all types of 3rd-party audit certification programs.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
• What is GAPs?
• How does GAPs work?
• What does it mean for my farming operation?

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
• Write a food safety plan for your farm - A laptop computer is required for the second day. If you are not computer savvy, please bring a person with you that has computer knowledge and skills. If you need to borrow a computer please indicate so upon registration.

$200 for 2 days for one farm member; $20 per additional farm member for both days. Registration includes educational materials, lunch, and refreshments.

Register online at http://cvp.cce.cornell.edu or mail in your registration form and payment.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to pre-register by Friday, February 22, 2013. SPACE IS LIMITED!

For more information about this training, contact Sandra Menasha, CCE-Suffolk County, at smr45@cornell.edu or 631-727-7850 ext. 316.

Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County office if you have any special needs.

To see a full listing of upcoming farm food safety trainings, go to http://www.gaps.cornell.edu.