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Cannery Outreach Meeting for Growers and Producers

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County will host a Growers' and Producers' Cannery Outreach Meeting for the proposed Schoharie County Co-op Cannery, Saturday, October 31, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Center, 173 South Grand Street in Cobleskill. Local food snacks and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited. To register or for more information, please email info@schohariecannery.org or visit the Cannery website at <http://www.schohariecannery.org/>.

The meeting topic, "What Do You Want a Cannery to Do for You?" – calls for all interested vegetable and fruit growers, regardless of acreage or crops, to come and help determine the future of the Co-op Cannery. Bring questions and experiences; learn about news updates and new developments.

The cannery concept, developed by Peter Pehrson from The Rocks farm in Schoharie, New York, would provide a community-scale, commercial facility available to producers ranging in size from individual gardeners to small-farm market producers to larger scale commercial operations. Producers could provide primary or excess products to preserve in metal cans or glass jars for value-added retail sale or for farm or family winter food supply. Products could include fruits and vegetables either as sole content, mixes, soups or stews. The proposed Schoharie Co-op Cannery is supported in part by the New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NYSAWG) through a grant from the USDA Risk Management Agency. Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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