



Cornell Cooperative Extension

Diversifying Production on Small Farms

A Webinar Series about Opportunities

Whether you are an existing or aspiring farmer, join us for a five-part webinar series where experts provide overviews of diverse enterprises that might work for your business. Each webinar will take place from 6pm-7pm.

Registration is \$25 for the entire series, or \$5 each. A Zoom link will be sent to you when you register. Please register at least 24 hours before the webinar to ensure delivery of the link.

Register at bit.ly/DiversifyingProductionSeries

February 20—Basics of Mushroom Production

Steve Gabriel, Specialty Mushrooms and Agroforestry Specialist, Cornell Small Farms

Mushrooms are an emerging niche crop with many benefits including improving farmer stewardship of forested lands, and the ability to offer a unique and highly desired product. Steve will introduce students to mushrooms that can be easily grown in the woods.



February 27—Cracking Into NYS Nut Production

Sam Bosco, PhD candidate, School of Integrated Plant Science, Cornell University

Interested in learning about a valuable, highly nutritious food crop that grows well on marginal land and helps combat climate change? Go nuts! Temperate nuts are an emerging crop with a powerful potential for the future of sustainable NYS agriculture. Get introduced to the basics of growing nuts and receive an overview of the nut-work of people planting the seeds of a new industry.



March 5—Adding Poultry to Your Small Farm

Jason Detzel, CCE Ulster County, Ashley Pierce, CCE CAAHP,

Rachel Moody, CCE Orange County, & Michelle Proscia, CCE Sullivan County

Poultry production is relatively low-investment with a quick turnaround time, but farmers need specific skills to produce a product that is safe and profitable. This course will provide basic information to build a successful poultry enterprise.



March 12—Basics of Tree Fruit Production

Michael Basedow, CCE Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program

Planting and managing apples, pears, and stone fruit is a rewarding hobby and business, but it's not as simple as planting and picking. There is a lot that goes into successful orcharding! Mike will provide some of the bare essentials to help you determine if growing tree fruit is right for you.



March 19—Food Safety for Small Farms

Elisabeth Hodgdon, CCE Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program

Elisabeth is a regional vegetable specialist and farm food safety lead for the ENYCHP. She is actively involved in high tunnel research, invasive pest management, and pesticide and food safety education. In the final segment of our series, Elisabeth will guide the audience through a thoughtful approach to designing diversified farming systems with food safety in mind.



Small farms help revitalize communities, supply local food systems, and support ecological sustainability.

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Cornell Small Farms Program support local farmers' efforts to remain economically viable by utilizing diverse enterprises and marketing channels.

