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NNY Corn Silage and Soybean Evaluation Results Now Available; Will Help Northern New York Crop Disease Database Development

Northern New York – The results of the 2013 comparative evaluations of two essential dairy industry crops grown on Northern New York farms are now available from the farmer-driven Northern New York Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP) which funds the annual on-farm evaluations.

New York State corn silage variety trial lead researcher Dr. William J. Cox of Cornell University notes, "While the 2013 growing season was a challenging year for corn production because of the excessive precipitation from late May through June, corn silage producers with well-drained soils had record yields, whereas producers on somewhat poorly to poorly drained soils had average to below-average yields."

Greenwood Farm in Madrid and Robbins Farms in Sackets Harbor, NY, participated in the annual corn silage variety evaluations in 2013. Robbins Farms and Miner Institute at Chazy participated in the 2013 soybean variety evaluations.

Cox, a Crop and Soil Sciences Professor at Cornell, comments, "Soybean acreage in New York has greatly expanded over the last 10 years. If the current price of soybeans to corn remains steady, we expect soybean acreage to increase again in 2014."

Soybean exports from Northern New York have more than tripled since 2010.

The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program is also funding development of a NNY corn and soybean disease tracking matrix that will help farmers decide which corn and soybean varieties to plant in the future, when to scout for problems, and which treatment options are best used to prevent or manage the various crop diseases.

The complete reports for the corn silage and soybean variety trials are posted in the Field Crops section of the NNYADP website at www.nnyagdev.org.

The NNYADP is a farmer-driven research, technical assistance and outreach program for Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. #

More Info:

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the six NNY counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence had 137,000 acres planted in corn. Of that total, 79,000 acres were harvested as corn silage. Farmers in the six-county region harvested 15,000 acres of soybeans in 2012 with a value of \$8 million.