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Tri-State Small Farm Expo Comes to Ulster County *Fun for the Entire Family*

The fourth annual *Northeast Small Farm and Rural Living Expo* (Small Farm Expo) is coming to Ulster County in 2004! Sponsored jointly by Cornell, Penn State, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Systems along with agribusiness, agricultural agencies, producer and commodity groups, and others interested in supporting small farmers and those living in the country in the Northeast United States the event takes place Saturday, September 18th & Sunday, September 19th at the Ulster County Fairgrounds on Libertyville Rd. in New Paltz.

The Small Farm Expo aims to provide a useful educational experience and networking opportunity for small farm owners and individuals interested in living in the country. It features demonstrations, workshops and classes on: commercial horticulture, risk management for farms, natural resources, equine/livestock and rural living. There will also be children's activities, demonstration gardens, farm animals, antique farm equipment and live music. A trade show will include exhibitors from agriculture agencies; commodity and breed associations; lending institutions; fencing, ag builders, and forestry supply companies; feed and animal health care companies, rural living product suppliers, seed companies; small farm equipment manufacturers; small farm owners; educational livestock exhibits and more.

Admission, including access to all classes, demonstrations, workshops and exhibits is \$5 per adult per day. Admission for children under 14 is free. A variety of food vendors will also be on site and farmers will be selling local products.

Information about activities, classes and demonstrations are available on the web at www.smallfarmexpo.org or from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, (845) 340-3990. Trade show exhibitors are welcome by contacting jjw11@cornell.edu or (845) 344-1234. For more information please contact Teresa Rusinek, at, 340-3990 or Les Holcoop, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County at 677-8223.

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