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**Enrollment Now Open for ‘Annie’s Project’ – Empowering Women
in Agriculture through Agricultural Risk Management Education**
Registration Deadline Extended to Jan. 4, 2012

Cornell Cooperative Extensions (CCE) Lewis, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties are pleased to offer *Annie’s Project* for a second year in NYS. *Annie’s Project* is an exciting agricultural risk management education program aimed at empowering women in agriculture to become savvy business leaders and partners in today’s farming industry. Enrollment is now open for this innovative course scheduled to begin January 12, 2012. **The new registration deadline is Wednesday, January 4, 2012.**

Annie’s Project is a six-week course designed to empower farm women to manage today’s technology based information systems used in critical agricultural decision making processes, and will help participants build a network of support in their communities and across the state. The target audience is farm women with a passion for business and involvement. Sessions will be held at all four CCE locations listed above and will combine lecture, discussion, individual and small group activities, and software training. Five areas of agricultural risk management; production, marketing, financial, legal (estate planning), and human resources, are covered through a combination of featured presenters through an interactive communications system and discussion leaders from the local communities at each location.

Building Strong and Vibrant New York Communities

This program will begin Thursday, January 12, 2012, and run six consecutive Thursdays through February 16, 2012, each three-hour session from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., including a one-hour lunch period to network with colleagues. Class sizes are limited. A pre-registration fee of \$50.00 per person is required. Fee includes all course materials, handouts, and lunch. **Scholarships may be available for qualified applicants.

To register, for more information, or to help sponsor this important program, please call one of the following project leaders at the Cornell Cooperative Extension association nearest to you: Margaret Murray at CCE Lewis County, (315) 376-5270; Bonnie Collins at CCE Oneida County, (315) 736-3394 (x104), Amy Chamberlain at CCE Otsego County, (607) 547-2536, or David Cox at CCE Schoharie County, (518) 234-4303. Participants from all counties are welcome. See us also on **Facebook** at Annie's Project in New York State.

Cornell Cooperative Extensions Lewis, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties provide equal program and employment opportunities. Accommodations for persons with special needs may be requested by contacting one's respective Extension office prior to the program. Annie's Project is produced in NYS by Cornell Cooperative Extensions of Lewis, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties, and is supported by the Annie's National Network Initiative for Educational Success, the Northeast Center for Risk Management Education, and in part from the Workforce Development Institute (www.wdiny.org) with funding through the NYS Department of Labor. This program material is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2010-49200-0620.

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