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**Agenda**
February 29th 2012

9:15 am Registration

9:45 am Welcome - Anu Rangarajan, Director- Cornell Small Farm Program

10:00 am 2011 Investments: Supporting Local Markets

* + - Becca Jablonski, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell
		- Matt LeRoux, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins Co.

10:30 am Dean Katherine Boor- CALS Commitment to Small Farms

11:00 am A Vision for the Future of Small Farms in NY- Two Farmers’ Perspectives

* + - Katie Carpenter, Plato Brook Farm, Arcade, NY
		- Jim Hayes, Sap Bush Hollow Farm, Warnerville, NY

11:30 am Prioritizing Opportunities to Enhance Viability and Support of Small Farms

12:00 pm Lunch and Networking

1:00 pm Workshop 1: Review and amend Small Farm Priorities by region

1:45 pm Workshop 2: Clarify regional approaches to enhance support for small farms

3:00 pm Priorities for Small Farm Support- Ideas from the regions

3:30 pm Evaluation and Adjourn

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**STATEWIDE RESULTS**

1. Develop **food distribution strategies** (e.g. collaborative marketing, product pooling and trucking, food hubs) to expand small farm access to local and regional markets
2. **Document economic impact of small farms** on their communities to increase investment in and support of small farms
3. Develop new and/or expand existing **livestock processing facilities**
4. Identify **alternative financing strategies** accessible to small farms
5. Advocate for **greater investment in small farm services** (i.e. research, extension and education)
6. Develop and promote affordable **energy conservation and renewable energy sources** for small farms
7. Evaluate **livestock processing regulations and policy** for impact on small farms
8. Evaluate and promote profitable **value-added processing of milk** (e.g. yogurt, cheese) to expand market opportunities for small dairies
9. Conduct trainings on **alternative livestock production and marketing strategies** to overcome processing bottlenecks
10. Develop strategies to expand on **agricultural land access**
11. Expand **grazing education and research**
12. **RECRUIT youth, minorities, and military veterans** into farming
13. Expand support for **small farms producing in urban areas**
14. Conduct research and education on **food safety risks** of small farms
15. Expand production/processing of **local biomass and biofuels** for small farm
16. Identify novel technologies/practices to improve viability of **small dairy FLUID milk production**

**OTHER SUGGESTED OPPORTUNITIES**

Develop **REGIONAL FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES** for small producers

Address **TAX ISSUES** for small farms

Address **SMALL FARM INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT**

Address **LABOR CONCERNS** ON SMALL FARMS

Explore strategies for **IMPROVING ACCESS TO AGRICULTURAL INPUTS**