

Department Name	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County
Account(s)	8753

Department Function
The mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is to enable people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work. Extension staff and trained volunteers deliver educational programs and trainings, conduct applied research, and encourage community collaborations. Our educators connect people with the information they need on topics such as commercial and consumer agriculture; food-systems; nutrition and health; youth and families; financial and energy efficiency; economic and community development; and sustainable natural resources and environmental stewardship. Our ability to link land-grant systems and university resources with community needs helps us play a vital role in the lives of individuals, families, businesses, and communities throughout Albany County.

Current Year Highlights
• More than 2,400 youth participated in hands-on 4-H Youth Development programming through a variety of delivery methods. An additional 1,960 youth participated in Dairy Education, a new educational outreach initiative for CCE. • Twelve second grade classes (650 youth and teachers) from the Albany public elementary schools came to the City of Albany Normanskill Farm to learn about farming and the importance of agriculture. • CCE volunteers donated more than 7,500 hours to extend our educational outreach. • Master Gardener Volunteers responded to over 5,200 inquiries through the Speakers Bureau, the Consumer Call Hotline and virtual programming. • Multiple Healthy Homes initiatives assisted approximately 2,000 Albany County residents to improve the health and safety of their living environment. • Over 3,500 Albany County households were provided with energy education and assistance through the HEAP Heating and Cooling programs. • CCE educators provided 600+ hours of certified lead poisoning prevention education and training for professionals. • CCE Community Nutrition and SNAP Ed programming reached more than 10,500 county residents. • Several hundred youth and adults participated in financial literacy education through virtual and in-person programs. • Positive parenting education was presented to 400+ parents and caregivers. • More than 1,000 families were informed about the safe consumption of Hudson River fish. • The Capital Area Agriculture and Horticulture Program professionals provided numerous trainings and workshops for local producers reaching well over 700 producers and new or beginning farmers.

Next Year Projects
• Public Health Fellowship Program- CCE Albany County will be participating with NYSDOH Public Health Corps and the ACDOH to enhance public health capacity. They will support COVID-19 vaccination operations and assist with increasing preparedness to respond to future public health initiatives and emergencies. CCE will recruit and deploy Fellows throughout the county. • Urban 4H- CCE educators will continue to offer on-going STEM and healthy lifestyles education, environmental stewardship, and career exploration to youth throughout the county. • Hudson River Fish Advisory- CCE Albany County will continue to deliver health information and educational materials to county residents who are at risk for consuming contaminated fish from the Hudson River. • Aging and Nutrition- CCE's Registered Dietician will continue to provide nutritional services for the county's Office for Aging, supporting and educating thousands of seniors annually. • Strengthening Families / Parenting- Parents and caregivers will continue to learn how to manage the impact of stressful life events on children, youth, and families. • Farm to School- CCE will implement a new NYS Agriculture and Markets Farm-to-School initiative in Albany County with the overall goal to increase the volume and variety of local farm products procured by school districts for inclusion in school meals. • Master Gardener Program- Master Gardener Volunteers will support new urban gardening projects in the City of Albany. • Clean Energy Education Program – CCE Albany County will collaborate with numerous organizations to provide a comprehensive energy program for residents, including clean energy opportunities and technologies.

Link to Website	http://albany.cce.cornell.edu/
------------------------	---