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4.1.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Federal Farm Labor Law Compliance: No April Fool's Here

From [Cornell Ag Workforce Development](#). It's April 1st but this is no joke. With Spring just around the corner, farms are gearing up for the 2021 growing season, meanwhile the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division is gearing up for increased enforcement activities in agriculture according to a [March 25th press release](#). The Division is planning to conduct direct outreach to farm workers and advocacy groups in order to identify complaints against employers.

Beware the Straight Run Chicks

Chicks are hot again this year, and heritage breed pullet chicks can be hard to come by. In this article, [Amy Barkley](#) and [Jason Detzel](#) (Livestock Educator, CCE Ulster County) discuss recent observations of the chick market and share some things that should be considered before purchasing straight run chicks.

Thinking of Using CCE's Free Service, MeatSuite, to Sell Bulk Meats? Here's How to Get Started

[Meatsuite.com](#) is a Cornell-managed online platform which connects local farms selling bulk meats to potential customers. This article shares some information on how to get started using the program.

Research Finds Multiple Herbicide-Resistant Marestalk is Present in New York

Thirty populations of marestalk (horseweed) were collected in the fall of 2020 and are being screened for resistance to commonly used herbicides. Of the 30 collected, 27 appear to be resistant to glyphosate (Roundup) and 28 populations appear to be resistant to cloransulam herbicide, an ALS-inhibitor. This indicates that we have multiple-resistance in NY. Click [here](#) for photos and details.

Pasture Prep Final Session – FREE expert panel April 6th at 7pm

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dairy Specialists, Alycia and Betsy as they wrap up the Pasture Prep Grazing Series. On April 6th from 7-8:30 pm Eastern Time, a panel of expert speakers [from the series](#) will address audience questions and dive further into the topic of pasture management. All grazers are welcome to join free of charge using the phone number or zoom link below.

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Dairy Market Watch Now Available – March 2021

Dairy Market Watch is an educational newsletter to keep producers informed of changing market factors affecting the dairy industry by Katelyn Walley-Stoll.

Paid Leave Required for COVID Vaccinations

New York state now requires up to four hours of paid leave for employees to get vaccinations for COVID-19. Employees can use this leave up to two times (corresponding to 2 injections required by some versions of the vaccine) for up to 4 hours during each period, total of 8 hours, but the leave cannot be used for any other reason. More information from Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development on this topic is [available here](#).

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