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Small grains workshop to address immediate challenges and solutions for farmers, brewers and distillers

Cost of small grains production, Craft Beverage Bill and Brewer & Distiller Supported Agriculture on the agenda for April 2nd workshop (rescheduled)

RENSSELAERVILLE – The Carey Institute for Global Good has rescheduled its annual Small Grains Workshop for farmers, brewers, distillers, maltsters and other industry stakeholders on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Speakers and topics include: Steve Hadcock, Cornell Cooperative Extension on the Cost of Value Added Grain Production; Samuel Filler, NYS Empire State Development and Thomas Donohue, NYS Liquor Authority on the Craft Beverage Act & Licensing; Nicole Day, AgriForaging, Inc. on the Food Safety Modernization Act & Craft Beverage Producers; and, Kenneth Wortz, Distiller, KyMar Farm Distillery on Brewer & Distiller Supported Agriculture.

There are currently 195 farm-licensed breweries and distilleries in New York State. These operations are required to use New York State grown grains in their beverage products, creating a need to significantly increase small grain production by New York's farmers in the coming decade. However, efforts to re-establishment of this 'old' crop and the necessary processing infrastructure are in their infancy. The Farm-to-Glass Workshop series brings together farmers, brewers, distillers, maltsters and industry stakeholders to learn about and develop solutions to crop production and supply chain challenges. Partial funding for the work reported here was provided by the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program.

WHO: Carey Institute for Global Good

WHAT: Farm-to-Glass Workshop: Small Grains

WHEN: Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 9:00am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Guggenheim Pavilion, Carey Institute for Global Good
63 Huyck Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

\$20 admission fee payable in advance or at the door. Registration is required. 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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