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## Agricultural Development Program

Practical Results for North Country Farms

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## NNYADP: A Leader in Addressing Needs & Maximizing Opportunities



“A biocontrol treatment developed to help NNY alfalfa growers is now showing early promise of proving useful to New York apple growers” – *Country Folks Grower*, Nov 2014

“Cornell University and CCE personnel sampled an alfalfa field last week at Philip J. Kubinski’s farm to show the benefits two species of nematodes can have in reducing the alfalfa snout beetle population... This research is now expanding to cranberries, grapes. . .” – *Lowville Journal*, Oct. 22, 2014

“Soybean production in NNY has increased significantly in the last five years... The results of variety trials (at local farms) are posted at [www.nnyagdev.org](http://www.nnyagdev.org).” – *Plattsburgh Press-Republican*, April 6, 2014

“A serious crop disease called northern stem canker has been confirmed for the first time in northern NY soybean fields as part of the NNYADP-funded NNY Corn and Soybean Disease Diagnosis and Assessment database building project” – *Farming, The Journal of Northeast Agriculture*, Oct. 16, 2014



“This research partnership with the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program is providing growers with early notice of common pests and crop diseases, and, in the case of northern stem canker, new challenges, so they can quickly respond to maintain crop health and productivity and farm profitability” – *NY Corn & Soybean Growers Association Executive Director Julia C. Robbins*



Grasses have advantages when it comes to nutrient management... new tall fescue varieties have much greater potential as quality forage... The main advantage of a grass variety trial funded independent of company entry fees is that a comprehensive set of varieties can be included, representing the range of varieties currently available. The latest results are available (from NNYADP) – *Progressive Forage Grower*, Aug. 30, 2014

The NNYADP has issued a new resource to help tomato growers cope with a fungal disease (leaf mold)... increasingly troublesome for greenhouse and high tunnel growers across New York state – *Growing Produce Magazine*, July 28, 2014

Northern New York agricultural leaders are undertaking outreach and research to inform growers about a pest (leek moth) that likes onions, garlic, chives, shallots, leeks and other allium crops” – *Growing Magazine*, May 2014



*Associated Press*, May 4, 2014: “When people talk about juneberries in North America, we want to be the comprehensive resource,” NNYADP Juneberry Project leader Dr. Michael Burgess of SUNY Plattsburgh, talking about NY’s first Juneberry research nursery established by NNYADP at the Willsboro Research Farm



“Corn is costly to feed dairy cows; \$200/ton... With NNYADP funding, Miner Institute collaborated with regional dairy and feed industry personnel to identify corn-substitute feedstuffs available within the Northern NY region” – *Peru, NY, Gazette*, June 13, 2014

“The objective of the ongoing NNYADP research is to calibrate the most precise optimal nitrogen application rate to achieve high-yield, high-quality crops in a double-cropping system... reduce production costs as well as environmental loss of nitrogen not taken up by the crops.” – *Holstein World*, June 26, 2014