

Ag Issues:

Support Ulster County Farmland Protection Board Activities- Program Effort 25%

Completed: Review of Agricultural District 3 Towns of Hardenburgh, Marletown, Rochester, Rosendale and Wawarsing. Farm Profile report and recommendations for modifications to district presented to the Ulster County Ag Farmland Protection Board and the County Legislature in June.

Completed: Annual Ag District Inclusion Conducted farm visits to ensure eligibility, and made recommendations to Ag Farmland Protection Board in June.

Completed: Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)- Provided outreach materials and applications to interested landowners and assisted the county with the 2006-2007 PDR grant application. A total of ten applications were received of which five were sent to the State for consideration for funding.

Written Publications: *Ag Focus*, published monthly, I write one full article as well as a shorter column

Commercial Ag Production and Marketing

vegetables, ornamental horticulture-(floriculture, nursery, turfgrass and greenhouse) production and horticultural business management – Program Effort 50%

Summer Grower Twilight Meetings: (these are programs that I organize for growers in Hudson Valley)

Completed: June 12- Sprayer Technology, Truncali Farms in Marlboro, Ulster County- More than 40 growers gathered at the farm to learn the latest in sprayer technology at this grower meeting featuring Dr. Andrew Landers and his team from Cornell University Dept. of Ag Engineering. Using equipment in the field for demonstration, Dr. Landers focused on drift reduction, proper calibration and spray deposition.

June 27- Farm Stand/Market Employee Customer Service Training—about 20 workers (mostly teens) and 4 farm managers attended this training at Wright's Farm Stand in Gardiner. We covered issues of dress and demeanor, customer interaction, handling difficult customers and situations, and making and counting back change.

Coming Up- July 18- Christmas tree growers shearing demo, pest ID and pest update. (Pine View Farms, New Windsor)

August 17- Vegetable pest ID and Update. (Hepworth Farm, Milton)

Individual Grower Consultations: *(by telephone, office visit and on-farm as requested)*

Written Publications: *Hudson Valley Horticulture* is a monthly e newsletter that is distributed in 5 Hudson Valley counties. I have completed my term as editor. I will continue to contribute articles.

Community Horticulture

Supervise and provide leadership for the Community Horticulture- Program Effort 25%

Completed: Mohonk Garden Walk and Luncheon –June 29- 175 people attended (a record high!!) speaker Andy Durbridge spoke on Harmony in the Garden.

Plant Swap -25 Master Gardener Volunteers participated, trading 1,251 plant points (each point worth a dollar) in the pouring rain no less!!!

Coming Up: **Twilight Tour of Xeriscape Garden** Stoneridge UCCC, August 24, 2006.

The Master Gardener Hotline is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 AM to 12 Noon
MGs appearing at Kingston and Saugerties Farmer's Markets

Written Publication: *Gro News* articles written by Dona Crawford (Community Horticulture Coordinator) and Teresa Rusinek