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Quarterly Report
April - June 2022

Welcome Katelyn Miller!

We’re so excited to welcome Katelyn Miller to our program as our Field Crops and Forage Specialist. Katelyn began on June 1st, and has been busy making connections within our region. She will be working on programming related to pest and disease management, nutrient management, grain production, variety selection and soil analysis. You can reach Katelyn by emailing km753@cornell.edu or calling 716-640-2047. Katelyn Miller grew up on a small dairy farm in Chautauqua County, and graduated Summa Cum Laude with her Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Entrepreneurship at Alfred State College. During her schooling, she completed an internship at Western New York Crop Management Association as a summer crop scout, focusing on corn, soybeans and alfalfa production. She scouted for crop population, disease and pest presence along with weed identification.

Katelyn resides in Cherry Creek, NY on her family’s dairy farm where, in her free time, she assists with milking, calf and heifer management along with helping build the farm for the future generation through the addition of robots. Katelyn is excited to connect with our local farms to provide research based support and services.

358
Farm Consultations on topics related to Farm Business Management, Field Crops, Dairy Management, and Livestock Production.

1718
Event and program direct participants who’ve attended one of our 14 events/ collaborations or have received our direct email/mail updates.

124
Website submissions, press releases, interviews, and Facebook posts providing timely information to a large audience.
Lynn Bliven and Amy Barkley hosted an in-person FAMACHA training at The Shepherds Place in Houghton on June 10th. Eight enthusiastic farmers attended with ample questions and strong participation during roundtable discussions and hands-on activities. At the end of the class, the host shared with us that if he had not been hosting the event, he probably wouldn’t have attended, but he was amazed by what he had learned and was looking forward to putting it to use.

Camila, in partnership with MSU dairy extensionist Victor Malacco, organized a webinar on the opportunities and pitfalls of managing and feeding cows on automatic milking systems, aiming to bring to our audience the newest high-quality information delivered by researchers working with nutrition, management, and milk quality for dairy cows in AMS. We had 168 registrants in our webinar, and more than half attended. The webinar was recorded, the link was shared with registrants and on our extension channels, and it has been viewed 284 times. Because of the excellent feedback from farmers and stakeholders after the webinar, we decided to turn it into a series and organize two more webinars on automated milking systems in August and December of 2022.

Programming and Presentations

- GMO Trait Management and Field Crop Weed Control (4/1)
- Profitable Meat Marketing (4/6)
- HPAI Update (4/12)
- Chautauqua County Beef Producers Meeting (4/13)
- Learning Circle: What are Basic Financial Statements (4/26)
- Evaluating a Goat for Purchase (5/5)
- Soil Sampling for Success (5/23)
- Fitting On-Farm Dairy Processing into Your Business (5/25)
- On Farm Dairy Processing: Quality (6/1)
- Preparing and Marketing Eggs for Sale (6/2)
- Preparing for Processing HACCP and Audits (6/8)
- IPM/FAMACHA Workshop (6/10)
- Pasture Health and Parasite Management (6/15)
- Goat Reproduction and Kidding (6/29)

Amy has been working with two regional beef farms as part of a research project with the Cornell IPM Program. The grant looks at dung beetle populations from farms across NYS weekly throughout the pasture season to determine which populations are present, how those populations change over time, and if face and horn fly populations are affected by feed-through

Camila Lage and Katelyn Walley-Stoll, along with Cornell University Food Science experts, offered a webinar series for dairy producers interested in diversifying or vertically integrating their business. The On-farm dairy processing FREE online series was a 3-part webinar series that aimed to discuss: Business Planning and Marketing, Process and Milk Quality, and Marketing and Audits. The sessions were offered live and had a great turnout with 80 registrants. The link with the recordings was also sent to registrants.