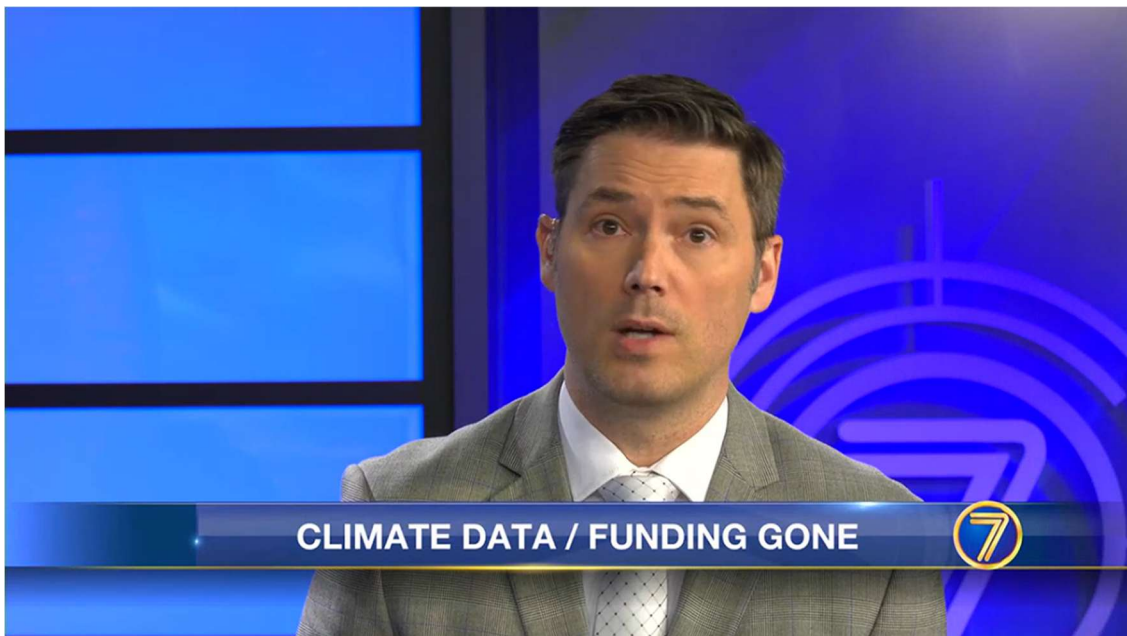


## MARCH GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



## WHO MADE THE NEWS



In late February a reporter from NNYTV Channel 7 came to our farm for comments about the purge of climate change info from the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) web-site. Click [here](#) to view the 2 minute piece that aired on the nightly news

[Ag department sued after climate change data pulled](#)

## HOW DO WE GET THE GROUND READY FOR PLANTING



Creating raised rows in the vegetable garden has several advantages: with three surfaces exposed to sun and air, the soil warms faster, dries out sooner



and drains better than neighboring flat ground. Meanwhile, the winter-killed oat cover crop provides organic matter to feed the soil life and a weed-suppressing mulch to plant into in early April.

## WHICH VOLUNTEERS RETURNED



Our soldier apprentice, Steven Thomas (left), returned for a day this month to help Dave with some fence repairs. And Jason Golden (right) returned after a two-year hiatus to help Dave inoculate the goats and do some late winter pruning in the edible forest.

## WHO RESUMED LAYING



Our first duck egg of the season (left) next to a pastel blue chicken egg. With a light shining in their cage all winter to simulate 14 hours of daylight, our chickens continue to lay eggs year-round as they would in the tropics where they originated. Ducks, on the other hand, migrate seasonally thus naturally cease laying in early summer, giving their progeny time to grow large and strong enough to endure the long flight south in the fall. The duck just resumed laying this week.

**WHERE IS DANI SCHEDULED TO SPEAK**



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**Zoom: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2025, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
**What is a Forest Garden?**

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**In Person: Macsherry Library, Alexandria Bay**  
**Saturday, April 26 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
**Native Perennial Food Plants for Your Edible Landscape**  
**Call the library at 315-482-2241 to preregister**

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**In Person: Minna Anthony Nature Center**  
**Friday, May 16, 2025 6:00 p.m.**



## Food-Producing Trees

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**In Person: Macsherry Library, Alexandria Bay**

**Saturday, April 26 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Perennial Vegetables That Sustain Themselves**

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**HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SPRING**

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