

Educator Report Audrey Reith Equine & Livestock

Equine Program Development A nine member Equine Advisory Committee was formed with members of the Orange and Ulster Counties that will concentrate on the direction of educational and informational strategies of which the Cooperative Extension educator will continue to provide to new and established equine enthusiasts.

- Cooperative Extension of Orange and Ulster has been charged with a role reintroducing Extension's value to equine farm owners and managers.
 - 205 equine contacts have been established through outreach initiatives such as farm visits, agribusiness open house programs and referrals.
 - 374 equine farms and/or equine owners have been identified
 - Currently have programs and initiatives outlined through May on 2007.



Equine Advisory Committee Member Nancy Rosen works with Clinician and clinic participants at Frog Hollow Farm of Esopus.

Photo: Meat Goat 1; Educator, Audrey Reith, ESMGPA Representative, Don Karnas, Producer participant, Paul Alward; Fencing workshop at Kirby Farms; Wawayanda



Livestock Program Development:

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Empire State Meat Goat Producers Association; Region 1, teamed up to provide education to owners and farm managers about the challenges that exist within the livestock industry and management practices that will deal with those challenges, as well as assist producers with management plans and practices which address biosecurity, animal health, the NAIS, food safety, and environmental awareness through educational and informational delivery methods.

- 41 participants participated in an informative session to explore the joy of goat ownership and the potential opportunities for raising meat goats.
- 21 meat goat producers for an educational workshop related to housing, fencing, working facilities and predator control for small ruminant farming at a small to moderate scale.

Beef Cattle & General Livestock Initiative; A grant has been submitted to the New York Farm Viability Institute for the development of infrastructure of the marketing schemes through which the existing beef and livestock producers of Orange and Ulster Counties.