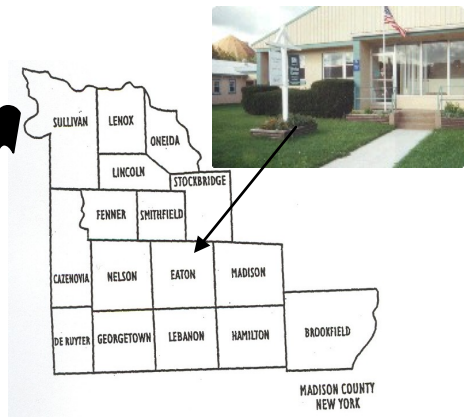


# Madison Manager



## *Madison Manager* Gets a New Look

Just like any business, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County has been exploring ways to streamline our operation and still provide the information that you need in the most cost-effective way. So - We will be launching a new electronic version of the Madison Manager. You can still receive a paper version but it will be a shortened format.

### **We'll be making the following changes to *Madison Manager*:**

- ◆ **The New Electronic Version** will be neatly organized so that you can just "click" the article title that interests you from the table of contents.
- ◆ **Past issues of *Madison Manager*** will continue to be available online at our website. Visit [www.madisoncountycce.org](http://www.madisoncountycce.org) and check out newsletters and other great information too.
- ◆ **The "mailed" version of *Madison Manager*** will be 4 pages with condensed articles, dates and summaries, including references and addresses for further information.
- ◆ **Beginning January 2012**, we will need to start charging an annual fee for the mailed issue of the Madison Manager. The cost will be \$10 per year.
- ◆ **To Help You Make The Decision**, CCE Madison County and local farmers markets are promoting locally grown products in a new way. **For every subscriber who gives up** their "snail mail" issue of the Madison Manager and moves exclusively to an electronic version, you'll receive **two(2)** \$2 coupons like this one to the right. The coupons can be redeemed at Farmer Market vendors in Madison County selling vegetables, fruits, maple syrup, poultry and livestock products and plants. The coupon expires November 5, 2011. **Go Electronic and take advantage of our wonderful locally grown products!**



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# New York State Welcomes Its First Hop Specialist: Steve Miller

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County, Madison County Agricultural Economic Development Program and the Northeast Hop Alliance (NeHA) are pleased to welcome Steve Miller, New York State's First Hop Specialist.

In 1999, Rick Pedersen planted hops on his Seneca Castle Farm. Rick was the first commercial farmer to grow hops in NYS since 1954. Since that time, more than a dozen growers have planted hops, resulting in approximately 25 acres in commercial production as of 2010.

The NeHA has made tremendous strides in reestablishing the industry in New York. Madison County's Agricultural Economic Development Program, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County, and NeHA received funding from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and Assemblyman Bill Magee to purchase a hops harvester. The harvester is housed at Morrisville State College and available for use by NeHA members. NeHA has established a robust schedule of 2011 events (the complete listing of which can be found at: <http://northeasthopalliance.org>)

including field day events and education courses.

Despite the advances, New York has lacked an educator able to work with growers on production problems ranging from trellis design to pest management to harvest. In late 2010, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets awarded a Specialty Crop Grant to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County to hire New York State's first hop specialist. After an national search, the hiring committee selected Steve Miller.

Mr. Miller has extensive experience working with the horticulture and vegetable industry in New York, including expertise in the fields of horticulture, entomology and plant pathology. He has worked with hundreds of growers in the areas of problem solving, marketing and planning. Through his career with



various Cornell Cooperative Extension offices, Mr. Miller has taught many courses for growers including intensive 30-hour pesticide certification, and in-depth conferences for horticulture producers.

"This is an exciting opportunity to be able to work with such an enthusiastic group of Hop producers and brewers" said Steve Miller in a recent interview. "Hops were

an extremely important crop here 100 years ago and the type of high quality aromatic hops grown in New York is in great demand by craft brewers. The industry is expanding production as quickly as possible and there is a need to develop information that is pertinent to the Northeast. I will be working with researchers in New York and Vermont to find the best varieties and production methods for hops in this part of the country. It's an exciting job, and I'm already having a great time getting started."

If you or someone you know has a hop related question Steve Miller can be reached at: 315-684-3001 or [Hops.Educator@gmail.com](mailto:Hops.Educator@gmail.com)

## "Say Cheese" in Peterboro June 5, 2011

In 1928 the New York Holstein Fresian Association erected a monument on Oxbow Road in the Town of Smithfield in Madison County NY to commemorate the Kriemhild Herd established in 1869 by Gerrit Smith Miller of Peterboro.

June 6, 2010 the Stewards of the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark, the Madison County Holstein club, and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County celebrated this Holstein heritage with archives, pedigree, and collections

sharing, a picnic, and a program by Milton C. Sernett PhD. Dr. Sernett, *professor emeritus* Syracuse University, researched the importation of the first registered Holstein-Fresians by the Miller family, prepared a PowerPoint presentation and wrote a book *Cradle of the Breed: Gerrit Smith Miller & The Kriemhild Herd* for the occasion.

In follow-up to the success of the 2010 event, Dr. Sernett, Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Gerrit Smith Estate, the

Holstein Association, and Central New York Bountly are planning another Holstein Heritage day on Sunday, June 5, 2011 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Smithfield Community Center, 5255 Pleasant Valley Road, Peterboro NY 13134-0006. This year Sernett will give an illustrated talk based upon his new book *Say Cheese: The Story of the Era When New York State Cheese was King.* For more information, please contact Dot at [dwillsey@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dwillsey@twcny.rr.com) and 315-684-3262.

### Correction to the April Issue of Madison Manager....

We posted an article about CSA's in last month's Madison Manager on page 2, the title was "Support Madison County Agriculture, Become a "Member" Of A Farm Today". Unfortunately, Aunt Bee's Farm was improperly included as operating a CSA this year, which they are not. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



NY FarmNet was established in 1986 to provide farm families with a network of information, contacts and services that are uniquely suited to the financial and personal challenges of agricultural business management. This network covers every aspect of high-pressure decision making from partnerships and transfers to stress management, family communication, domestic concerns, and disaster response. FarmNet is a working resource to help build positive solutions for future success. Key program support is provided by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and NY Farm Viability Institute.

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## Troopers Urge Proper Use of Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems

The New York State Police in Troop D are once again reminding people of the proper utilization of the slow moving vehicle emblem for agricultural equipment and animal drawn vehicles.



Just a reminder that it is illegal to use slow moving vehicle emblems to mark driveways, mail boxes, boundary lines, etc. Farmers, construction workers and other slow-moving vehicles

rely on the safety warning this emblem provides.

The illegal use of the slow moving emblem often causes motorists to disregard the warning provided by these emblems,

which has resulted in tragic collisions. State Vehicle and Traffic Law section 375(36)c prohibits the use of the slow moving vehicle emblems

on fixed or stationary objects.

Troopers will be contacting property owners over the next several months to inform them of the hazards of improperly using the slow moving vehicle emblem. They will also continue to educate the agricultural and Amish communities on the proper usage of the emblem when operating on a roadway.

Questions regarding the use of slow moving vehicle emblems can be directed to the Troop D Traffic Section at (315) 366-6036.

## Thoughts From Here And There

*By Kathe Evans, Community Educator*

Dairy cattle are the source of over 90% or the drug residue violations in meat according to recent research. Too many of us are playing fast and loose with withdrawal times and it will come back to bite producers through increased regulation or withdrawal of useful drugs for OTC or both. Keeping records of treatment date, drug, withdrawal time and animal treated should be required for all farms no matter what size. Withdrawal times are written on every container. Although the total numbers

of violations are small - even one is cause for concern. Read the label, follow dosage instructions and resist the urge to send a cow into the food chain before her time is up.

The price of grains either as components in a TMR or as a complete feed is giving all of us a headache. The growing season up until this week (5/9/11) has been to put it charitably horrible especially compared to last year. Everyone is in high gear right now trying to catch-up planting. Here's the thing - it is

getting time for 1<sup>st</sup> cutting - **If your hay crop is ready before you finish planting corn - stop planting corn and get that hay crop in.** You will reduce your purchased grain cost and improve or maintain milk production at one stroke for this coming year. **High quality hay crop forage will make you more income every time.**

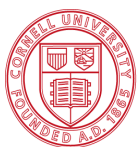
# Upcoming Events

**June 2 - Cornell University's Small Grains Management Field Day** - At the Musgrave Research Farm, 1256 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY. The Thursday Program will run from 10:00am-12:00noon, registration begins at 9:30. An educational program of the Integrated Field Crop, Soil, and Pest Management Program Work Team in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension will be hosting the Small Grains Management Field Day with research demonstrations and presentations of interest to the local farming community. DEC and CCA credits will be available.

**June 11 & 12 - CNY Fiber Fest "From Animals To Art"** at Butternut Hill Campground, Route 20, Bouckville. For more information check out their website at [www.cnyfiber.org](http://www.cnyfiber.org)

**June 21 - Organic Grain Marketing Webinar** at 12 noon. Join NOFA-NY and NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets for this co-sponsored webinar to learn about the organic grain market in New York State, ask questions and sort out how you can make decisions about marketing your organic grain crop. You will be able to ask questions over the phone line. This webinar is part of a series of 6 NYSDAM organic grain marketing workshops. The next workshop in the series will take place on Tuesday, July 19 at noon and continue on the third Tuesday of the month thru July. To join, you need to register in advance for the webinar at: <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/CropInsurance.html> Scroll down to Upcoming Events and find the link to June 21.

**June 28-29 - Master Food Preserver Course** - At Cornell University, 360 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall Ithaca, NY. The time will be 8:30pm – 4:30pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County will be offering a Master Food Preserver course which will be taught by Cornell Cooperative Extension food preservation experts. This is a 3-day program for those who would like to go beyond the basics of home food preservation -- either for your own use or to help others learn how to safely preserve food. However, no prior experience in food preservation is required.



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