Once again NYSACAA provided an outstanding professional improvement event as the WNY region hosted almost 30 people for an action packed 48 hours. Right from the start, we were all in exchange-mode but as always the lessons we learn can come from unplanned sources. One great team-building exercise was creating dinner Wednesday night! Everyone learned something new as NACAA Charleston attendees brought a little of the national meeting flavor home.

The tours on Wednesday and Thursday provided some great exposure to a wide variety of equipment, information and application of our knowledge. From apples and beets to wind and worm sex, it was a wide-ranging view of agriculture in Western NY.

The takeaway from this great event was all of the exposure and cross-pollination we could see among the various staff members and programs. Hearing about projects, discussing successes and failures all serve to raise our abilities and the network we can access for continued professional achievement.

Thanks to all involved!

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