

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Hop production and processing the focus of the Carey Institute for Global Good's upcoming Farm-to-Glass workshop series

Local and statewide experts to address pest & disease management, harvesting & processing equipment and the economics of production

RENSELAERVILLE – The Carey Institute for Global Good is hosting a Farm-to-Glass Workshop for current and prospective hop growers in the Capital Region on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Speakers include: Steven Miller, New York State Hops Specialist, Jason Townsend, Hops Integrated Pest Management Researcher and Program Educator and Ian Porto, Manager of Operations at Northern Eagle Hops. The workshop includes a site visit to Helderberg Hop Farm, where the owner-operator Dietrich Gehring and his partners have recently acquired a German-made Wolf Harvester.

Spurred by the Farm Brewery Legislation, the demand for New York State grown hops has increased significantly over the past two years. However, New York State's hops industry is in its infancy and faces a variety of challenges including pest and diseases issues, and lack of harvesting and processing equipment. This Farm-to-Glass Workshop will provide existing and prospective growers with information on how to address these challenges in their own operations. Partial funding for this workshop was provided by USDA Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program.

- WHO:** Carey Institute for Global Good
- WHAT:** Farm-to-Glass Workshop: Hops Production & Processing
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- WHERE:** Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County
24 Marin Road, Voorheesville, 12186

\$10 admission fee payable at the door. Registration is requested. Contact Rebecca Platel at (518) 797-5100 or rplatel@careyinstitute.org. Visit www.careyinstitute.org for more information on the Carey Institute for Global Good.

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