

**Ag Issues:**

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

***In Progress: Review of Agricultural District 3*** Towns of Hardenburgh, Marbletown, Rochester, Rosendale and Wawarsing. I am assessing the ag district data base, providing outreach materials to landowners, processing and summarizing farm profiles, and fielding inquires.

***In Progress: Annual Ag District Inclusion*** *May*-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%*

**Attended Agriculture and Climate Change Conference on April 4<sup>th</sup>.** Important information in general and for plan of work (impacts of climate change reach far beyond agricultural production). Please read articles (attached) that Mike Fargione and I wrote on this topic.

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

June 12- Sprayer Technology, Truncali Farms in Marlboro, Ulster County

July 18- Christmas tree growers shearing demo, pest ID and pest update, location TBA

August 17- Vegetable pest ID and Update, Location Ulster County Farm

**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: Garden Day** April 29 at UCCC Stone Ridge. 100 attendees had 16 classes on gardening topics to choose from. Classes were taught by Master Gardener Volunteers, the community hort program coordinator, CCE educators, and local gardening professionals. Our Master Gardener Volunteers did a outstanding job (as usual) organizing this program. Their talent and generosity is much appreciated.

**Coming Up:** Perennial Division Workshop at Xeriscape Garden, SUNY Ulster May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Plant Swap at Forsyth Park, Kingston-June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Garden in a Bucket (youth gardening workshop) Forsyth Park, Kingston May 19<sup>th</sup>

The Master Gardener Hotline is 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