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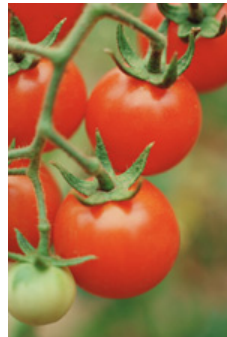
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### Late Blight of Potatoes and Tomatoes

Late blight is a destructive fungal disease of mainly potatoes and tomatoes. It has already been found throughout the Northeast because it thrives in wet, cool conditions. Late blight is a serious threat because the inoculum (spores) produced by the fungus can be carried for miles by wind currents.

Leaf lesions are water-soaked with the edges covered with white fungal growth.

Please visit [this Cornell website](#) for illustrations.



If you find symptoms on plants in your garden, remove the plants and dispose of them in a plastic garbage bag to prevent further spore dispersal. Don't put these plants on your compost pile as the spores can still be blown onto healthy plants. Your neighbors and local farmers will appreciate your taking this action immediately.

If your plants are completely symptom free homeowners can use the fungicide chlorothalonil to protect healthy foliage.

Chlorothalonil is only effective if used before the disease has infected a plant and should be reapplied every 5 to 7 days depending on the weather; thorough coverage is necessary for it to be effective. Copper fungicides are the only choice for organic growers and they are not very effective.

For more details and links visit [www.putknowledgetowork.com](http://www.putknowledgetowork.com).

### Some handy resources from our recent Green Job Forum

[The Apollo Alliance](#) is a coalition of labor, business, environmental, and community leaders working to catalyze a clean energy revolution that will put millions of Americans to work in a new generation of high-quality, green-collar jobs. Inspired by the Apollo space program it promotes investments in energy efficiency, clean power, mass transit, next-generation vehicles, and emerging technology, as well as in education and training. Visit their website for information on the reinvestment act, information for job seekers, green collar jobs, etc.

[Greenbiz.com](#) provides daily news on green business, business and climate change and sustainable business practices.

[Green For All](#) is a national organization dedicated to building an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. This organization advocates for local, state, and federal commitment to job creation, job trainings and entrepreneurial opportunities in the emerging green economy - especially for people from disadvantaged communities.

[The American Wind Energy Association](#) is a national trade association representing wind power project developers, equipment suppliers, service providers, parts manufacturers, utilities, researchers, and other involved in the wind industry - one of the world's fastest growing energy industries. In addition AWEA represents hundreds of wind energy advocates from around the world.

**Green Careers Resource Guide**, by Jim Cassio. This is a free e-book on green and environmental careers. It began in 2007 as a conference handout for career and workforce development professionals. It is now being used by students and career explorers of all types who are interested in finding meaningful work to match their green values. Updated quarterly. Most recent update: February 2009. For the PDF e-book (300K) go to [Green Careers Resource Guide](#).



**Listings of green jobs** in North America and overseas [can be found here](#).

[Cows](#) is a national policy center and field laboratory for high-road economic development - a competitive market economy of shared prosperity, environmental sustainability, and capable democratic government. COWS' work is collaborative, experimental and evidence-driven. Working with business, government, labor, and communities, we try out new ideas, test their effectiveness, and disseminate those with promise. We believe that the best way to predict the future is to start making it, particularly in our states and metro regions.

**Syracuse Center of Excellence** [SyracuseCoE](#) is a federation of firms, organizations, and institutions that create innovations to improve health, productivity, security, and sustainability in built and urban environments. Activities within SyracuseCoE include research, product development, commercialization assistance, and education programs. The scope of application interest include systems that monitor and control thermal comfort, air quality, lighting, sound, and water quality in built and urban environments and innovative energy systems, including clean technologies and renewable fuel sources.

[Citizens Campaign for the Environment](#) works to build widespread citizen understanding and advocacy for policies and actions designed to manage and protect our natural resources and public health. Cornell Cooperative Extension carries out this mission through public education, research, lobbying, organizing and public outreach.

[Solarjobs.com](#) is the leading online recruitment company for the Solar Industry. We match qualified candidates with relevant career opportunities, using advanced and secure technology.

[The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy](#) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency as a means of promoting economic prosperity, energy security, and environmental protection.

[The Biomass Program](#) is helping transform the nation's renewable and abundant biomass resources into cost competitive, high performance biofuels, bioproducts, and biopower. You can learn more about financial opportunities for biomass projects by visiting this website.

### Finding bird's nests in interesting places could pay off

You find them in hanging flower baskets and old boots, on a garage shelf or under a bridge. Birds build nests in the strangest places! That's the theme for the newest environmental challenge from our [Celebrate Urban Birds Project: Funky Nests in Funky Places!](#) Celebrate Urban Birds is a free, year-round citizen-science project from the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) focused on birds in neighborhood settings.



For the Funky Nests in Funky Places challenge, we want you to take photos, do a painting, write a story, or shoot a video showing a bird's nest built in some out-of-the-way or out-of-this-world place. When observing nests please be sure to avoid touching them or disturbing the birds.

We usually receive hundreds of entries for each of our challenges. [Print off a flyer about the challenge](#) and share with others who might want to participate. We have some great prizes, including a Leica C-LUX 3 compact camera, bird feeders, shrubs for planting, and more. The first 50 entrants will receive a copy of the "Doves and Pigeons" poster by Julie Zickefoose and we'll post selected images and videos on the Celebrate Urban Birds website. Deadline for entries is July 31, 2009. Visit the [Celebrate Urban Birds](#) website for more information and to read the terms of agreement regarding all entries.

### Gas Drilling information meeting

The Community and Rural Development Institute (CaRDI) and CCE-Steuben will have an informational meeting about drilling for gas in the Marcellus Shale. July 16th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Grace United Methodist Church in Corning. Call Jim Grace at 607-664-2300 for more details.



### Join Jon in July at the Farmers' Market

CCE will be at the Bath Wednesday Farmer's Market three more days in the month of July. Each week Chef Jon will feature a different fruit or vegetable that is in season and have a different community partner as a guest in the booth with him.

**July 15**  
**Bath Area Family Resource Center**

**July 22**  
**A special day at the market will find WVIN doing a live radio remote from our booth.**

**July 29**  
**Healthy Families**



### Baby Sitting Boot Camp to be offered

Red Cross Baby Sitting Boot Camp being offered in Hornell, Bath and Corning. This class helps youth with the skills needed to become a good babysitter. How to care for different ages of children and how to keep them safe are taught. Pat Lamphier and Pat White are going to be helping the participants at each site with activities on Food Play: feeding children foods that are nutritious and safe and Child's Play: what children learn from play, toys for different ages and toy safety.

## Get ready to preserve that fresh harvest!

CCE-Steuben Nutrition Educators Pat Lamphier and Loree Symonds will be holding a Food Preservation workshop in the Woodhull Family Resource Center on Saturday, July 18th from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.



This hands-on class will feature an update on food safety related to preserving food, canning fruits and pickled vegetables using the boiling water bath method, and freezing fruits and vegetables. There will be an instructional packet and a sample product to take home. This class is for beginners and as an update for the seasoned preserver.

To register for this class contact Krys Watkins at 607-458-5164. Because it is a hands-on class the number will be limited.

## We offer help to make financial ends meet!!!

Take advantage of some free financial education this month! **Money Matters** will be offered on Thursday, July 23rd. **Making Ends Meet** will be from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon and **Credit/Debt** will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the F-1 Conference Room at the Steuben county Office building. Please call 607-664-2300 to reserve your space!



## Steuben Master Gardeners will be at the Corning Farmer's Market

The Steuben County Master Gardeners will begin attending the Corning Farmers' Market on Thursday July 16th. From 11 am until 1 pm gardeners can bring soil for pH testing and get their questions about gardening answered. We will offer our diagnostic services each Thursday through July and August at the farmers' market.



## 4-H Update...



The 4-H Dog Obedience graduation will be held this Saturday, July 11, at the Steuben County Fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m. for classes that began in April. Any 4-H member who is taking dog obedience classes privately must participate in the Steuben County 4-H Dog Obedience Graduation to be eligible to exhibit at the 2009 Steuben County Fair. Any 4-H member who is interested in trying to qualify for State Fair must attend graduation.

The Steuben County Fair 4-H Dog Show will be held Friday, August 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the 4-H Horse Show ring across the track. Entries are due to the CCE Office by Monday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m.

The Horse Show will be held this weekend, July 11 and 12 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. The Driving Show begins on Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m. The Horse show begins on Sunday, July 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Reminder to 4-H members planning to show at this year's county fair: all entry forms are due on July 13. Visit [this web page](#) for details.

## Wildlife shows, exhibitors, and activities for all ages...

The third annual Southern Tier Outdoor Recreation Exposition to be held on October 10 and 11 at Wilkins RV, Inc. in Bath has something to offer both the outdoorsman and the entire family. The educational show, spearheaded by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County, is now booking exhibitors. There were over 100 booths at last year's show, and [potential exhibitors can now register for a booth online.](#)



New this year is the interactive Bowhunter Challenge, a 3-D turn-key, bow hunting event offering a competitive real-woods experience. The nine moving 3-D targets simulate the multitude of decisions that bow hunters must deal with to achieve success. Visitors will bring their own bow to the show to compete for prize packages valuing up to \$500.

A special feature at the show will be an afternoon walk through the North Country Whitetails Demo Center, the most written about habitat and food plot site in the country, led by Outdoor Channel host and local habitat consultant Neil Dougherty. He will guide the groups to his 500 plus acres of prime whitetail habitat where dozens of habitat improvement projects have been completed and are there for the viewing.

There will be attractions for the entire family throughout the weekend.

- **Talons, a Bird of Prey Experience**, with its hawk, falcon and owl flying show will perform each day at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The largest owl in the world and a rare black African Augur Buzzard who appeared in the History Channel Movie, Life After People will be on hand, as well as youth getting the Camera Safari shot of a lifetime
- **The Bwana Jim Wildlife Show** will showcase at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Bwana Jim will bring the craziest most educational wildlife show ever seen.
- **Dusty Wissmath** will offer two to three shows each day allowing visitors to try fly casting themselves. A visual presentation on fly fishing in Montana will be shown at his booth.
- **Jim Beverly** will set up simulated field goose hunting situations with ground blind and decoys as well as water hunting scenarios. Youth will have the opportunity to simulate duck hunting by calling, shooting and handling a retriever.

Hunters, sports enthusiasts, and their families will be able to visit numerous exhibitors including taxidermists, outfitters, bowhunting, charters, dog trainers, outdoor equipment, ATV activities, game meat seasonings, wind power, camping, trailers, trapping products, boats, and crafts. The event will take place both in the showroom and service area of the spacious Wilkins RV, Inc. facility on Route 415 between I-86 Exits 38 and 37, and outside on several acres of surrounding land, which includes a pond. It will be a great way to spend a day. Food vendors will offer everything from pork to chicken to french fries.

The outdoor show, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County; WETM-TV; Backyard Broadcasting; Gatehouse Media, including The Leader, The Courier and The Evening Tribune; and Wilkins RV, Inc. drew thousands of people to its first two shows. Visitors called it a wonderful experience and were encouraged about a show of this kind appearing locally. The show is sponsored by Heartland Recreational Vehicles LLC.

Hours for the show are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct 11. Admission is \$5.00 per car. There is no parking fee. For more information on sponsorship, exhibition space or the show schedule contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300 or visit [www.SouthernTierOutdoorShow.com](http://www.SouthernTierOutdoorShow.com).

## Help a youth attend 4-H camp this summer

Remember those 4-H summers? Remember making cookies or getting your animal ready for county fair? Those were the memories of a lifetime, weren't they?



Steuben County has several children who may never make those kind of memories because their family earns less than \$15,000 a year, or their parents are experiencing a difficult time being laid off from work this year. With the economy the way it is today, we have received more requests for camp assistance than ever before.

Picture the difference 4-H camp could make to these children. You could help provide a healthy and positive experience that could change their lives! Your donation to the Steuben County 4-H Campership Fund will offer some of these youth the funds to experience a week at Hidden Valley 4-H Camp. Those that are not 4-H members may get introduced to a program that will certainly take them many places!

Your donation could be the best thing you have ever done for one of the kids like these. Won't you please send a check today to help send a Steuben County youth to 4-H camp? Call 607-664-2300 for more details or visit [our donation page](#) to make your donation.

## **The Cornell Cooperative Extension educational system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work.**

Be a part of Steuben County's bio-mass demonstration project! Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County is embarking on a pilot program to engage Steuben County in providing sustainability for jobs, agriculture and our local economy. The plan involves the purchase of \$300,000 in grass pelleting equipment for a grass bio-mass demonstration project in Steuben County. This working model will employ local farmers in producing grass, and provide local energy for residents. Your donation will help make this project a reality. For more information contact Tom Tomsa at 607-664-2301 or visit [our donation page](#) to contribute to the Renewable Energy Capital Campaign.

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