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**Grower Meeting for Organically Oriented Vegetable Farmers**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is hosting a **Twilight Meeting** for organically oriented vegetable growers on Monday, August 15, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Huguenot Street Farm in New Paltz. Huguenot Street Farm, an organic CSA located on historic Huguenot Street in the heart of New Paltz produces over 200 varieties of vegetables, cut flowers and herbs on 77 acres of fertile crop land. Growers, Kate & Ron Khosla will share their challenges and successes, demonstrate their electric powered tractor and tractor-drawn weed flamer (*a USDA approved organic method for weed and pest control*). Marguerite Wells, Coordinator of the Cornell University Research Farm, will share information on Cornell research and extension efforts, and seek input from growers on organic research needs. Growers will learn about least invasive pest management methods from John Mishanec, NYS Integrated Pest Management Program; view a Cornell Cooperative Extension Potato Variety Trail being hosted at the farm; learn organic cultural practices; and see a starch-based biodegradable mulch demonstration. This meeting is especially designed for growers interested in diversification, transitioning to organic vegetable production or starting an organic farm operation. No organic home gardeners please. Two pesticide re-certification credits available. The program is rain or shine and free of charge. Registration forms are downloadable at our website: [www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster) (click on **Agriculture Programs**) or to receive more information, please call Teresa Rusinek, Commercial Horticulture Extension Educator, 845-340-3990.

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