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Ag Energy NY Announces the Addition of Four Subject Matter Experts Joining its Team

Ag Energy NY announces the addition of four Subject Matter Experts joining its team, solidifying its commitment to providing energy efficiency information and education throughout New York State in six commodity sectors. The SMEs will be available to assist with questions, information and resources specific to their commodity sector.

The Subject Matter Experts include Sharon Bachman of CCE Erie, Jennifer Koval of CCE Saratoga, Ashley Schoenborn of CCE Columbia-Greene and Eliza Hensel of CCE Chautauqua.

Sharon Bachman is Ag Energy NY's Subject Matter Expert for the vegetable sector. Sharon has worked for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County since March 2008 as an Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator offering educational programs for the many different agricultural commodities.

Jennifer Koval is Ag Energy NY's Subject Matter Expert for the livestock and grains sectors. Jennifer grew up in Saratoga County and has an MS in Sustainable Systems. She works at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County as an Agricultural Educator and is the office manager at her family's dairy farm.

Ashley Schoenborn is Ag Energy NY's Subject Matter Expert for the poultry / eggs and maple sectors. Ashley is the Agriculture Educator of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties. She earned her bachelor's degree in animal science from SUNY Cobleskill.

Eliza Hensel is Ag Energy NY's Subject Matter Expert for the orchards / vineyards sector. Eliza previously served as an Extension Educator with Michigan State University.

The Ag Energy NY program welcomes the Subject Matter Experts to its team. For more information or to schedule a no-cost consultation in any of the six commodity sectors Ag Energy NY supports, please visit <https://agenergyny.org/>.

One-on-One Consultations Available

Ag Energy NY, in partnership with CCE county educators from across the state, offers no cost, one-on-one consultations to all agricultural producers across the state to help with access to information, resources and guidance when addressing energy efficiencies or implementation of on-farm solar and wind energy systems.

“We are excited to partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension county associations across the state to offer this service to agricultural producers,” says Gabriel Gurley, Ag Energy NY Program Manager.

“Improved energy efficiencies and the use of renewable energy in agricultural production goes beyond helping the environment and reducing the effects of climate change.

Adopting energy efficiency practices and renewable energy can have positive benefits to the financial health of the farm as well.”

No-cost consultation services include assisting with questions regarding on-farm energy efficiencies, adopting renewable energy such as solar and wind within agricultural production, providing referrals to specialists and much more.

For more information or to request a consultation, visit the Ag Energy NY website at <https://agenergyny.org/>.

Upcoming Events

Coming Soon in Winter 2026 – Commodity-Sector Specific Webinars Addressing On-Farm Energy Efficiencies!

Beginning in January 2026 and continuing through the winter months, Ag Energy NY will be hosting its first ever webinar series that addresses energy efficiencies within specific commodity sectors.

These webinars will provide information and resources for producers within those sectors to help them make informed decisions to assist in addressing energy efficiencies in their operations. Sectors that will be covered in the series include maple, vegetables, livestock and orchards / vineyards.

Additional webinars will be offered to provide general ag production energy efficiencies for other sectors as well.

For the latest information, including dates / times and to register, go to the Ag Energy NY website at <https://agenergyny.org/upcoming-events/>.