



WHAT IS TC ARG?

Tioga County Agricultural Resource Group (ARG) is a group of farmers, agencies, educators, businesses and community members working together to contribute to a thriving rural community by creating and promoting agricultural vitality in Tioga County. Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month from 10:00-11:30am at the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District office (183 Corporate Drive Owego, NY) and are open to the public. For more information, you can contact Danielle Singer singerd@tiogacountyny.gov (607) 972-8009



Looking Ahead

June

12 - TC Farm Bureau Meeting
 20-21 - Strawberry Festival
 23 - Neighborhood Depot Ribbon Cutting/Open House
 28 - ARG Meeting (discuss previous presentations)

July

10 - TC Farm Bureau Meeting
 19 - Sundaes at the Farm
 23 - ARG Meeting (Sundaes de-brief, SWCD strategic plan presentation and updates on Bay Progress)
 24 - TC Pasture Walk (more info coming)

August

5 - Free Admission at the TC Fair, Pork Chop BBQ
 6-9 - TC Fair
 27 - ARG Meeting (REAP Presentation)

ARG Agency Spotlight

Tioga County Agricultural Society

The Tioga County Fair is hosted by the Tioga County Agricultural Society. The fair is a long-standing annual tradition with rich roots in local agriculture since its first official year in 1859. This year marks the 166th year of the Tioga County Fair and we hope to see you there - August 5-9. See all the details [here!](#)



ARG Member Spotlight



Elaine Jardine
 County Planning Director
 TC Economic Development and Planning

What is your role at ED&P? What is your favorite part?

- My role at ED&P is the County Planning Director. I've served Tioga County in this position for thirty years now. I work on local approvals for various development projects, work on several county plans, assist economic development with their efforts to attract suitable industry and commercial entities, work with municipal officials on town and village land use regulations, and of course, administer the NYS Agricultural Districts Program for Tioga County. My favorite part of the job is working with elected municipal officials on anything for which I can provide assistance to them. Local elected officials are basically volunteers in NYS, yet have to run the business of local government 24/7. I respect their dedication and service to their community and their willingness to learn new things, especially planning and zoning related issues.

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ARG NEWS

ARG has been busy reviewing the progress of implementation on the Ag and Farmland Protection Plan and bringing new resources to Tioga County Farmers. We have been forming new partnerships and re-kindling old ones to ensure we are bringing the right people to the table. Watch for future workshops and advertisements in the coming year related to farm succession planning, navigating leases, connecting to non-operating farmland owners and farm to school opportunities. ARG members have also been out in the community updating the TC Legislature, TC Council of Government and Apalachin Lions Club about our organization, our goals and our initiatives. We are also updating our outreach materials and banner – check it out below. One of our large undertakings is coming up shortly – Sundaes at the Farm! This year's event will be hosted by Vernon and Marlene Shetler at Meadow Vale Farm on Saturday, July 19th – yes you read that correctly, a Saturday! Please note that change for this year. We hope to see you on the farm for some milk and ice cream!



ARG Spotlight - Elaine Jardine continued....

What do you like about ARG?

- I've been part ARG off and on since its inception in the early 2000's. I love the collaboration and perspectives from the many different agencies serving agriculture and farmers in Tioga County.

Coffee, tea, or something else entirely?

- Coffee! One cup every morning.

Commonly Used Acronyms

- CCE - Cornell Cooperative Extension
- FSA - Farm Service Agency
- NRCS - Natural Resource Conservation Services
- SCD&FC - South Central Dairy & Field Crops Team
- TCARG - Tioga County Ag Resource Group
- TCFB - Tioga County Farm Bureau
- TCSWCD - Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District
- USC - Upper Susquehanna Coalition
- USDA - United States Department of Agriculture

Contact Colleen or Faith for more information at
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faith.pipher@usda.gov

➤ The FSA office has mailed maps to all producers for acreage reporting. Please return them to the office as soon as you have completed planting. If you will need to file prevented plantings, please contact the office for an appointment. **Crop Reporting Due July 15th!**

➤ There is still time to apply for the ECAP (Emergency Commodity Assistance Program). This program provides economic assistance payments to eligible agricultural commodities from the 2024 crop year.

- Barley \$21.67
- Corn \$42.91
- Soybeans \$29.67
- Wheat \$30.69
- Oats \$77.66

To date, the office has paid out \$569,662 to agricultural producers. August 15 is the deadline to apply.

Interest rates have fallen for the Farm Storage Facility Loan and Handling Equipment program. If you are in the market for a new skidsteer, hay wagon, bale wrapper or any storage, please give us a call.

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- 3-year term = 3.875%
 - 5-year term = 4.000%
 - 7-year term = 4.125%

TIOGA COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE GROUP

MISSION:

Tioga County Agricultural Resource Group is farmers, agencies and others working together to develop and support a thriving rural community and promote agricultural viability in Tioga County.

PARTICIPATING TIOGA COUNTY AGENCIES:



Soil & Water
Conservation District

Agricultural and
Farmland Protection
Board



Tourism Office



Farm Bureau



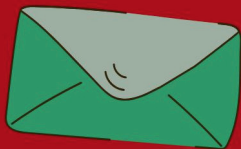
USDA
Farm Service Agency &
Natural Resources
Conservation Service



TEAM TIOGA
we work for you

Dept. of Economic
Development &
Planning

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Tioga County



All Things Agriculture Weekly Newsletter

The CCE Tioga Agriculture Team sends out a weekly newsletter for farmers featuring funding and educational resources



To sign up, scan the QR code or contact Kelly at
KAJ99@cornell.edu

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TIOGA COUNTY FAIR
AUGUST 5TH - 9TH
YOUTH AGRICULTURAL
EVENTS AT THE FAIR



FREE Admission Agriculture Day * Midway is NOT open.

Tuesday

Clover Cafe open from 8am to 8pm
10am: 4-H Horse Show
3pm: Youth Goat Show
3:30pm to 5:30pm: Youth Pork Chop BBQ
5pm: Youth Sheep Show

Farmer's Market open all day
Various organizations and vendors

Wednesday

Clover Cafe opens at 8am
9:30am: Open & Youth Dairy Show
5pm: Youth Hog Show

Thursday

Clover Cafe opens at 8am
10am: 4-H Gymkhana Horse Show
5pm: Youth Beef Show

Friday

Clover Cafe opens at 8am
9am: Youth Poultry Show
1pm: Youth Rabbit Show

Saturday

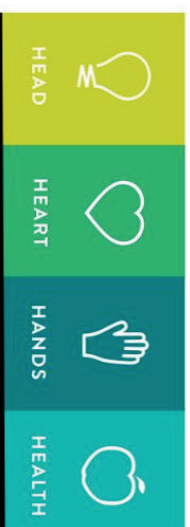
Clover Cafe opens at 8am
9am: Open Beef Show
5:30pm: 4-H Awards in Auction Arena
6pm: Youth Livestock Auction



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Cornell Cooperative Extension Tioga County



ABOUT 4-H

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable

strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. with the skills to lead for a

lifetime.

In Tioga County, 4-H is delivered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County. Participation in 4-H is open to youth ages 5-18.



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County

CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm
343 Cass Hill Rd., Candor, NY
Tioga.cce.cornell.edu
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"Extension of Extension" at the Neighborhood Depot

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Robyn Estrella

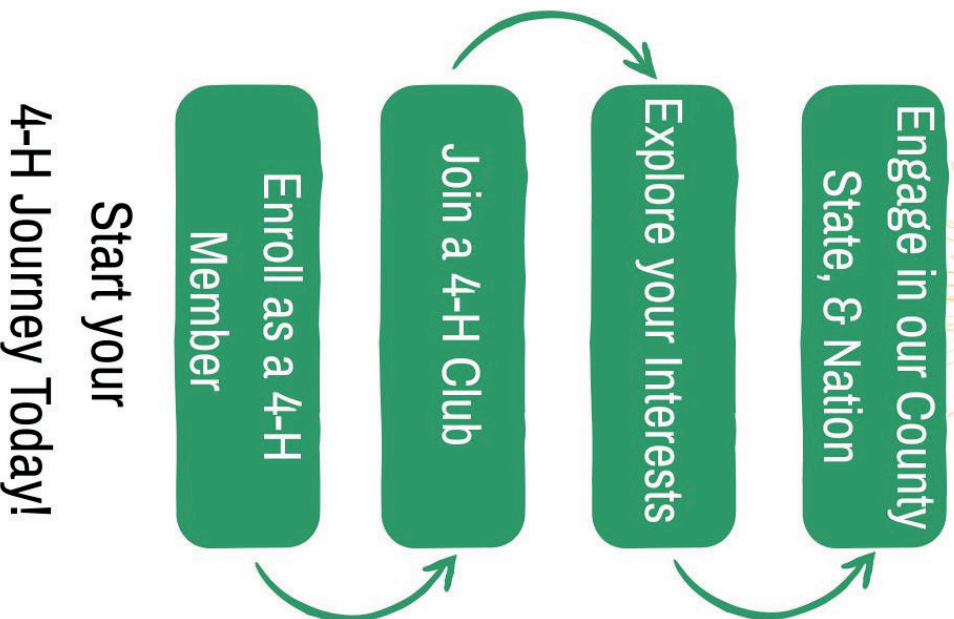
Youth Development

Resource Educator

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KEEP GROWING



Project Areas

Goats, Beef, Rabbits, Horses,
Sheep, Poultry, Dairy, Cooking,
Tractor Certification, Trips,
Shooting Sports, Judging,
Woodworking, Leadership,
Educational Competitions,
Public Presentations, Clinics,
Giant Pumpkin Growing,
Community Service and MORE!



4-H CLUBS

A 4-H club may be organized around a specific project area, such as livestock, shooting sports, or robotics, or it could be a multi-purpose community club in which youth from a certain community are enrolled in various projects. In addition to their project work, youth give demonstrations, do community service projects, and complete record books over the course of the 4-H year. Clubs also provide youth with the opportunity to take on leadership roles as club officers or teen project leaders.

4-H'ers are...

- 4X** more likely to give back to their communities
- 2X** more likely to make healthier choices
- 2X** more likely to participate in STEM activities



SWCD

Conservation Corner

District Updates!

- Two Buffer Steward Interns have started at the District to assist with the monitoring and maintenance of 140+ acres of tree plantings we have implemented across the county.
- We have been assisting Lawton's Jersey Farm with educational events for some homeschool student groups that wanted to learn more about dairy farms.
- Several projects are underway for completion by the end of the year, including storm water retention basins at the CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm. The basins will capture up to 4.3 million gallons of water during storm events and release it slowly over 24 hours. They hold the 100 yr storm for 100 acres of the Pipe Creek Watershed and release it as the 5 yr storm. Allowing more retention time in the upper sections of watersheds will assist with downstream erosion and flooding impacts. We are committed to finding more places to install these basins that will collectively start to mitigate the impacts of large storm events that are becoming more common in our county.
- At the end of April we hosted the Southern Tier Regional Envirothon Competition in Owego at the Sportsman's Club for Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Tioga and Tompkins counties. The winning team for Tioga County was the Tioga Tigers from Tioga Central School. We wish them luck at states! Second place was the Pollinator Patrol and third was the Wildflower Warriors, both from Newark Valley Central School.
- We held community stream clean-up and tree planting events in Owego in April for Earth Day and Arbor Day. Many thanks to the volunteers who came out to help!
- Our annual report describing our work in 2024 can be found [here](#) on our website!



2025 TIOGA COUNTY YOUTH PORK CHOP BBQ

\$15
Per Meal!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH 3:30PM TO 6:30PM



**AT THE TIOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
IN THE 4-H YOUTH BUILDING,
DURING THE FREE AGRICULTURE DAY
AT THE FAIR!**

**THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE
TIOGA COUNTY FARM BUREAU**



**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
4-H AND FFA MEMBERS
OF TIOGA COUNTY**

Includes:

Pork Chop, Salt Potatoes,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw,
Applesauce, a Cookie,
and a Water!

**GET YOUR
TICKETS!!**



**4-H and FFA
Members are
selling tickets now!**



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20TH ANNUAL TSB CAR & TRUCK SHOW

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH

TIME: 5:30 - 8:00PM

LOCATION: EAST WAVERLY PARK, WAVERLY, NY



NEW THIS YEAR:

**We're collecting non-perishable items for
the Valley Food Pantry!**

***Help us help the valley food pantry by
bringing a non-perishable food item
to the event for our donation bin!***



AGRICULTURAL PEST MONITORING



CCE Tioga is participating in multiple pest monitoring networks this year. If you would like to learn more, contact Kelly Jackson at KAJ99@cornell.edu!

NY BERRY PEST MONITORING NETWORK

The Berry Pest Monitoring Network provides seasonal updates of berry pest activity in NYS. The site includes a dynamic map that can be used to see pest activity throughout the state.



SWEET CORN PHEROMONE TRAP NETWORK

This network provides weekly reports for sweet corn pests found at trapping locations. The site also provides scouting and threshold information for fresh market sweet corn and links to resources on the major sweet corn insect and disease pests.





SUNDAES AT THE FARM

Saturday, July 19, 2025 / Noon until 3 p.m.

Meadow Vale Farm

1650 Sulphur Springs Road, Owego, NY 13827

*Learn About Tioga County
Agriculture!*



Ice Cream



Animals and Farm Tours



Kid's Activities



Food

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Farm Vendors

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