

Creating the relationships to help farmers succeed

“Steuben County is a very rural agricultural county,” says Larkin Podsiedlik, CCE-Steuben Executive Director, “and yet people are not as aware about where their food comes from. So one of the things CCE-Steuben is trying to do is get the word out about the issues that farmers are facing and how people can support their local farmer. A big part of our role is staying on top of the research and connecting to Cornell to make sure we are bringing the best to the county. Our people connect to the Cornell experts and build the relationships – that is what CCE brings to the table.”

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The Burns Family Farm in Hornell began in 1966 with a humble start of 43 cows and 450 acres. When they showcased their farm at the 2010 Farm City Day, they had approximately 400 milking cows, 12 employees, and 2,000 acres. Jonathan Burns, now owner of the farm, says, “CCE has helped me get

out of my own little box. They have helped me step out to be on the forefront of going into schools and teaching kids... They have helped me to see the need of the educational side and helped me be available for questions... tours... bringing people on the farm. **They’ve helped me to be able to step out and not be so timid in promoting what I do.**”