

# Extension gives farmers latest research to increase their crop yields

## Linwood Ford, Campbell farmer

Linwood Ford of Campbell had just a small produce stand in Savona in 1991 and could not find additional land to rent. An older landowner finally offered him some ground in the flood plain.

During his first year, 10 acres of tobacco got flooded out. “But we made it through. CCE helped me maintain my sanity,” he said. “They gave me faith in people, because I almost gave up.” He was also discouraged when 20,000 tomato plants were suffering. He was amazed that the CCE Agriculture Agent brought a Cornell expert on site to inspect the problem and offer a product that saved those plants. Then seven years ago Linwood agreed to put \$7,000 into a high tunnel because the agent said there was a program that would refund the investment. It ended up helping him extend his growing season by two months. “Cornell is the best, if farmers will use them,” he says. **“If you’re a young farmer and you need help, you’ve got to ask. CCE is a good place to start. Cornell has a tremendous amount of knowledge.”**

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Linwood has now joined the CCE-Steuben Agriculture Advisory Committee and the Farm To School Initiative. “It’s important to me. Our future is the children. If they understand where they food comes from, they’ll be interested in becoming farmers.”

