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High Tunnel Production Workshop for Commercial Farmers Coming to Rifton

High Tunnels, or hoopouses, are unheated greenhouses that help commercial growers extend their growing season and improve the profitability of their farm operation. Cornell University and Cooperative Extension experts will cover fruit, vegetable and cut flower production, high tunnel construction, growing media and budgeting. The workshop will conclude with a tour of an active high tunnel.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County with help from the NY Farm Viability Institute will offer this workshop on Tuesday, December 8 at the Woodcrest Community located at 2032 Route 213 in Rifton, NY from 8:30am to 2:30pm. The fee is \$20 per person, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Friday, December 4.

Workshop Agenda

8:30am	Registration
8:50am	Introductions
9:00am - 9:45am	High Tunnel Raspberries Marvin Pritts, Professor & Chair of the Department of Horticulture, Cornell University
9:45am - 10:30am	High Tunnel Cut Flowers - Chris Wien, Professor Department of Horticulture, Cornell University
10:30am - 10:45am	Break
10:45am - 11:15am	High Tunnel Vegetables - Judson Reid, Cornell Vegetable Program
11:15am - 11:30am	High Tunnel Production Budgets - Laura McDermot, Capitol District Vegetable Team and Small Fruit Team
11:30am - 12:00pm	Cercospora Leaf Spot in High Tunnel Spinach & Caterpillar Tunnel Construction - Molly Shaw, Fruit & Vegetable Specialist, CCE Tioga County
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Lunch Provided

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12:45pm - 1:15pm Organic Potting Media Neil Mattson, Assistant Professor and
Floriculture Extension Specialist Department of Horticulture,
Cornell University

1:15pm 1:30pm Compost and Microbial Disease Suppression - Allison Jack,
Graduate Student, Department of Plant Pathology and Plant-
Microbe Biology

1:30pm 2:30pm Host Farm High Tunnel Tour, Jeff King, Woodcrest Community

For questions or to register by phone call Teresa Rusinek at 845-340-3990. A registration form can be downloaded at

<http://www.cceulster.org/Agriculture/2009%20High%20Tunnel%20Workshop%20Brochure.pdf>

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