

**Ag Issues:**

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

**In Progress: Review of Agricultural District 3** The Agricultural Farmland Protection Board of Ulster County with the assistance of the Planning Department and Cornell Cooperative Extension is undertaking a review of Ulster County Agricultural District No. 3, located within the Towns of Hardenburgh, Marletown, Rochester, Rosendale and Wawarsing. A review is required every 8 years in order for each district to be recertified and provide farmers with protections available under NY State Agriculture and Markets Law. I am assessing the ag district data base, providing outreach materials to landowners, processing and summarizing farm profiles, and fielding inquiries.

**In Progress: Annual Ag District Inclusion** I am fielding calls from landowners who want to be included in Ag District and assisting them with the application process and specific questions regarding Ag Districts and Ag Assessments. After the March 30<sup>th</sup> application deadline, I will be reviewing applications, conducting farm visits to ensure eligibility, and making recommendations to Ag Farmland Protection Board.

**In Progress: Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)-** I am providing outreach materials and applications to interested landowners as well as fielding inquiries, and assisting the county with the 2006-2007 PDR grant application and landowner negotiations process.

**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%*

**Completed: Nursery and Greenhouse Growers School-** I organized this program, held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ulster County Fairground. Over 100 growers from Ulster Orange and Dutchess Counties attended the program that included presentations on production, marketing, regulatory issues relevant to the greenhouse and nursery industries. The event featured a small industry trade show and a grower panel.

**Completed: Vegetable Growers School -** I Collaborated with CCE Orange County on programming for Vegetable School, held on March 16 in Newburgh. The program was attended by 66 growers from Orange and Ulster Counties. The program included presentations on production, marketing, regulatory issues, and crop diversification.

**Completed: Pesticide Applicator Apprentice Training** March 21 in Dutchess County- this is a Regional Horticulture Program effort. I taught the IPM and Pest Biology portion of the 8 hour training program that qualifies participants to become apprentice pesticide applicators.

**In Progress:** Hudson Valley Turf Field Days to be held on July 11 in Orange County, Christmas Tree Growers Twilight meeting July 18 in Ulster County, Vegetable Twilight Meeting July 20 in Ulster County

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

**Written Publications:** *Hudson Valley Horticulture:* I am the editor of this monthly e newsletter that is distributed in 5 Hudson Valley counties.

**Community Horticulture**

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

**Completed: Winter Lecture Series-** This series included 4 programs on gardening topics. The series organized by Master Gardener Volunteers was very popular and well attended. This was the first year this type of program was offered by CCE Ulster County.

**In Progress: Seedling Sale** week of April 17, **Garden Day** April 29 at UCCC Stone Ridge  
The Master Gardener Hotline is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 AM to 12 Noon

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