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**Extension to Welcome David G. Cox as Agriculture Program Leader**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County has named David G. Cox as Agriculture Program Leader. A reception to welcome David will be hosted at the Extension Center, 173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill on Friday, November 7, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. All community members are welcome to attend and meet David.

David is charged with addressing the issues and challenges facing the agricultural, horticultural, and agriculture land use communities in Schoharie County. He has a diversified education in plant science and agriculture education and a working background in landscape design and construction, nursery operations, agriculture education, and development, as well as project consulting. David will work part-time in Schoharie County through December 31, while also serving as field coordinator for the Cornell Recycling Ag Plastic Project (RAPP), a program to that is developing agriculture plastics recycling infrastructures in the state. On January 1, David will assume full-time responsibilities as Agriculture Program Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County.

The Extension Agriculture Program, led by David, will focus on areas that include energy conservation and alternative energy technologies for home and farm, educational programs emphasizing production opportunities and markets, infrastructure development for value-added facilities, agricultural land use, and, of course, the always crucial need of building consumer awareness on food and agricultural issues. David will coordinate the work of Master Gardener volunteers who support Extension services by answering garden, home, and landscape inquiries.

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