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In Onondaga County
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Agriculture and Food Systems



CCE staff provided complete cash flow analysis for 2 dairy farms looking to make changes to the business. Every aspect of the business was analyzed and a cash flow plan completed for the next 2 years using current and expected cost structures and market prices. In addition to cash flow planning several dairy farms received technical assistance for crop production practices, regulatory compliance and enterprise analysis.

CCE staff provided biosecurity training for watershed inspectors. As part of the effort to assist the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program CCE provided City of Syracuse Watershed Inspectors written protocol and hands on training to increase biosecurity on farms.

CCE staff provided technical assistance to the Fabius Energy Steering Committee in adopting renewable energy initiative and in seeking funding to implement strategies to decrease energy use and increase local renewable energy production.

CCE staff member participated in the NY Farm Viability Institute barrier identification workshop to identify barriers to growth of the renewable energy sector at the farm level in NYS. This workshop provides guidance to the NYFVI to target grant funds allocated to farm level energy production projects and initiatives.