

## Emily Dekar, Ag Coordinator – Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Emily graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with an A.A.S. in Agricultural Business in 2008. She worked temporarily as a veterinary assistant in her hometown of Owego, NY, until starting her agricultural conservation career at the Bradford County Conservation District (BCCD), in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. She started at BCCD in 2010 as an Agricultural Resource Specialist, writing Nutrient Management Plans for farmers in Bradford County, after becoming a certified Nutrient Management Specialist through Pennsylvania's Act 38 Nutrient Management Program. In 2013, she changed positions within the BCCD to an Agricultural Conservation Technician, where she continued to perform nutrient management planning, but also became the county's main plan reviewer for CAFO plans and handled any agricultural related complaints within the county. In 2015, she became an NRCS Certified Conservation Planner, as well as taking on the administrator roll for the County's Farmland Preservation Program. In June of 2016, she was given the opportunity to become the Agricultural Coordinator for the Upper Susquehanna Coalition based out of Tioga County, New York. She is now working directly with the USC's 22 member county Soil and Water Conservation Districts in New York (18) and Pennsylvania (4) to assist with administering agricultural programs and BMP implementation funding across the Upper Susquehanna Watershed. She oversees the BMP Verification program and manages the database for BMP tracking and reporting for the New York counties within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.