Spotted Wing Drosophila: Biology, Crops of Concern, Best Management Practices—
Juliet Carroll, Fruit IPM Coordinator, NY State IPM Program, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Spotted wing Drosophila (SWD) is a fruit fly that arrived in NY in 2011. It has the ability to directly infest sound fruit, especially blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, elderberries, and to a lesser extent cherries, plums, peaches and grapes. Major losses have occurred in late summer and fall berries in NY. Management tactics currently rely principally on the use of insecticide sprays applied weekly when fruit ripen. Other tactics such as sanitation, judicious pruning, and monitoring can prove helpful. Information on SWD will be presented covering its basic biology, host preferences, management tactics, where to find timely information and what research is underway to combat this new insect pest of berries.

Expanding Your Berry Market with Specialty Small Fruit Crops—
Cathy Heidenreich, Berry Extension Support Specialist, Cornell University Department of Horticulture
There are several specialty small fruit crops that may be added to commercial berry operations in order to expand your current berry offerings. These include crops such as aronia, currants, gooseberries, jostaberries, elderberries, juneberries, hardy kiwifruit, honeyberries, cranberries and lingonberries. Commercial production of these crops is beginning to catch on in NY and you may want to consider adding one or more of these to your small fruit repertoire. They are also an excellent complement to a CSA offering. A brief overview of these small fruit crops and available production resources for them will be presented.

Tracking your Berry Bottom Line—
Virginia Carlberg, Community Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Chautauqua County
A quick introduction to the new Cornell University Cooperative Extension Berry Farm Business Summary Program and Berry Enterprise Budget Analysis Project and the benefits of better understanding your financial position.

Wild Parsnip—
Sharon Bachman, NY Invasive Species (NYIS) Outreach Educator, CCE-Erie & NYIS Outreach Program
Wild Parsnip, a non-native plant (which looks like dill without the smell), poses a danger to your customers if growing near your u-pick patch. Learn about how to identify the different stages of this plant, why this plant is a concern and best practices for removing from your farm.