



# William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute

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### Miner Institute Announces Open House Showcasing 100 years of North Country Agriculture

CHAZY, NY (May 20, 2009)—On Saturday, June 27 from 12pm-4pm, The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute in Chazy, NY, will host an open house showcasing the history of agriculture in the North Country. The event will feature a new video, demonstrations in the dairy and equine facilities, presentations, educational exhibits and tours of the Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Exhibit, Wayside Walk and Coach House. This family friendly Lake Champlain Quadricentennial Celebration Event is free and open to the public. Miner Institute is located off Interstate 87, exit 41.

“Miner Institute 100 Years and Growing,” a new video produced by Paul Frederick Productions, will be shown every 30 minutes. The video chronicles the evolution of agricultural practice in Northern New York during the last century through well-documented footage from Heart's Delight Farm and Miner Institute. Other activities include presentations in the dairy barn focusing on cow behavior and dairy nutrition, and demonstrations with Institute's Morgan horses.

“A century ago, most families were producing their own food,” explains Rick Grant, President of Miner Institute. “Today only 1% of the population works on farms.” Grant is inviting the public to attend the open house at Miner Institute. “It is a great opportunity to meet the staff and students, learn more about the research that the Institute is conducting, and to see a working farm in action.”

The video production was sponsored in part by a New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets agri-tourism grant. The matching grant was one of 51 awarded across the state to promote the growing agri-tourism industry.

The Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Exhibit at Miner Institute is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. from May through October. It is also open from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays during the summer months of July and August.

Chartered in 1951, The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute continues to operate under the same principles of research, education and demonstration that William H. Miner promoted on Heart's Delight Farm in the early 1900's. Miner Institute is a private nonprofit educational organization.



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See attached Open House Schedule of Events. Photos available on request.