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**Hot Topic of Global Warming Hits Home at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster
County's Annual Meeting**

Global warming is more and more a hot topic, so Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County found someone who could share his expertise with the public on the issue at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Annual Meeting held on November 29, at the Central Hudson Office in Kingston.

In his discussion titled Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture, and Controversies in Key Public Policies for Reducing Emissions, Sylvester Johnson, Ph.D. of applied physics in association with the Museum of Earth Cornell University took guests through a brief history of global warming and looked at its continuing impact on the world. The presentation was distinguished by the emphasis on action steps for reducing emissions of heattrapping gasses, how to implement improved energy policies rather than halfmeasures, and compelling graphics and descriptions of the negative impacts on farming of continued warming. Johnson explained how global warming has been steadily rising for at least the past three decades. Johnson said that the earth's temperature has increased .4 degrees Fahrenheit every decade for the past 30 years. While arguments have been made that these increases are a part of the natural cycle of the planet, Johnson and many others disagree and point to man-made emissions such as burning fossil fuels, which give off carbon dioxide. Other gases such as methane and water vapor also contribute to the greenhouse effect.

The evenings agenda began with an election of new CCEUC board and program committee members, a treasurers report, a review of CCEUCs programs of 2007 and CCEUC staff and current board and program committee member recognition.

Nominees for the Board of Directors for three year terms are:

Len Cane - returning

Bradley Clarke - returning

Denise Douderville

Nola Gutmann

Todd McNutt

Arnaldo Schewert

Carla Picayo - is returning for a two year term.

Nominees for the Program Committee for three year terms are:

Carol Carboni

Kathy Puglisi - returning

Carolyn Short - returning

Barbara Vermuelen

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Rose Irvine - returning for a one year term

Kay Peischel - returning for a two term

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Executive Director, Lydia Reidy also presented two recognition awards to CCEUC employees for Meritorious Service to Deanna Young for 10 years of service and Pablo Shine for 5 years of service, both are Nutrition Educators in the CCEUC Food and Nutrition Program.

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