**Request for Proposals**

**Cornell E.V. Baker Research Farm at Willsboro**

**Cornell University W.H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute**

**Northern NY Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP)**

**2015-2016**

The Northern NY Agricultural Development Program (NNYADP) is pleased to announce its small grants program for 2015-2016. Funds from this program will support projects that focus on research, education, and technical assistance in support of the agricultural production sectors in the six-county NNY Region (Essex, Clinton, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties). Eligible projects must focus their activities at the Cornell E.V. Baker Research Farm in Willsboro, the W.H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute in Chazy, and/or on other operating farms across the NNY region.

Funding for the small grants program will be provided through a contract with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Funds to support the program ($600,000) are made available through the 2015-2016 NYS budget by the NYS Senate, and the sponsorship of the Senate and Assembly Agricultural Committees.

The following guidance will be helpful in preparing proposals:

* Your proposal should be submitted to NNYADP (sent electronically to Michele Ledoux, NNYADP Coordinator, at mel14@cornell.edu) using the proposal template that is attached.
* **Please use MS Word Format with no special formatting features. Do not cut and paste from documents that are not Word documents or that contain special formatting.**
* The proposed work must be conducted between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, with the **final project report due by February 1, 2017**.
* Proposals must be **submitted on or before October 21, 2015.** If you cannot meet this deadline, certain exceptions for an extension may be granted on a case-by-case basis by contacting Michele Ledoux.
* Each project **MUST** contain research as well as education and/or technical assistance components.  **Joint projects among CALS researchers, CCE educators, and other private/public sector collaborators in the region are very strongly encouraged.**
* **Projects should include one or more research sites in the six-county NNY Region.** Research and demonstration sites can include the W.H. Miner Institute in Chazy as well as sites on operating farms. The latter are **strongly** encouraged wherever possible for research and/or demonstration.
* **The outreach component MUST be designed to reach all six NNY counties.**
* Extensive budget detail is not required, but a breakdown in broad categories **must be provided**.  See proposal template for accepted budget categories.
* **For joint CALS/CCE projects, budgets should clearly reflect funds to cover expenses incurred by CCE Associations as a result of their participation in the research and/or extension component of the project.** **Commitments from CCE educators as well as agreement on funding to support their work must be obtained prior to submission of the proposal.**
* Requests for funds associated with personnel will need clear and compelling justification. Only that portion of personnel time allocated strictly to the NNYADP project will be considered for support.
* Travel funds to support work in NNYADP-related work are eligible. Funds for travel to areas outside NNY will not be awarded without very strong justification.
* Funds for publications and outreach must be to support those that will clearly target the agricultural community in the six-county NNY region.
* **Proposal narratives should not exceed 3 pages in length. The budget can be on a fourth page if necessary.** (See attached template for submitting the proposal.)
* Your proposal will be reviewed following the standard NNYADP process using one of four farmer review panels, depending upon the focus of the work that is proposed: 1) dairy/field crops production, 2) livestock production, 3) fruit, vegetable, greenhouse, and nursery production, and 4) maple and forestry products.
* The farmer members of the NNYADP Executive Committee will review the results of the review panels and make final funding decisions.
* You will receive notification of the funding decisions in December 2015.

The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program is a farmer-driven research and technical assistance serving Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. Funding for the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program is supported by the New York State Senate and administered through the New York State Department of Agricultural and Markets.

### NNY Agricultural Development Program

### Cornell Willsboro Research Farm

**Cornell/W.H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute**

**2015-2016 Project Proposal Form**

Proposals should be **no more than 4 pages** in length—maximum of 3 pages for the narrative plus one page for the budget. Please submit your proposal to Michele Ledoux (mel14@cornell.edu)as an attached MS Word file using this template on or before **October 21, 2015.**

**Title of project.**

**Name of Lead Organization.**

**Project Leader(s).**

**Contact information (address, phone, email).**

**Collaborators.**

**Justification.** *(Why is it important? What is its relevance to NNY’s agricultural production sector?)*

**Research activities.** *(What you will do and where you will do it. Detailed explanations of the experimental approach and methodology should not be included; outlines are sufficient. Proposed locations — counties if not individual farms — should be identified.)*

**Education and Outreach Plan.** *(What you will do, including how information on this project will reach farmers in* ***each of the six counties*** *in the region.)*

**Time frame. *(****Briefly describe a timeline for your project. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2016.)*

**Budget.** (*Please construct your budget using* ***only*** *the following categories: salaries; travel; sample testing and analysis; research site preparation, maintenance, and harvest; field and lab supplies; statistical analysis/computing; greenhouse/growth chamber rentals/cost; animal purchase/feed/maintenance; equipment; and field days/publication/web development.)*