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# HELDERBERG BREWSHED

Leading farmers & beverage producers in the farm-to-glass movement

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## Farm-To-Glass Incubator



The Farm Brewery Law requires participating breweries purchase at least 20% of their hops and 20% of their other ingredients excluding water from New York State producers through 2018; in the following six years the mandate escalates to a 90% domestic ingredient purchasing requirement. However, at this time New York State-grown hop and malting grain

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supplies are so meager it is anticipated farm brewers and distillers will experience significant challenges sourcing ingredients to satisfy these benchmarks.

Today, the vast majority of American hops are grown in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. This is in stark contrast to the mid-nineteenth Century, when New York State produced as much as 90% of the national hop supply and more than a million bushels of barley annually. During this era, Albany was a brewing hotspot; the nation's largest brewery was located downtown, and at least sixteen other breweries existed within the city. Hop and malt grain production declined in New York State due to a variety of reasons including blight, the discovery of new agricultural lands out west, the advent of the railroad and Prohibition. As of 2013, only 110 acres of hops and almost no malt-grade barley was harvested in New York State aside from Cornell Cooperative Extension-supported test plots.

Farmers require significant varietal research, technical assistance and infrastructure development to re-establish the hop and grains industries. Surveys from farmers reveal several areas of need that the Carey Institute for Global Good's Farm-To-Glass Classroom is addressing with education, answering the agricultural community's demand for agricultural sciences programming.

In its first year, the Farm-To-Glass Classroom served more than 330 farmers, craft beverage producers and industry stakeholders, providing educational seminars on everything from soil and seed selection, pest control and conservation practices, to harvesting and quality assurance. Program follow-up reveals that at least three times as many acres of hops and malt grains are planned to be planted in the

Helderberg Hilltowns for the 2014 growing season.

## List of Presented Workshops and Supporting Materials

### Small Scale Hop Yard – November 8, 2014

[Hops Workshop Nov 8 2014](#)

[Starting a Small Scale Hop Yard Media Advisory](#)

[Targeted Grazing: Controlling Weeds and Reducing Disease Pressure with Sheep](#)

[Greater Otsego County Hops Feasibility Report](#)

[2009-2010 Hops Feasibility and Market Research Study](#)

[Small Scale and Organic Hops Production](#)

[Small Scale Hop Farming – Hop Ridge Farms](#)

[Inventory of Items to Construct a Hopyard](#)

[FAQ's for Starting a Hop Yard in New York](#)

[Click here to view the Video of the November 8th Hops Workshop.](#)

### Small Grains – April 2, 2015

[Small Grains Workshop April 2 2015](#)

[Small Grains Agenda](#)

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[Brewer and Distiller Supported Agriculture](#)

[Grain Marketing Case Example Handout – Cornell Cooperative Extension](#)



[Determining Pricing for Small Grains - Cornell Cooperative Extension](#)

Click here to view the [Video](#) of the April Small Grains Workshop.

[Hops Production and Processing - April 11, 2015](#)

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[Identifying and Managing Diseases of Hops](#)

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