

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Fourteen high school senior government intern students from three area high schools went to Albany where they

met with Senator Seward and Assemblyman Butler, visited the 9/11 Memorial at the NYS Museum, toured the Capitol building and Empire State Plaza and learned about State Government.

An all-day Connecting with Kids workshop was held in May with 50 youth workers in attendance. Ten speakers held morning & afternoon sessions and there was activity sharing time at lunch.

Approximately 800 area sixth-graders attended 4-H Conservation Field Days



and 470 fifth-graders attended Farm Safety Day Camp. All learned valuable lessons.



4-H received over 1675 orders for pheasant chicks from the "Raise and Release" program through the DEC.



AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

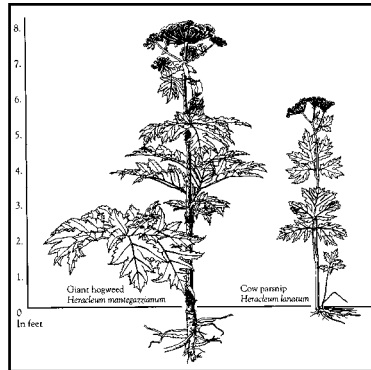
CCE organized a workshop on Insurance for Farmers at the Little Falls Best Western. Thirty attended. This workshop was sponsored by a FarmNet Grant.

As part of the 2007 Forage Quality Project, the CNY Dairy & Field Crops Team harvested an alfalfa/grass trial at SUNY-Cobleskill that looked at using alfalfa height to indicate when you should harvest grass.

The Second Rural Issues Community Leadership Conference was held at the Otesaga. 120 local officials attended. This event was presented by MVLAR, and sponsored by CCE Herkimer and others. Pat Hooker, Commissioner of AG & Markets and Senator Jim Seward were among the key speakers.



The Team continued work on a Bunker Silo Study which is now being coordinated by Dr. Larry Chase at Cornell. Additional data was collected on one dairy farm participating in this study.



Staff was requested by the Town of Russia to inspect invasive plants in the Military Rd. area. The plants turned out to be Cow parsnip instead of Hogweed, a common case of mistaken identity.

HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM

"Food Safety Update" was the topic of the April Health and Nutrition Forum held in Herkimer and taught by Donald S. MacMaster, Area General Manager, Sodexo Senior Services. Fourteen professionals and interested consumers attended the program.

Nutrition staff made 344 home visits to 85 families; 25 recruitment visits to 8 food pantries (259 contacts); and 7 visits to 5 WIC clinic locations (30 contacts). Seventy-six home visits were made to 23 Even Start families; and 28 Even Start Center programs were presented (136 contacts).

Cameron Miller, summer nutrition assistant, and Erin Murphy, summer program assistant, began working for CCE through the Herkimer County College Corps.

During June, Cameron worked in 20 WIC clinics, reaching 435 WIC participants; referring 63 families for CCE staff to make home visits. She is shown here at Herkimer WIC promoting the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

